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(Returned to air after vacation)

Back on the Air once more, and it seems like-
coming home. I hope you've all been having ^{the kind of} ~~a pleasant~~
summer ^{you wanted,} - although several of ~~those July days were~~
~~blazing, or were you where it was cool?~~

I, myself, had an interesting - lively seven
weeks - even though I wasn't able to go off on any long
jaunt to a far off land this time. Like most of my
colleagues I was held up by those two events in Chicago,
and they were exciting - the political conventions.
Since then I have had an adventure, without going away -
working on the first picture to demonstrate an entirely
new kind of motion picture, ^{process,} called Cinerama -- in which
the picture and the sound are so startlingly different
that it may revolutionize movies. Just working in this
new medium is a thrilling adventure.

The trip to a far off place this time is being
made by another member of the family - Lowell, Jr.

Recently he flew out to the Fiji Islands -
legendary isles of barbaric tribes. And on to the New
Hebrides. He is out there now, picking up strange
stories of the South Seas - which he intends to send
back to me and some of which you will hear on this
program from time to time.

But what's the news on this mild August evening?

IRAN

The government of Iran announces the arrival of W. Alton Jones, an American business man, President of the Cities Service Company, which deals in oil. He's there, they say, to study ways of putting the nationalized oil industry back into production. Interesting, since the British have never recognized the seizure of Anglo-Iranian oil.

Premier Mossadegh declares that W. Alton Jones is in Iran at his invitation. Sources close to Mossadegh say the Premier, failing to come to terms with the British, decided to employ the Cities Service Company to operate the oilfields.

In New York, a statement ^{comes} from Cities Service - declaring that its President is abroad on a business trip, visiting oil producing areas. ~~The company says it has no financial interest in the Middle East, and adds: "If Mr. Jones is ~~now~~ discussing the oil situation~~

days of the Roman Empire.

Stately doings, today, at the city of Amman, in the Kingdom of Jordan. ^{Amman was the ancient city of Philadelphia in the} The new sovereign, (His Majesty Hussein, arrived in his ^{Trans-Jordan} Arabian realm - amid scenes of royal splendor.

Accompanied by his mother, Queen Zeine, the young King, seventeen years old, came by plane from Switzerland where he has been in school.) On the flying field - a royal tent, in which the boy monarch received high officials. Then, a military procession, and some more ceremony - in several other tents, large and sumptuous. Amman may be the capital of ^a ~~the~~ Sovereign State,

But all was reminiscent of the Bedouin of the Desert - the legendary tents of the Arabs.

(All the while, there was another royal personage - at the summer palace outside Amman. The deposed King, Talal. Strange tragedy of Eastern Monarchy - Talal,

suffering from a mental malady.)

He was in a clinic near Paris, ^{where he was} pronounced ~~him~~
incapable of ruling, ^{and} - the Crown Prince ^{was} named to succeed
him. Talal went looking for his Queen, who was in
Switzerland - the boy Crown Prince with her. They hid
away from the King. Afraid of Talal - in his mental
condition.

He went on to Jordan, where today he was kept at
the summer palace - while his son was hailed as King.
The word is that Talal will be taken to Egypt - to a
private clinic there. His physicians declare it would
be unwise to have him remain in Jordan, would make his
mental malady worse - while his son assumes the throne.

EGYPT

The ancient land of Egypt is having a scandal -- worthy of the days when Cleopatra was Queen of the Nile. (Today, the new military government, which tossed out King Farouk, made public - the treasures of that playboy Monarch.) A battalion of newsmen -- taken on a tour of the royal palaces, and shown collections made by the fat King, famous for his losses in the millions at the gambling tables of the Riviera. What the newsmen saw was a shocker -- a disgrace.

Farouk, fabulously wealthy, had a ~~sizeable~~ stamp collection said to be worth more than sixteen million dollars. Also -- a "secret museum" of Egyptian antiquities, said to have been removed from an official museum.

He had wardrobes of clothes, the magnitude of which is illustrated by one item - fifteen hundred neckties. Hoards of jewelry, and palace rooms fitted

out elaborately for gambling.

As a Moslem, Farouk pretended that he never touched alcoholic liquor - forbidden by the Koran. But his private suite, in one of the palaces, was stocked with a huge amount of wine and brandies, whiskey and cordials. Worst of all, the rooms of the playboy King were lined with photographs, paintings and sculptures -- pornographic, a museum of obscenity.

Some of these, the least objectionable, were printed in ~~the~~ Cairo newspapers today - to give an idea of the playboy King that Egypt has got rid of.

PLANE

News from the sea island of Sicily tells of -- busy fishermen. They were fishing for -- human beings.

A great airliner, bound from England to the Sudan, crashed into the sea off the western tip of Socily. Fifty-seven persons aboard, most of them officials of the British Administration in the Sudan, and their families - returning from vacation in England.

When the big airliner hit the water, it split wide open, and passengers were thrown out into the sea. Luckily, there were fishing boats ^{fairly near. And} ~~nearby~~ ~~one~~ ^{after two hours they} ~~were only yards away. That fishing boat~~ picked up [^] ~~^~~ [^] forty-seven, and fifty in all were saved. Three lost -- four missing. It would have been an overwhelming horror, save for the fishermen -- off the western tip of Socily.

