

L.T.-BUICK, FISHER. TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1965

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A British air transport crashed and burned today -- in a barleyfield near Nuneham Courtney, in England. Of the forty-one men aboard -- all were killed instantly. One of the worst British military crashes -- in peacetime history.

Witnesses reporting that the plane went -- round and round -- like a spiral, until it dropped to the ground -- tail first. The reason for the crash -- remains a mystery.

SUCCESSION

The Senate today gave final congressional approval - to that ² proposed constitutional amendment - that would assure the line of Presidential succession. Senate leaders calling the measure - about as perfect as man can make it.

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The Proposed legislation provides for the Vice President ~~as~~ to take over - should the President become disabled. With the President entitled to name a new Vice President - when ever that office becomes vacant.

If ratified by three-quarters of the States within the next two years - it will then become the law of the land.

VIET NAM

Another massive search-and destroy mission - today in Viet Nam. With American, Australian and Vietnamese airborne troops - penetrating deep into the jungles of Zone D for death. That Communist stronghold - just thirty miles north of Saigon.

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But except for occasional sniper fire - at helicopters used in the mission - there was virtually no sign of the elusive Viet Cong.

Meanwhile, additional U.S. Planes today flew relief forces - into the beleaguered government outpost at Ba Gia, ^{that was} Over run over the weekend - by a human human wave of Communist guerrillas.

Ba Gia itself - holding firm. The big question now - whether U.S. planes can track down two long-range cannon captured by the Communists, Before they can shell the air base at Quang Ngai - barely ten miles away.

VATICAN

Lucy Baines Johnson was under double fire today - for the baptism accompanying her conversion to the Roman Catholic faith.

First - from Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike who said in a ~~to~~ sermon at San Francisco - that Luci's baptism was "totally void of any sacramental effect".
Because the President's daughter - had previously been baptized in the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Pike's assertion - later upheld by the Vatican, which said that Luci's re-baptism - seemed totally unnecessary.

A Vatican spokesman commenting that if there was any doubt - as to the validity of Luci's earlier baptism - "it should have been made clear". Adding that ~~if there was no such doubt~~ "if there was no such doubt" - her baptism into the Catholic Church - could have a "regrettable" effect on the spirit of Christian unity.

LUCI FOLLOW VATICAN

Now this -- from the White House. A statement by Luci herself - in which she said her baptism "was a personal matter." That she had gone about it - in a "personal way". White House aides adding that it was typical of Luci - to want to "begin at the beginning".

ASTRONAUTS

Astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell

disclosed today in Houston - that they will attempt to communicate with the earth by means of a Laser. During the scheduled fourteen day orbit of the Gemini-Seven-- some time early next year.

The Laser - a sort of "ray gun" that emits a beam of intense light. Theoretically capable of carrying voice communications- over long distances in space.

Although this will be the first time - its use has ever been attempted in manned orbital flight.

CONGO

Government troops today recaptured the important river-rail junction of Aketi -- in the northern Congo, and are expected to march next on Bondo -- about ninety miles to the North; the last remaining rebel stronghold - in the three hundred miles between Stanleyville and the Congo's northern border.

It's a Bondo that the rebels are believed to hold some twenty white hostages; mainly Portuguese -- once presumed dead and now reported - miraculously alive. If so -- they are the last remaining hostages still held by rebels -- in that strife-torn section of the Congo.

MALAYSIA

The government of Malaysia today ordered the internment of five thousand Chinese -- living on the Borneo frontier between Malaysia and Indonesia. Government officials asserting that at least eighty percent of the Chinese -- are disloyal to the federal government. With many -- also said to be Communists.

The Chinese to be held in temporary camps -- surrounded by barbed wire -- until they can be resettled elsewhere.

FRANCE

France today withdrew its Ambassador from Brussels - to head off any further discussions of the European common market - headquartered there. A demonstration of Gallic displeasure - that brought the six nation trade group - to the verge of collapse.

Paris sources reporting further that DeGaulle will continue the boycott - until he is assured of victory in this latest test of strength - with the other members of the Common Market. The boycott - a thoroughly effective play. Since all market decisions must be unanimous - and no work can be done without a French representative.

CHURCHILL

The House at twenty-eight Hyde Park Gate - where Sir Winston Churchill lived and died - will be sold at auction. The decision disclosed today - by a London real estate firm, Retained to sell the Churchill home - as well as an adjoining staff house - and two breeding farms owned by Britain's wartime Prime Minister.

Sir Winston bought the ⁱⁿ Churchill mansion at the end of World War Two at a cost of more than a hundred and twenty thousand ~~pe~~ dollars. But it has been virtually deserted - since his death last year. His widow - the Countess Spencer Churchill - is expected to resettle shortly in a large apartment - in fashionable Kensington.

PRIVILEGES

The State Department today urged the Senate to ratify -- a unique international treaty. One that would set uniform standards - for privileges and immunities granted diplomats - throughout the world.

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The State Department arguing that present laws - provide foreign diplomats in the United States - with greater immunity than they need. Also more than most other governments - now grant American personnel.

The treaty provides further that if there are any arguments under the new agreement - they will be settled by the international court of justice.

BOXING

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Former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey - today urged the adoption of federal controls - to bring back the good old days of boxing.

The seventy year old Manassa Mauler - chief witness before a House Commerce Committee, called to investigate the recent - Clay-Liston affair. The ex-champ commenting that Liston's one-minute quote - "hayo" unquote -- was symptomatic of all that's wrong with boxing today. "In the real fight game" - said Dempsey - "the only way to finish is on your back. You never quit."

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And he never did, Dick!

SOPHIA

In Rome - those long standing bigamy charges against Italian film star Sophia Loren - and her husband, producer Carlo Ponti - were finally introduced today into the court record.

Part of the complaint - a statement from a group of women in Miss Loren's home town of Pozzuoli - near Naples. The neighbor ladies asserting that in Pozzuoli "This Sophia Loren," - as they put it, "is not a heroine and not even a great actress - but just another woman."

Just another woman? Mama Mia! Pozzuoli!

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