

EGYPT PRISONERS

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An exchange of prisoners - began at Port Said, today. Egypt - ~~had~~ handing over four hundred and fifty interned British civilians. Employees of the old Suez Canal Company - who had been taken into custody when the British and French invaded. In return, the British released two hundred-and-thirty-six Egyptian soldiers and one-hundred-and-thirty civilians, who had been held by the allied forces.

Last night, we heard how the prisoner exchange had been held up - because the French had sent one hundred prisoners out of Egypt. To intern them on Cyprus, and in France. Which - made the Egyptians balk. <sup>whereupon</sup> ~~But~~ the French hastily sent ~~■~~ back the Egyptians they had taken away - and the deal went through.

## SUEZ CASUALTIES

Here's an official report of Egyptian casualties in the Suez invasion . London says - six hundred and fifty killed, <sup>and</sup> twenty-one hundred wounded.

Previously, ~~the~~ London ~~government~~ had estimated - a hundred Egyptians killed, some five hundred and <sup>forty</sup> ~~fifty~~ wounded, ~~which~~ <sup>that</sup> figures were challenged - in the House of Commons.

Whereupon Sir Edwin Herbert, President of the British Law Society, was commissioned - to make the investigation on the scene, at Suez. He reports - that not more than a fourth of the casualties were civilians. In the bombing attacks, and in the invasion - care was taken to spare civilians.

BRITIAN LOAN

*Uncle Sam to lend John Bull*  
~~The United States will lend Britain~~ five hundred

million dollars to buy American oil and other products.

The credit - extended by the U S ~~export~~ export-import bank,  
the government's international agency for lending. The loan -  
to help the British out of their financial difficulty, created  
by the Suez Canal crisis.

In the Seychelle Archipelago <sup>an arm of</sup> in the remote Indian  
ocean - two strangers arrived on the island of Mahe, today.  
Mr. <sup>l</sup>Black - and Mr. Symes. That island - the place of exile  
of Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus. But - who are Mr. Black  
and Mr. Symes? Well, nobody knows exactly. False names -  
assumed by two British officials, sent by the London Foreign  
office - to ~~see~~ confer with <sup>the Greek-Cypriote</sup> Archbishop, ~~Makarios~~.

<sup>^</sup>Talking with him - about the new constitution,  
Which Britain proposes for Cyprus. Seeking - the support of  
the prelate, who is the recognized political and religious  
leader of the people of Cyprus. The London government - willing  
to send Archbishop Makarios back to ~~in~~ Cyprus, if he will  
denounce the terrorist activity on the island.

From Cyprus, itself - news of another ~~terrorist~~ terrorist  
murder. A Cypriot official of the British cable and wireless  
company - shot and killed.

Which occurred, as the Greek Cypriots called a

general strike. Protesting - against the proposed new  
Constitution. And calling - for a return of exiled Archbishop  
Makarios.

Here ~~are~~ Two dispatches - on the news wire, today,  
*that came*  
~~Coming~~ in rapid sequence ~~which~~ ~~it~~ would indicate that ~~surely~~  
 something is going on behind the scenes.

Shortly after noon - a dispatch from Hong Kong,  
 stating - that the Chinese Reds may soon release the ~~in~~ ten  
 American civilians they still hold. Also - that Red China  
 may agree to renounce the use of force in the Formosa  
 question.

Then, at two-fifteen P M a dispatch from Washington -  
 with a report on what President Eisenhower told Indian Prime  
 Minister Nehru during the conferences they held. The ~~States~~  
 President informing Nehru - what Red China must do to improve  
 relations with the United <sup>States.</sup> ~~States~~. In the first place - release  
 the ten American civilians. In the second place - stop  
 threatening to use force against the Chinese on Formosa.

Sounds as if they <sup>got</sup> had prompt news of ~~it~~ this - over ~~there~~  
<sup>in</sup> ~~on the~~ China coast. One guess being- that Nehru may have  
 flashed immediate word to the Chinese Reds  
 about his talks with Pres. Eisenhower.