CHESS

Surprise news, over the weekend - from Helsinki. The Olympics have ended - but Finland followed those athletic games with an international chess tournament. Which was the more notable - because the Soviets came in. They sent a powerful team. But what about the Americans? That brings the weekend surprise - climax of an odd story.

Over here, they couldn't raise ten or fifteen thousand dollars to send a team. So players were invited to go - and pay their own expenses. Which made the prospect look awful. None of the top ranking American chess experts had the money.

But there was a curious break. One of the strong young players, Arthur Bisguier (Bis-guyer) was a G.I. in Germany. No[†] so far from Finland - and the Army would send him. The same for another one, good enough to be an alternate. So there were two G.I.'s - to start an

American team.

Then, another break - in the form of a recent college player. A couple of years ago, two brothers, Robert and Donald Byrne, were winners at Yale. On graduating Robert Byrne, went to work for British Overseas Airways - and he could get a ticket over to Helsinki for a nominal fee. So he could go.

Well, somebody put up expenses for America's top ranking player -- Reshevsky. The same for - Larry Evans, ~~at~~ present U.S. champion. Finally, another alternate was lined up ^{- - who} ~~he~~ could pay his own way.

And that was the scratch team we sent.

I have these facts from Al Horowitz, editor of the magazine "Chess Review." Sitting and chatting at the Manhattan Chess Club, Horowitz said the general view was - that we'd finish way down.

~~So not~~ - what happened? Well, the weekend news

told of that scrub American team clashing with those mighty Russians. (The Americans had got off to a shaky start, but had played themselves into shape, and were getting along better. But what could they do against the Soviets? They were given hardly a chance, but here's what happened.)

The G. I. Bisguier, scored a draw against one of the strongest of the Russians. Reshevsky, our top ranked came in, likewise, with a draw. Larry Evans, the new U.S. champion lost his game.

So that left it up to Irish Robert Byrne, the recent Yale player. - and he won! He beat Bronstein, the Soviet master - who last year played the tie-match for championship of the world.


So the American scrub team held the Soviets - ~~xx~~ even Stephen. The Tournament still goes on. - and they say the Americans have a good chance of winning. In any case, they'll finish - away up there.

LEGION

(General Ike, today, received an enormous ovation, addressing the American Legion Convention in New York.) he was greeted by salvos of cheers - so long and loud, they tied up the proceedings from time to time. (The General, as a veteran to veterans, concentrated heavily on the peril abroad.) He argued that this country should be so strong that Red aggression would be too risky, and expressed the belief that the Soviets would not seek war, unless quite sure of winning it.

PLANE

The Air Force reports a tragic accident over the Gulf of Mexico -- when a sabre jet fighter shot down a B-17 bomber. In target practice - the bomber directing a radio controlled "drone" plane, the target. But the jet fighter, ~~when~~ swooping to the attack, hit the ^{its} bomber with rockets. Eight aboard. Four parachutes were seen to open. ~~But~~ at last reports, only one survivor had been picked up. The search still continuing -- over the Gulf of Mexico.



FOLLOW AIR FORCE PLANE

The jet pilot says he was aiming by radar,
and thought he was shooting at the target plane.

A five hundred million dollar a year business of
gold for diamonds.

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the jewelry manufacturing trade, and bought gold from
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turn, smuggled into the United States. In the total of
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SMUGGLING

In New York -- the indictment of a huge gold smuggling gang. Sixty-five persons, accused of running a five hundred million dollar a year business of -- gold for diamonds.

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ROBBERY

Mysterious robbery in Washington -- Sixty-five thousand dollars taken from an ■■ armoured car belonging to Brinks. That same concern which was the victim of the record-breaking hold-up several years ago. This time - Sixty-five Thousand disappeared mysteriously. The crew was at lunch in a restaurant -- the door of the car locked, and it was locked when they returned. Nobody saw anybody approach the car, but a sack full of money vanished. The robbers getting Sixty-five thousand -- but not taking another sack with One hundred and four thousand in it. Company officials refuse all comment and even deny there was a robbery. Mystery - is the word.

BASEBALL

At the Yankee stadium today, ■■ Virgil Trucks pitched a no-hitter. His second for the season. This time, however there was a slight dispute, at first. One ball pitched out was ruled a hit, but later was called an error. So that gave the Detroit pitcher two no-hit games for the present season. The Detroit Tigets beat the New York Yankees one to nothing.

HOOVER

From the high Sierras, a thriller of narrow escape from flaming death. A party trapped by a fire. One - former President Herbert Hoover.

It happened at a cabin on Silver Lake, sixty miles north of Bishop, California. The seventy-eight year old ex-President - a member of a fishing party. They were asleep - last night - when from a mountain home nearby, a youth saw flames. He ran to the cabin - just in time.

Within brief minutes, the whole place was a mass of flames.

The party, aroused from sleep, could not get away - not by land. Former President Hoover and the others were driven to the shore of the lake. Where, luckily, boats were moored, so that's how they made their escape -- in boats.

Herbert Hoover has had more than his share of thrills in his 78 years. He has lived a long and eventful life -- still eventful, even at his great age.

Nelson have you had any thrilling experiences this summer.