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LUXEMBOURG

One of the great reigns in the history of European royalty - has just ended. Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg stepping out - after forty-five years on the throne. Making way for her son - the Grand Duke.

The Grand Duchess was - still is - quite a person. It was she who brought stability back to her nation, and to her dynasty. In nineteen nineteen, in the wake of World War One - the dynasty was considered pro-German. But Charlotte came to the throne - determined to prove otherwise. Which - she did. Especially when she defied the Nazis, and headed a government-in-exile - during World War Two. . Then returning in triumph - four years later.

Her three hundred thousand subjects - will remember this sovereign for a long time. The Grand Duchess Charlotte - of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

JOHNSON

The word at the L. B. J. Ranch - is "fiesta", in the Mexican style. Sombreros, serapes, tortillas, barbecue - and a marimba band.

President Johnson, holding a fiesta in honor of - Mexico's President - elect, Diaz Ordaz, who today crossed the Rio Grande - into Texas, where he was welcomed by his host - with an "abrazo". A Latin - embrace, plus greetings - in Spanish.

Today - fiesta. Tomorrow - informal talks. Ranging across the spectrum - of hemispheric problems.

NATO

The strength of the Western alliance may depend on - the American plan for a Nato nuclear fleet. And - West Germany's decision on the plan.

Bonn has always been the staunchest European supporter - of Washington. The West Germans, anxious to participate - in a multi-national naval force. The British, on the other hand - have had their reservations. The French - downright hostile.

So what is Washington to make of - Bonn's request for a delay? One suggestion is that Chancellor Erhard bowed to pressure - from de Gaulle. But the State Department is taking - a more optimistic view. The view that West Germany simply wants to hear the new British plan - that is said to be coming up.

In any case, the American position remains - that Nato should have a nuclear fleet, Manned by - international crews. J

VIET NAM

In South Viet Nam, the problem is - apart from the war - to count the casualties. And - repair the damage. With the Flood waters - running off, the population, is streaming back from the hills - into the towns and villages of the coastal areas.

Casualties? Dead - more than one thousand. Injured - at least five thousand. Homeless - around one million.

COMMUNISM

In the Kremlin, the feeling must be - "Here we go again". With reference to - the change in Soviet personnel.

You may recall how Peking reacted - when Khrushchev destalinized Russia. Mao Tse-tung pointing out - that Khrushchev ^{himself} had been one of Stalin's henchmen. The same kind of gibe fits Brezhnev and Kosygin - who are blaming Khrushchev for all the blunders of the past six years. One Moscow source claims that Chou En-lai is insinuating the point with Chinese delicacy. The point that B and K helped Khrushchev - make those blunders.

What does Chou - have in mind? Apparently to keep the new Soviet leaders off balance - while they are trying to establish their authority. And maneuver them into - a stronger condemnation of Khrushchev. This in the interest of - a letup in destalinization.

[There are many ways of looking at - the Moscow talks:- An end to - public polemics, Continued

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antagonism - between Russia and Red China, with all the variations - in between. But from one Moscow source we hear that Chou En-lai is clearly the superior of B and K - when it comes to Leninist dialectics.

NUCLEAR

Two reports from Washington tonight - one - a warning. The other - a promise.

The warning concerns research to harness the violence of the hydrogen bomb - and turn it into electrical power. Paul McDaniel of the A. E. C. estimates - that the Russians are ahead of us in this field, mainly because of - concentrated effort. It's in this field that forty percent of all research is being done, by Soviet scientists. With us less than twenty-five percent.

So we'll have to get a move on if we want to be the first to get our electricity - from thermonuclear fusion.

WEATHER

Through much of the East and Midwest tonight nightmare memories of the Dust Bowl. No one who lived through the drought of the Thirties - will ever forget it. Farmers, praying for rain -as the wind whipped their topsoil away in gigantic dust storms. The migration of the Okies - to California. The "Grapes of Wrath" - and so on.

Although we haven't a repetition of that, the present drought has produced disaster areas - from New England to the Rockies. Reservoirs down, wells drying up. Crops - withering. Forest fires erupting.

Among the hardest hit - Illinois. Where forester Max Lane - puts the danger in these words. "If the drought conditions continue - we are going to start losing ten thousand acres at a whack".

HUTCHINSON

Fred Hutchinson - a big bear of a man, a six-foot, two hundred pounder - who could keep the toughest ball players in line. His temper - it was legendary in fact - both leagues.

Hutch was a star pitcher - for thirteen years. Manager of the Tigers in the American League - in Nineteen Fifty-Two. Seven years later, boss of the Cincinnati Reds - in the National League. And in Nineteen Sixty-One -- he led the Reds to the pennant. A year ago - he seemed in great shape. Only to have a check-up reveal - a malignancy in his chest.

It's hard to think of rugged Fred Hutchinson cut down by cancer. Dead - in Bradenton, Florida - at the age of forty-five. One of the most popular men in our National sport.

CENTENARIANS

We've had a lot of stories in the past - about people living to be a hundred. But this is the first I can recall - of a married couple. — *both made it.*

Place - Azerbaijan in the Soviet Union. An area that seems to specialize in - the Methuselah type. This time - a pair of centenarians. Nazir and Gechak Shakbaz are both - one hundred and nineteen. And, they are celebrating - their hundred and third wedding anniversary.

I don't know which is more astonishing - about this couple. The fact that they were born - in Eighteen Forty-Five. Or ~~the fact~~ that they were married - in Eighteen Sixty-Four.

— *Dieh* —

In Soviet Azerbaijan - Methuselah and his wife. —

Nazir and Gechak Shakbaz.

VOLCANO

Kamchatka Peninsula at the eastern end of Soviet Siberia - is rocking tonight. Literally - rocking. Because Mount Shiveluch - has blown its top. The volcano, erupting - in a cataclysm of fire and ashes. Molten lava - pouring over the rim of the crater. A column of dense black smoke - towering into the sky. The ground - split by the shifting of the rocks. The roar of Shiveluch echoing and re-echoing - along the ^{remote} Peninsula of Kamchatka,

Volcanic activity in a place famous for - this kind of geological violence. Kamchatka - in Siberia.