

GREECE L.P.-K. Thurs - Aug. 13 - '53.

News dispatches, today, give us a picture worthy of Dante's "inferno."

A British destroyer, H.M.S. Daring, steaming to the Ionian Isles, was shaken by explosions - resembling depth charges. The steel hull of the vessel trembling with the impact of shocks from the bottom of the Ionian Sea. Ten British warships - ordered to the scene of the great earthquake disaster. Admiral, the Earl of Mountbatten, Commander-in-Chief of the British Fleet in the Mediterranean - flying to the ~~XXXXXX~~ island of Dante, to take charge of British rescue operations.

The entire American Sixth Fleet, based at Naples, has been placed at the disposal of the Greek government. Today, the U.S. Cruiser Salem arrived at the island of Cephalonia, with emergency food and medical supplies. U.S. Air Force bases in Germany and Tripoli are sending helicopters to take people off the stricken islands.

The earthquakes continue, completing the utter devastation of three islands - Cephalonia, Zante and

Ithaca.

Today, an air observer flying over the islands, reported: "The whole earth is shaking with a terrible underground noise. Mountains" he said "are splitting open."

Reports tell of chasms opening in the ground, and swallowing up villagers. ~~Tidal~~ Tidal waves rolling in. People in a wild panic. Some - leaping into the sea, to escape great earth slides that come pouring down the side of the mountains.

To complete the nightmare - church bells. The bell towers, half wrecked, swaying back and forth in a crazy way, as the shocks occur, one after another. The bells ringing and clanging in an fantastic rhythm. Inferno complete - with the tolling of the bells.

The quakes have extended to the nearby mainland, shaking cities like Patras. The tremors felt as far away as the Island of Corfu, seventy-five miles distant.

A professor of Seismology at the University of

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Athens says -- it's all because of a break in the floor of the sea between Cephalonia and Ithaca. At the bottom of a two mile channel between those two islands, there's a rupture of the rock formation - a geological ~~fixing~~ "fault". The record shows four great earthquakes in that area in the last one hundred years. Now - the worst.



FOLLOW EARTHQUAKE

The latest- thirty-four new shocks hit the  
stricken islands this evening - one after another,  
as night fell on the Ionian sea.

HURRICANE FOLLOW GREECE

On this side of the Atlantic, the fury of nature takes a familiar form for this time of year - a hurricane. On the coast of North Carolina - the wind this afternoon was blowing at seventy miles an hour. That - for a beginner. ~~The full force of the~~ →

~~hurricane was expected to strike tonight following~~

~~the storm's progress through the Gulf of Mexico~~



FOLLOW HURRICANE

And  
/Right now the tempest is blasting the North

Carolina coast -- with winds of one hundred miles an  
hour. Waves "as tall as buildings" crashing on the  
shores. However, the people had plenty of warning,  
and few casualties are reported.

## MOUNTAIN

Here's some news eighteen days old - that much time needed to get the tidings out to the world. An American expedition trying to climb Mt. Godwin Austen, - K2 - in Pakistan, has been stalled at the twenty-three thousand, three hundred foot level. Halted by Himalayan blizzards and dense fog. A combination of snowstrom and blinding mist rolled in - hiding the entire mountain area.

Mt. Godwin Austen - or K2 as it is usually called - is the second highest peak in the world - exceeded only by Mt. Everest - by a few hundred feet. The American climbers, led by Dr. Charles Houston of Exeter, Mass., have some five thousand feet to go, that much in altitude - about a mile. And the prospect now seems -- doubtful. The blizzards and the blinding mist indicate the approach of autumn weather in the western Himalayas - the Karoharuns - impossible weather for climbing.

But all this, as I've said - is old news. It took a native runner eighteen days to cover the distance from the base camp to the nearest news wire. So by this time, the climbers may have won their way to the summit, or may have turned back.

MOROCCO

In the Moslem City of Marrakech, there's a gathering of tribal chiefs. Warriors of the Sahara and the Atlas Mountains ~~are deliberating~~ <sup>determined</sup> whether ~~or not~~ to depose the Sultan of Morocco. Presiding over the conslave, the aged Pasha of Marrakech, a sworn enemy of the Sultan. They charge Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef with "political errors" and religious "impiety."

The French overlords are in a quandry. The Sultan is a puppet ruler, dominated by the French - or supposed ~~to~~ to be. But he's tied in with nationalists of ~~Morocco~~ Morocco, hostile to the French.

The nationalists have dealings with Communists. Which is the background for charges of religious "impiety."

The French are not at all satisfied with Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef. <sup>But the decision of</sup> ~~But if~~ the warriors at Marrakech ~~were to vote,~~ <sup>to</sup> "let's depose the Sultan" - ~~that~~ might lead to civil war. Which the French, who have plenty of other troubles on their hands, do not want.



## FRANCE

There's amove in France to toss out Premier Laniel -as the nationwide strike grows worse. More unions - calling out their members today. France approaching - chaos.

There are calls for the National Assembly to reconvene, and vote Laniel out of office. He won't summon the legislators, who are on summer vacation. But they could gather - if two-hundred-and-nine of the Deputies were to demand it. Today, one-hundred-and-seventy-one did make the demand - most of them Communists and Socialists. The Premier, however, seems to be firm in his determination - that the French government will not be forced out of its economy policy by strikers.

