

TRAIN. L.T. Deleo. Mon. Jan. 23rd '56.

The Mayor of ~~the~~ Los Angeles orders an inquiry into the ^{tragic} wreck of that ~~suburban~~ passenger train, ~~yesterday~~.

Mayor ~~Norris~~ Poulson, demanding to know if "criminal negligence" was involved. The Mayor, acting as public criticism grows - ^{over} ~~because~~ this ~~was~~ the worst train wreck in the history of California - twenty-nine dead, and one hundred-and-forty-two injured.

The train was on its two-hour run to San Diego - a full load of one hundred-and-eighty-eight passengers together with a crew of four. The train jumped the rails on a curve about one hundred yards from Redondo Junction.- the crackup, so terrific that nearly three hours passed before the first car could be lifted.

Engineer Frank Parrish says he "blackened out" just before his train hit that curve. The police charge that it was travelling way over the speed limit, which is thirty-five miles an hour ^{approaching the} ~~just before the~~ curve, and fifteen on the curve itself. The police believe the train was doing above sixty.

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Engineer Frank Parrish says he "blacked out" just before the train hit that curve. The Santa Fe railroad reports that the train was travelling way over the speed limit - which is thirty-five miles an hour just before the curve, and fifteen on the curve itself. It seems that the train was actually doing seventy.

KNOWLAND.

Senator Knowland of California ^{has} ~~is~~ officially ^{entered} ~~is~~ the Illinois Republican Primary - in competition with President Eisenhower. The President's name had already been placed by Governor Stratton - who acted without ^{the} ~~Mr~~ Eisenhower ~~and~~ consent, although the President told his News Conference on Wednesday, that he did not object ^{whether} even though he has not decided ^{whether} to run again.

The Knowland supporters of Illinois said they would run their candidate no matter what happened. And today the California Republican's name was entered by Mrs. Ruth Troyak of Chicago. Mrs. Troyak and Mrs. Marion Cleveland are ^{Illinois} ~~the~~ leaders of the Knowland Movement. They say they have more than four thousand signatures on their petition - which is all they need.

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So, as far as the Illinois Primary is concerned it's officially Eisenhower ^{and} ~~against~~ Knowland. ^{Also one} ~~one~~ group ~~had also~~ entered the name of General MacArthur - ^{that it be} ~~but the General has~~ ~~officially~~ asked ~~for his name to be~~ withdrawn.

FOREIGN POLICY.

Today's meeting between President Eisenhower and Senator George of Georgia, concentrated on one major point - the dispute over Foreign Policy. The President conferring with the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee - about criticism of Secretary of State Dulles and that ^{same} "brink of war" article ^{that appeared} in LIFE, ~~magazine.~~

~~Pres. Mr.~~ Eisenhower is disturbed by that criticism - mainly because it has been along party lines. The Democrats, condemning Dulles - the Republicans, defending him. For example, Adlai Stevenson accused ^{ing} the Secretary of, "as he put it - "playing Russian Roulette with American Foreign Policy." While Senator Knowland declared that the Secretary stands for "peace with honor," ^{as all agree,} - which is the only sensible approach to international relations.

~~Pres. Mr.~~ Eisenhower wants to get back to a strictly bi-partisan Foreign Policy. That was the reason for the visit to the White House of Senator George - who is, ^{a distinguished} ~~of course, a~~ Democrat and statesman.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Val Peterson
~~Our~~ Civil Defense Administrator wants a flood insurance plan right away. ~~Val Peterson~~, Testifying before the House Banking and Currency Committee, ~~he~~ admitted that such a plan would not be easy - insurance companies, reluctant to do anything because the high risks involved would demand extremely high premiums. *The Civil Defense Administrator*
~~But Peterson~~ went on to say that Congress should come up with a plan - and then offer it to the companies. Otherwise, families living in flood areas will continue to face the threat - of losing everything, whenever the rivers spill over their banks.

STASSEN

The head of our Foreign Operations Administration is described as "uncooperative". The Senate Investigating Sub-Committee, using that term ^{with reference to} ~~to describe Harold Stassen -~~ ^{concerning} ~~referring to his~~ testimony ~~on~~ grain elevators for Pakistan.

^{Harold} Stassen testified last April - when the Sub-Committee was considering the wisdom of those elevators. ~~The main point, the~~ ^{The} contract went to the high bidder, ^{and} Stassen is accused of being "uncooperative", when the ~~price~~ members of the Sub-Committee asked him about ^{it.} ~~that.~~ (They ended up by saying that he used bad business methods ^{and would have proceeded} ~~in wanting to go ahead with the contract.~~ ~~and he would have gone ahead with it,~~ except for the investigation - which, according to the Sub-Committee report, saved American taxpayers almost a million dollars.)