HUNGARY

There's a report - that Hungarian coal miners  
have sent an ultimatum to puppet Premier Kadar, <sup>with their</sup> ~~Giving~~ terms  
for a resumption of coal production. <sup>Including a</sup>  
~~demanding~~ <sup>for</sup> his immediate resignation. ~~Also~~  
withdrawal of Russian troops <sup>to</sup> to the barracks they occupied  
before the revolt. And - arrangements for free elections.

The word in Vienna is that the miners told Kadar  
they would resume coal production, as soon ■■ as their demands  
are met.

## HUNGARY - NIXON

In the darkness before dawn, today, the Vice President of the United States made his way in secrecy - to an area of bogs and marshes. On the border - of Austria-Hungary. Having ~~ARRANGED~~ arranged for the trip with Austrian authorities, Richard Nixon stood watching - as dawn broke, dim and foggy.

Then - shadowy figures could be seen, appearing in the mist on the Hungarian side. Refugees - who had made their way through the swamp at night. Now, moving across the border - to freedom. Where they ~~WERE~~ were helped - by Austrian ~~PI~~ policemen.

Vice President Nixon watched and said: "This is tragic, and terribly impressive."

Later, Nixon spoke to a Hungarian woman, who told him she had walked - twenty miles in the rain, to get through the Iron Curtain. Nixon asked - why?



"Because I was afraid of the Russians," she replied.

The Vice President greeted refugees - in a most appropriate way. He learned how to say - "Merry Christmas" ~~in~~ Hungarian in Hungarian. Which - is a strange, difficult language. I'll try to quote him, although I suppose I'll blunder.

"Boldog Karacsonyt", said Dick Nixon.

## STALIN

A birthday anniversary, today - and what a silence!  
What a contrast, compared with previous years - in Soviet  
Russia! Not a line - in Moscow newspapers. Not a single  
ceremony - anywhere. So you can guess whose anniversary is  
being so pointedly ignored. Stalin's.

On December twenty-first, last year, as on that same  
date in previous years - all Russian newspapers carried huge  
pictures of Stalin on their front pages. With fulsome praise,  
hailing him - as "the supreme genius of all mankind." Orators  
roaring in resounding Russian - praising the Bolshevik Divinity.

But, soon afterward, came the down-grading of  
Stalin. Now cursed - as a murderous tyrant. Today - the  
birthday anniversary completely ignored.

Stalin - a forgotten man, so far as publicity and  
propaganda were concerned.

## ELECTION RESULT

Here are the figures for the november Election.

As you probably know, President Eisenhower won - but the tally was not complete until today. When Rhode Island at last finished its count of absentee ballots.

The popular vote for the nation was as follows:

Eisenhower - ~~thirty-five-million, five-hundred-and-eighty-two-thousand, two-hundred-and-thirty six.~~ Stevenson - ~~twenty-six-million, twenty-eight-thousand, eight-hundred-and-eighty-seven.~~ Eisenhower majority - nine million, five hundred and fifty-three-thousand, ~~three-hundred-and-forty-nine.~~ <sup>TV</sup> *anyhow*

*these they are —*

<sup>^</sup> The figures that will go in the record.

## WRECK

At Belleville, Illinois, a railroad train ran off the tracks. Nine cars, including a sleeper and two coaches - toppling down a fifteen foot embankment. Two lives lost - thirty seven injured. Three negroes - a naval officer candidate, an airman, and a coast guard cadet, who worked for more than three hours, getting fellow passengers out of the fallen cars at the foot of the embankment.

Cause of the wreck - a newly constructed road-bed on top of the embankment, weakened by rains. Giving way, when the train passed over.

TURNCOAT

The government at Washington declares - there's no way to get back the insurance money for one of the G I turncoats, who went over to the Reds - <sup>then</sup> and came back. The irony being, that the former prisoner of ~~the~~ war is likely to enjoy the benefit of the <sup>at</sup> insurance ~~money~~ money.

