

BURMA L.T.P. + Q. Mon. Mar. 2 - '53.

In far off, Oriental Burma, there's fear of diplomatic trouble with Soviet Russia, which follows - the shooting of a Russian diplomat and a Soviet Embassy doctor. Yet, by way of paradox, it was, indirectly, a result of trouble ~~with~~ the Burmese are having with Chinese nationalists.

It happened at night, at a lonely sentry post guarding military installations near Rangoon. A soviet automobile came speeding along - and ignored the warning shouts of the soldier on duty.

The guards had been warned to be on the alert - against arson. Recently, there has been an epidemic of fires in Rangoon - set, the Burmese claim, by Chinese Nationalists. All - part of a bitter dispute about Chinese troops in northern Burma, who fled across the border from the advance of the Chinese Reds. In fact, at the very time the Soviet automobile

ran past the sentry post - the fashionable Rangoon Turf Club was burning, a mass of flames.

The sentry opened fire with a machine gun, and bullets hit the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy and the Russian doctor. They were gravely wounded in a strange turn of events - in the strange city called Rangoon.

IRAN

In Iran, Mossadegh seems to have won out in his contest with the Shah - a contest of raging mobs. Today Mossadegh rioters were out, howling through Teheran. Joined by Communists, who tried to give the disturbance an anti-American character.

Reds attacked and wrecked three jeeps belonging to the U S military mission - the drivers, one a woman, getting away. All three - attached to the U.S. Embassy.

Over the weekend, there was mob action - supporting the Shah. Who is at odds with the Premier on a number of questions- including the seizure of Anglo-Iranian oil, & royalist crowd stormed Mossadegh's home, the Premier ~~XXXXX~~ escaping in his pajamas, and taking refuge at the Iranian parliament.

But that was countered by Mossadegh mobs - which today, were in control. Supporters of the Shah - not showing themselves.

Politics in Iran - a competition of mobs.

JAPAN

In Tokyo today, the Japanese parliament voted a motion of censure - against Premier Yoshida. Which was, without precedent. Never before had the lawmakers of Nippon administered a formal rebuke to a head of the government. So what atrocious thing did Premier Yoshida do?

Well, it was a breach of oriental courtesy - Japan being famous for elaborate manners. At a meeting of parliament, a right wing Socialist leader, Nishimura, criticized the Premier - telling him to speak his own mind, instead of echoing opinions of American President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Yoshida didn't like that - and, in an exchange of hot remarks, exclaimed: "Don't be impolite, you fool."

Which was a shock, according to Japanese ideas. It was bad enough to suggest that Nishimura

was - impolite. Then to call him a fool - that was
too impolite. *The word in Japan is "Bachayaro,"*
and it's a fighting word.

It caused a political uproar - and, today,
the Parliament censured Yoshida. Tokyo crisis - over
a matter of politeness.

CHURCHILL

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today - that he would be willing to attend an Eisenhower-Stalin meeting. This came out in a debate on the statement made recently by the American President - that he would be willing to go "halfway" to meet the Soviet premier.

The labor opposition pointed out that Stalin has expressed a desire for such a conference, and one M.P. put the question in these words; "If Stalin is bluffing, should not his bluff be called? But, if he is sincere, might not some good be done?"

Churchill told the Commons that the question will be taken up in Washington - by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Who arrives in the United States tomorrow. He's to discuss foreign policy with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles. One topic to be - a possible meeting with the Soviet boss. Which might be - an Eisenhower-Churchill-Stalin conference.

LONDON-SANDERS

Great Britain turns down the Communist offer to trade British business man Edgar Sanders for a woman guerrilla leader captured in Malaya. Edgar Sanders - thrown into prison in Red Hungary, on a charge of espionage two years ago, along with American Telephone Executive Robert Vogeler. The two were business associates. Voegeler has since been released, but Sanders remains in a Red prison.

Over the weekend, the news broke that the Communists had offered - an exchange of prisoners. In Malaya, a chinese woman guerrilla, Lee Meng, # is under a sentence of death for crimes of Communist banditry. The sentence - now being reviewed. So Red Hungary, at the European end of the Communist world, offered to release Edgar Sanders, in return for Lee Meng - in southern Asia. An example of the far flung ties among the Reds.

The Red proposal for a trade - is rejected. But the Prime Minister declared that "every effort" is being made to procure the freedom of Edgar Sanders.

U N

There was a bitter Soviet - American clash at the U N today. Vishinsky, howling a long harangue, assailing the Eisenhower policy on Formosa. The distribe - obviously meant for propaganda in Asia.

U.S. Chief delegate Henry Cabot Lodge retorted in scathing terms. Charging - the Soviets were using the Asiatics as cannon fodder in Korea.

It was one of those bitter exchanges, which the Soviets have made a commonplace at the U N.

AMBASSADOR

The Senate has confirmed Ambassador Clare Booth Luce - with a unanimous vote. This action followed renewed assurance that Mrs. Luce, a convert to Catholicism, will not engage in diplomatic relations with the Vatican. It is understood that the new Ambassador, the blond playwright and political figure, will assume her post in May - after the Italian elections.

