

L.T. OLDS - FISHER WEDNESDAY JULY 24, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

Still no details on that test ban treaty - not yet. Gromyko, Harriman and Hailsham were still smiling today - but no explaining. Have they initialed a test ban treaty? We are left guessing.

COMMUNISTS

Meanwhile the iron curtain countries were holding a summit conference of their own today.

Meeting in Moscow with Premier Khrushchev. Top men from Bulgaria, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Mongolia.

This summit meeting ostensibly is a meeting of the Council of Mutual Economical Assistance, which is the Soviet bloc's Common Market. The word from Moscow is that it's members are expected to come up with a loud endorsement of Premier Khrushchev's break with Red China. Also some arrangements for greater political and economic unity - which would help counter the idealogical challenge from the Red Chinese bloc.

The boss of the Kremlin is said to be pleased because Rumania and Mongolia - are represented at the conference. Rumania - recently bickering with Khrushchev over its industrial development, and Mongolia, which was wooed by both Red China and Russia - until it chose to draw nearer Russia last year.

RAILS

THE MAJOR RAILROADS WERE ASKED TODAY BY
CHAIRMAN OREN HARRIS OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE -
TO POSTPONE THEIR NEW WORK RULES FOR ANOTHER THIRTY
DAYS. CONGRESS, HE SAID, NEEDS MORE TIME TO STUDY
PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S COMPLEX LEGISLATION - DESIGNED TO
SOLVE THE RAIL CRISIS.

THE RAILROAD'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, J. E. WOLFE,
SAYS THEY WILL GIVE CONGRESSMAN HARRIS THEIR ANSWER -
TOMORROW.

CUBA

Castro today issued a strange decree. He expropriated the United States Embassy in Havana. This move on Castro's part is believed to be - unprecedented in the history of modern diplomacy.

The reason for it - the recent freezing by this country of Cuban government accounts in American banks. So Castro lashes out wildly in retaliation.

The Swiss, who look after American interests in Cuba, are reported to have told Castro that - the decree violates the nineteen sixty-one Vienna United Nations conference on diplomatic relations, which his government signed.

NIXON

THERE ARE SOME THINGS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN CAN DO - WHICH WOULDN'T BE EASY FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A. A POINT ILLUSTRATED BY FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON TODAY WHEN HE WALKED INTO - EAST BERLIN. MR. NIXON, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTERS, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT - SAID HE WANTED TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND. WHICH HE DID. SETTING OUT FROM CHECK POINT CHARLIE, ON A WALKING TOUR OF THE CITY - WITH A RETINUE OF NEWSMEN IN TOW. THE FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT INTERESTED IN COMPARING CONDITIONS IN EAST GERMANY - WITH THOSE IN BUDAPEST, WARSAW AND MOSCOW.

INCIDENTALLY, DURING HIS TOUR MR. NIXON

CHALLENGED COMMUNIST NEWSMEN. - ~~ATTACKING THE UNITED STATES~~

As he put it:-
~~TELLING THEM THAT~~ "IN THE WEST - WE DON'T MURDER PEOPLE

AS YOU DO." "YOU MURDER PEOPLE - GETTING OVER THE WALL."^{ca}

Reply from
~~THE ANSWER OF~~ THE RED NEWSMEN? - SILENCE!

INTEGRATION

James Meredith, the negro student at the University of Mississippi - is losing his army escort.

The army feels that tension has now decreased to the point that - a smaller bodyguard will be sufficient. And it has ordered the withdrawal of the hundred and fifty soldiers still guarding Meredith - on the campus.

So the soldiers - all that remain - of the thirty thousand strong, who moved in last fall to quell the rioting over Meredith's admission - are breaking camp.

How does Meredith feel about it? He says the army knows best.

DAMASCUS

Syria is so displeased with Nasser of Egypt since last week's unsuccessful revolt in Damascus - that it may now seek Union with Iraq. So says Doctor Sami al Jundi, Syria's Minister of information, who today told newsmen that Nasser has, as he put it :- "retreated from Arab unity".

The Syrians blame last week's revolt on Nasser. From Egypt Nasser is accusing Syria of being - one big concentration camp. Also of trying to blow up his plan for a Syrian-Iraqi- Egyptian Federation.

Reports tonight say that shooting has broken out again - in Damascus, and that the Syrian Air force with Soviet MIG jets is patrolling the skies over the city.

KOREA

The longest truce in ~~the~~ history is being celebrated on its thirteenth anniversary today - by the United Nations Command in Korea.

Some are beginning to wonder how much longer - the command there will hold together. Only three countries of the original sixteen - still have troops in Korea: - Thailand, Turkey and the U.S.A. - with Thailand and Turkey - anxious to pull out.

PORTUGAL

In the U.N. today, Portugal's Foreign Minister Alberto Nogueira replied to the charges of - Tunisia, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Madagascar, the African nations that are asking Portugal to get out of Africa.

For Minister Nogueira is inviting them all - to come to Portuguese Africa, and see for themselves - what conditions are like. He says :- Portugal has nothing to hide!

EARHART

This was another exciting day in the history of stamps and it has to do with a bit of aviation history. The stamp? To commemorate the sixty-fifth birthday of Amelia Earhart. What would have been her sixty-fifth birthday - if she hadn't been lost in the Pacific, along with navigator Fred Noonan. That was back in nineteen thirty-seven. This unusual girl - who was a friend of mine - - I am sure she would be pleased the Amelia Earhart stamps were put into circulation today - by the ninety-niners, the licensed Lady Pilots of America. These hi-flying gals taking off from Atchison, Kansas for Post Offices around the country. Atchison - where the lovely and adventuresome Amelia Earhart was born sixty-five years ago today.

SAUCER

Can you endure another flying saucer story?

This one - from Wiltshire, England. Farmer boy Blanchard, reporting - that a flying saucer landed in his barley field. He says it dove under ground. Leaving a crater twenty feet long - and eight feet wide, where it is still burrowing a tunnel through the earth like a mole beneath his barley. Farmer Blanchard gives us more details. He says this flying saucer is in fact a space ship from the planet Uranus - with a crew aboard; a crew of Uranian spacemen who, on their way across the solar system, made a detour that took them right into Roy's barley field. Wonder if Farmer Roy Blanchard now and then visits the local pub over there in Wiltshire?

It's all yours, Dick

SKI

Skiing at Aspen, Colorado may be unionized - because it's so popular. Aspen, drawing down a gross income - of more than seven hundred thousand dollars a year. Enough, we hear, to meet the standard set by the National Labor Relations Board - which has ordered an election to see if the employees want a union.

Does this mean the ski world will soon have its Harvey Bridges, its Jas. Joffa - its John L. Lewis - on skis?

K2 mountain climber Bob Craig - from Aspen - is here with me in the Redwoods. Mebbe they'll tap Bob - and make him the Jas. Petrillo or the Walter Teuther of the high Rockies.