In Nineteen Fifty, Aaron Wilson, of Urania, Alabama, was reported - presumably killed in action. Nothing further heard from the G I. - <sup>So</sup> ~~and~~ nine months ~~later~~ later, the government paid his insurance money to his father - ten thousand and forty dollars. <sup>Later</sup> ~~But then~~, Aaron Wilson, turned out to be - a prisoner of war. One of the G I's who wouldn't come home - preferring Communism. ~~Then~~ Recently, ~~he~~ changed his mind. ~~Coming~~ home after all.

Meanwhile, his father had bought a farm of one hundred and thirty acres - with ~~the~~ <sup>of</sup> insurance money. Aaron Wilson now stating that he intends to farm the land his father bought. Giving him, actually, the benefit of the money.

Which has aroused a lot of protest. Congressman George Long of Louisiana, among others, demanding that the government try to recover the cash. But the veterans administration, today, replied - it is impossible, under existing law. The insurance money - not recoverable.

ALABAMA

Today, for the first time, negroes rode in buses in the deep south - and sat wherever they pleased. Montgomery Alabama, yielding finally, to the Supreme Court decision.

So what happened? Not much. A good deal of muttering - from segregation-minded whites. One white man - pushing a negro woman. <sup>She</sup> ~~who~~ says - he slapped ~~me~~ her.

Most of the negroes, boarding the buses, went to the rear seats - to which, previously, they had been restricted. ~~They~~ They just followed - long time habit. Other negroes took places toward the front of buses - some sitting down next to white passengers.

The authorities at Montgomery are afraid the dangerous time will come this weekend. The city - jammed with Christmas crowds from the rural areas, <sup>where</sup> - segregation feelings are most intense.

WEATHER

~~Now~~ <sup>Yearn for</sup> Do you ~~want~~ a white christmas? You'll have one, if you live in the North Central states. The Middlewest ~~is~~ promised a blast of cold air from Canada, which, colliding with moist air - will produce plenty of snow.

But, if you live along our eastern coast, or in the Pacific northwest, you'll have -- a mild, rainy Christmas.



ANTARCTIC

*Now*  
Christmas ~~at~~ the South Pole. Part of the  
*will include*  
celebration - the largest flotilla ever to break its way  
through the ice to the frozen antarctic shore.

A Navy icebreaker, U.S.S. Glacier - crashing its way through an icefield. Clearing a lane for three cargo ships. A second icebreaker - partly disabled by a flooded engine room. Another vessel - caught in the ice, locked in. A tanker - with aviation gasoline, needed badly for the South Pole flying. At last reports, they were trying to get the tanker free.

The supplies for Christmas - to be landed at McMurdo Sound. An ample share - to be ~~dropped~~ dropped by parachute at the South Pole village. Where scientists - will make observations for the geophysical year.

The Royal Ontario Museum, in Toronto, is asking the provincial government - for help in solving a puzzle. Are these Canadian Viking relics - a fake? |

A Viking sword and axe head - and fragments of other weapons belonging to the period of the Scandinavian sea rovers. All - seeming to indicate that the Norsemen were on the North American continent four-hundred-and-fifty years before Columbus ever set sail. Confirmation - of the legend of Leif Ericson, often ~~mis~~ hailed as the real discoverer of America.

But - were the Norse relics discovered, honestly, at the Beardmore Mine, near Lake Nipogon? Or - were they planted?

Some years ago, a mining prospector, the late James Edward Dodd, announced the discovery - and sold the weapons to the Ontario Museum - for five hundred dollars. His widow testifies that her husband did, actually, find them at the mine-site, and brought them home.

However, there are witnesses who testify - that  
Dodd found them in the basement of a house he <sup>rented.</sup> ~~rented.~~ The  
previous tenant - a Norwegian. Who died - leaving those  
Scandinavian antiques.

An adopted son of the ~~Dodds~~ Dodds - declared, in  
an affidavit, that he was there at the mine site when his  
father - "planted" the sword, the axe-head and other objects.

So now the Museum has asked the Ontario government  
to set up a committee to discover the truth.

Yes, Henry, the question is  
before the house again, was North  
America - this western hemisphere,  
discovered by Chris Col. - or  
was Leif Erikson the man?