HYDROGEN BOMB

We have a dispatch from Washington - about the hydrogen bomb. Stating - that the government is rushing work to produce "a few" of those almost incredible super-weapons. This word comes in a United Press dispatch, which quotes "authoritative sources" and gives us bits of information on the great secret of the H-bomb.

Last autumn, we are told, two hydrogen explosions were set off at Eniwetok. One - far more powerful than atomic experts had anticipated. That blast in the Far Pacific is said to have equalled three million tons of T N T. The wartime a-bomb, ~~exploded~~ was equal in power, to twenty thousand tons of TNT. So an H-bomb exploded in the far Pacific was one hundred and fifty times as devastating as the atomic blast which destroyed Hiroshima.

But the hydrogen explosives at Eniwetok -

did not come under the heading of weapons. The mechanisms used were too bulky, too heavy -- to be carried by plane. They were not "operational". Which leaves it to the scientists to do an engineering job, and devise an H-bomb of such size \leftarrow that it can be delivered at a target.

We hear that "operational" H-bombs will not be produced in quantity until our new great hydrogen plants get going. Which won't be until next year - Nineteen Fifty-four. But, meanwhile, the atomic authorities are doing a rush job, turning out "a few" of the super weapons ^{and} - to deal with possible, sudden emergency.

ACTORS

In Hollywood, the screen actors guild, tonight - refused to intervene in behalf of the Mexican actress, held for passport irregularities. The one - who was playing in a picture - denounced as pro-Communist. The Mexican actors guild asked the American group to protest. But the screen actors guild of Hollywood replies - this is a case for governments to decide - not unions.

WEATHER

Spencer, Indiana, was an over-populated place today - so crowded that people opened their homes, offering their spare bedrooms, to accommodate visitors. You might think the town of Spencer had unveiled some new popular attraction, but it was - the blizzard. The big snow hit Indiana, as thousands of ~~men~~ people were driving home from weekend motor trips. Eight-and-a-half inches ~~fell~~ fell in a brief time, choking the highways - and automobiles were stalled all over the place. One driver reports that it took him eight hours to drive five miles -- into Spencer.

Which town was right in the middle of the big snow. So many taking refuge there - that the hotels and motels were jammed, and local people opened their homes to the refugees from the blizzard.

PLANE

The Air Force reports "everybody saved" - in the crash of a big transport plane last night. Lost in a blinding snowstorm that swept through the middlewest. Eleven men on board - and they had to abandon the plane in the ~~blizzard~~ blizzard, ~~they~~ bailed ^{ing} out in the snowy night.

The C-46 took off at Denver, on a routine flight, and was over Indiana, when the pilot reported by radio - that he was circling in the storm, fuel running out.

The state police got busy, and soon ~~they~~ started picking up airmen, who had come down by parachute all over the place. They found ^{ten:} ~~ten~~ - one still missing. Later, a search party found him, some were injured, but all survived in the peril of the big plane, lost in the blizzard.

DOOLITTLE

There was an interesting meeting in New York today - when the airman, who led the first American ~~bomb~~ bombing of Tokyo, shook hands with the Japanese flier, who led the attack on Pearl Harbor. Our own Lieutenant ^{General} James H. Doolittle, of course - and Mitsuo Fuchida, now a Presbyterian missionary, having been converted to Christianity.

The meeting was arranged by the sky pilots of San Jose, California -- an association of chaplains. Purpose - to further good relations between the United States and Japan.

CATTLE

The Secretary of Agriculture today cancelled an embargo on Canadian livestock and shipments of meat, which was imposed a year ago because of the foot and mouth disease. ~~By~~ That livestock epidemic in Canada has now been eliminated - and the embargo ends. ^{TR} President Eisenhower immediately put a limit to the number of Canadian cattle that can be imported - to prevent a rush of competition that might injure the United States livestock industry.

CANADA

Canada is having a boom in mining stocks.

News from Toronto tells of a rush to buy shares in almost any hole in the ground. (With emphasis on -

uranium.) That's what touched off the boom -- the radioactive metal used in the atomic bomb. Reports of radium strikes have ~~ix~~ invited dreams of wealth - and just about everybody, says the dispatch from Toronto, is taking a flyer in the market. And people, who thought they were stuck by a promoter years ago, wake up to find that old mining stock - booming in the market.

Back in Nineteen forty-five Mrs. Gunnar Gold, an elderly woman, bought a lot of shares at thirty-five cents each. She almost forgot them, thinking it all - a dead loss. Then, recently, that stock went on the market at two-dollars-and-seventy cents a share, and ^{then} skyrocketed up to thirteen dollars

and-fifty cents. So now she has a profit of three thousand, six hundred percent.

Sounds fantastic - and it is. Canadian financial experts declare the boom has all the makings of a bubble - that could collapse. Most of the stocks represent little more than a hope and a prayer. The uranium existing, mostly, in the prospectus.

- Nelson -
Well, its an old story, - the boom that's
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a bubble.