The exodus of ~~xxx~~ tourists continues - with ten thousand Americans in the stampede. Some, able to get out. Hosts of others - left stranded.

## PRISONERS

In Washington, the Secretary of the Army declares that two hundred and fifty Chinese prisoners of war charged with crimes, will be held back to the last. This - following Communist insistence that captives, whom they have put in prison, will not be repatriated until the jail sentences are served.

Yesterday, the word was that the last of the Chinese, in the exchange, had been handed over to Reds. But now it would seem, that some still remain behind - those in prison.

Returning Americans continue to tell of ~~2x2~~ GI's in jail at the North Korean camps. Their alleged ~~2x2~~ "crimes" would seem to have consisted mostly of beating up the "pro<sup>s</sup>." -

^ Those "progressives" as the Reds call Americans who listened to Communist propaganda.

Sergeant Harry Borie of Philadelphia says that, in the last days of imprisonment, the loyal Americans in his words - "really banged some of those "pros" around."

Private James Tutino of Brooklyn relates: "The day the war was over, one man in our camp was sentenced to three years. He was charged with beating a "Pro".

Some of the returning prisoners tell of "pros" who were ~~XXXX~~ promised - they'd be the bosses of Soviet America.

Sergeant Lawrence Buzbee of Ruskin, Florida, relates: "The Commies said that, eventually, the United States will be taken over by ~~XXXXXX~~ Russia, and the guys who stayed behind in North Korea will be trained to be the leaders of an American Communist state."

Some of them ~~XXXXXX~~ swallowed that.

In today's exchange, eighty four Americans were liberated, seventy-four Britons, one Canadian, and two hundred and fifty south Koreans. They seemed to be in good shape.

~~xx~~ Meanwhile, another plane-load of home-comers

was on its way across the Pacific - and three hundred released captives were boarding a ship at Inchon - homeward bound.

One odd story of a returning prisoner tells of his mother at Ozark, Oklahoma. She's overjoyed. He had been reported killed-in-action -- now coming home. But what about ~~that~~ that insurance money? At the time he was reported killed, the government paid Mrs. Harrison Abbott the sum of ten thousand dollars - ~~the~~ insurance, gratuity pay, personal account. She then said she didn't want the "blood money".

But there it was - and she used it to pay off the mortgage, and fix up the family home. Now she's rejoicing, and puzzled.

## McCarthy

Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin declares - that his investigating sub-committee has testimony, under oath, that a Communist in the government printing office had access to A-bomb and H-bomb secrets.

This is countered by a statement from the Atomic Energy Commission - which declares that no secret material is ever sent to the government printing office in the regular way..

McCarthy does not name the alleged Communist. But, yesterday, Edward M. Rothschild, a bookbinder at the government printing office, revealed that he has been a target of investigation by McCarthy. He claims, that, three years ago, he was okayed by the loyalty board of the printing office - cleared of charges of Communism.

GASOLINE

The F B I has begun an investigation of that increase in gasoline prices. Was there a conspiracy by the oil industry?

During the summer, gasoline prices went up ~~xxxxxxx~~ a couple of cents a gallon in many areas, and there were a lot of complaints. Charges - that the companies were price fixing. A congressional committee investigated, and there were suggestions - that the Department of Justice look into the matter. So now - an FBI investigation.

## FASHION

In Paris, fashion designer Dior is distressed. The ladies do not understand him. When he said, the skirts must be short, they thought he really meant - short. But no, the length of the skirt is - metaphysical.

"You," he tells the ladies, "are obsessed with the length. But my revolution is another thing. The distance of the hemline from the ground does not mean anything in itself."

"My idea," he explains, "is merely to meet the changing times and free the silhouettes." Viva La Silhouette.

He says its all a matter of -- the calf. No, not the cow's calf, the lady's calf. Not the ~~fat~~ fattened calf, the slim and shapely calf. Which - is the climax of the silhouette. "The calf," Dior explains, "is slightly uncovered, to end on a sparkling note." Sparkling note! - and Viva La Calf!

He was asked - whether his new silhouette was influenced by world events, like the armistice in Korea?

To this he answered: "Without being so categorical, it is evident that fashion unconsciously adapts itself to the general atmosphere."

So that's the metaphysics of style. Short does not mean short, and there's the armistice in Korea. Proving - that Monsieur Dior has a remarkable sense of publicity.



# WEDDING

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A dispatch from London says that Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davies left for Africa today - to set up a home in Rhodesia. This is inconsequential, except for the speed of the story. Cupid -- in a hurry.

Ernest Davies, an engineer stationed in Rhodesia - was back in London on vacation. He was waiting for the Cromwell road bus, and so ~~was~~ was Dickie Nielson, a twenty-two year old stenographer. He asked her: "Does this bus stop at Piccadilly Circus?"

She said, "yes", which was the first time she said: "yes" that pleasant morning.

They boarded the bus, and there was one empty seat - which they took. They talked, and <sup>he</sup> told her about Rhodesia. Within twenty minutes, he proposed marriage! She thought it over for ten minutes, and said - "yes."

They got off at Piccadilly Circus, and went straight to a jewelry shop - where he bought an engagement ring. Piccadilly circus - where there's a tall monument with a statue of cupid. Mighty appropriate. Cupid was in a hurry that morning,

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and now Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davies are off for Rhodesia. It all happened in 30 minutes, Mike, I wonder if she'll like Africa - say after 30 months!