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But the Sub-Committee is not unanimous. Senator Bender of Ohio refused to sign the report - calling it "inaccurate and unfair". And Senator Mundt of South Dakota said the comparison of bids was not sensible - because details were different in each case.

HAMMARSKJOLD.

^{As we know U.N.}
~~United Nations~~ Secretary General, Dag
Hammarskjold, has been ^{visiting the explosive} ~~examining the main trouble~~
~~spots of the~~ Middle East. First, he conferred with
Premier Nasser in Cairo. Then he flew directly to
Tel Aviv, for a conference with Israeli diplomats.
^{Then} ~~Finally, he went~~ on to the old city of Jerusalem, which
is under control of Jordan.

^{And how does} ~~What does~~ the Secretary General ^{feel about it all?} ~~trip add up~~
^{The words he uses are} ~~of~~ He says, it's "continued optimism" ^{concerning} ~~about the~~
^{now} ~~chances for a settlement of Middle East antagonisms~~ differences.
He's continuing ^{Canada's} ~~his~~ discussions with General Burns, ~~of~~
~~Canada,~~ the head of the UN Armistice Commission.

INDIA

Violence in India spread to the State of Orissa - today. Mobs running wild, attacking government buildings and officials. They even burned several railroad stations. This, in continuing protest against the government plan for re-arranging the districts politically.

But Prime Minister Nehru said that program would go ahead anyway. He ordered troops into Orissa - to put down demonstrations - particularly in the city of Puri, on the Bay of Bengal. Puri is a holy city -, home of the god Jagganath, or Juggernaut - who dwells in a lofty phallic temple. The Black Pagoda, strangest of all the temples in India, is near Puri.

Bombay? Calm - after seven days of violence. The final toll there, for the week - seventy-one dead, and more than five hundred injured. But shops and schools are open again - and factory workers are back on the job. Life in teeming Bombay, almost back to normal.

JETS.

The world's fastest planes - added to the defense of NATO. Our Air Force announces that it ~~is~~ ^{over to Nato our latest} sending ¹super-sonic jet fighters - which hold the world's speed record of eight hundred and twenty-two miles an hour. They ^{as to} ~~will~~ ¹replace the older ^{and obsolete} ~~sabre~~ ¹ jets now on duty in Europe.

Moscow's voice of communism

~~The world's top Communist newspaper~~ today gave its

opinion of the coming talks between President Eisenhower and

Prime Minister Eden. Pravda, predicting that nothing much will

come of ~~those talks~~. *Intimating that Eden might as well* ~~don't~~ *come*

afraid of American influence in the Middle East ~~and so~~ *hence* the

two nations will not be able to work together in that area.

~~And that means, their influence becomes less afraid~~

~~every day - the Middle East, determined to throw off what Pravda~~

~~calls "the age of colonialism."~~

~~But Pravda does admit there will be some agreement
when Eisenhower meets Eden. The Moscow newspaper referring to~~

~~the Prime Minister's support of Secretary of State Dulles -~~

~~on the necessity of ruling out appeasement in dealing with the~~

~~Communist world. Pravda doesn't like that agreement - but admits~~

~~that it exists.~~

SULTAN

The Sultan of Morocco announces an amnesty for political prisoners. Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef - saying that ~~a hundred and fifty-seven~~ ^{— most of whom were given} will be released ~~in spite of~~ long sentences for anti-French activity.

^{All} ~~The~~ ^{who} prisoners were ~~all~~ sentenced during the Sultan's ~~in~~ ^{Even} exile. Before he returned, he demanded ^{such} ~~the~~ amnesty - and ~~the~~ Paris ~~government~~ agreed, in order to get him back on the throne, and in control of Moroccan nationalism.

^{Which explains} ~~That's the reason for~~ today's announcement from the palace in Rabat. The Sultan adds ^{ing} that he hopes the remaining political prisoners will be released soon - ^{all as a} ~~as another~~ move to keep the peace in the troubled French protectorate.

PASHA.

One of the most colorful men in the world died today. - the Pasha of Marrakesh. El Glaoui, who ruled ^{over} two million Berber tribesmen for more than forty years.

The Pasha never knew the exact date of his birth - it was in the late Eighteen Seventies. In Nineteen Twel~~ve~~ he became Pasha - when the Treaty with France was signed. At once he began ~~eliminating~~ ^{ing} rivals - ~~and he~~ often used the pretext that they were anti-French. He was so successful in this, that he became ^{just about} ~~one of~~ the most powerful ~~man~~ in Morrocco.

When France fell in Nineteen Forty, El Glaoui refused to allow Hitler's Armistice Commission to set foot in Marrakesh. After the war, he was prominent in ousting Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef. Then last year, he made an about-face - and paved the way for Ben Youssef's return.

All during those forty years, he resembled ~~a~~ ^{an oriental potentate right} ~~king straight~~ out of the "Arabian Nights." He had four palaces - with a harem in each. He owned half of

Marrakesh, houses and apartments in many other Morroccan cities, and fabulous oil and mining concessions in the Atlas Mountains. He had slaves, dancing girls, and solid gold ~~china~~ dishes. He once flew a troop of chorus girls from Paris to Marrakesh for a single performance. Once when he was visiting the French capital, he attended the Lido night club for twenty-seven nights in succession.

He liked big American cars, antique French furniture, and big combination safes for his gold and jewels. He was a ~~close~~ friend of many world statesmen, including Churchill.

But El Glaoui, the Pasha of Marrakesh, was not the ~~leader of all~~ *Sultan of all in* ~~only head of the Berbers.~~ He had to defer to the Sultan, and that was the reason for his humiliating journey to Paris - when he begged Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef to forgive him. We had the story then, of how El Glaoui prostrated himself at the feet of the Sultan - and said, "I am Your Majesty's slave, and ask forgiveness for the harm I have caused your Majesty." *Whereupon the Sultan permitted him to kiss the royal feet, which must have pained El Glaoui plenty.*

Observers in Marrakesh say, the humiliation broke El Glaoui's spirit. That he appeared seldom in public after that. Now the final announcement - El Gloui, Pasha of Marrakesh, head of the fierce Berbers, has departed for the delights of the Mohammedan paradise. And another colorful chapter in the history of Morocco comes to an end.

KORDA FOLLOW PASHA

And, another spectacular figure passes from the London scene, Sir Alexander Korda, a Hungarian who became a British knight. Korda, the producer who put the British movie industry on its feet.

Born in Budapest, sixty-two years ago, the son of a poor farmer, young Alec started work as a cub-reporter on a Budapest newspaper. He rose to the post of Night Editor - but, became fed up with journalism. He wanted to make motion pictures - the new art.

So he built himself a hut, turned out several films, and made his first hit with one called - "A Modern Dubarry." American scouts were interested, and Korda went to Hollywood. No success there, he left with only twenty dollars in his pocket, saying he was through with the U.S.A. or Hollywood, for good.

In London his luck was better, and he turned out many films - including a stunning success with

"The Private Life of Henry, the Eighth," ^{the one that} ~~it~~ made
^{This one} Charles Laughton famous, [^] was revived sixteen times in
America alone, and grossed over six million. ^{And} With
that picture, Korda put British films on the map. In
Nineteen Forty-Two, King George the Sixth knighted him
in recognition of ^{this. genius} ~~his work~~.

^{usually}
Sir Alexander Korda, [^] worked an eighteen-hour
day. ~~until recently.~~ He was about to leave with his
wife, for a vacation - when he died, today, of a heart
attack.

GANGSTER

Tonight, Miami police are searching for the former boss of Phoenix City, Alabama - the so-called "Sin City" that once was wide open for service men. Clarence Revel built up a gambling empire, in Phoenix City, ^{which he} ~~and~~ ruled ~~it~~ for a decade. He was accused of being implicated in the assassination of Albert Paterson, after Paterson had won the nomination for State Attorney General - on a pledge to clean up Alabama's "Sin City."

Shortly after ~~that~~ ^{the} murder, the National Guard moved in - and Clarence Revel fled. He's been under cover for more than a year. Recently, the police got word that he was living in Miami, under an assumed name. A squad of policemen rushed to the house. ^{fleeing} ~~But~~ Revel ~~fled just~~ as they pulled up. Tonight he's at large - and the warning is, he's armed and dangerous.

The most astonished person of the episode - the housewife living next door, ^{who said} she knew ^{him as a fine neighbor} ~~Clarence Revel as a~~ and respected member of the community. ^{So, she was} ~~And she says she was~~ surprised ^{absolutely shocked} to see him ~~suddenly~~ scurry from his home as the police arrived.

CULTURE

The Soviet Minister of Culture ~~is going~~ to visit America. Nikolai Mikailov, accepting an invitation from Robert Breen, producer of "Porgy and Bess". That Gershwin opera ~~we have heard, has~~ had an enormous success ~~during the~~ ⁱⁿ Russian tour - and Breen told

Mikailov he hoped the Russians would come to American for a first hand look at other American musicals. Now the ~~answer is~~ ^{word} - that the Minister of Culture, ^{will} ~~to~~ visit us in person. ~~To see our~~

~~theatre, music and ballet at first hand.~~

So, ^{Henry,} we must get ready to meet Nikolai Mikailov.