

FORMOSA *L. P. Deleo* Mon. Mar. 14 - '55.

The Chinese Nationalists <sup>are celebrating on Formosa today.</sup> announce - an air victory

against a fleet of Communist war vessels. Eleven - sunk.

Three gunboats - and seven armed junks.

The Red fleet consisted of more than seventy craft.

Sighted - southeast of the mainland port of Amoy. Outside of

which harbor - is the island of Quemoy, that critical point

held by the Nationalists. Today's dispatch says - the armada was

headed for Quemoy.

Chiang Kai-shek warplanes attacked - in the face of

heavy anti-aircraft fire from the nearby coast. But they

bombed the vessels on the surface with ~~an~~ deadly effect. All

warplanes - returning safe to their bases on Formosa.

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Substitute YALTA

The State Department made a sudden switch, tonight, in the face of Democratic protests in Congress. The argument - concerning documents pertaining to the Yalta Conference. Including - secret memoranda from that famous Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting.

Earlier in the day, the State Department announced - that copies would be sent on to Congressional Committees. But - strictly confidential. Not - to be made public.

Two years ago, the Eisenhower Administration said - it would publish the entire Yalta record. But that plan was changed. Secretary Dulles decided against it "for reasons which <sup>he said,</sup> involve our national security and our relations with other powers."

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Meaning, that a disclosure of the secret memoranda would be embarrassing. Instead, they hit upon a sort

of compromise - planning to send the Yalta documents to Congressional Committees. For their own information - but not for publication.

Today, the Democrats immediately let out a roar. Speaker of the House, Congressman Sam Rayburn argued: "You can't give these documents to forty or fifty people and expect them to remain secret." Other Democrats declared - they wouldn't receive the documents. Some suggested the best thing would be - <sup>to</sup> ~~they~~ make the Yalta record public.

In the face of the uproar, the State Department executed a quick change. Announcing, tonight, that the Yalta documents would be sent on to Congressional Committees only if a Committee requested them.

INDO-CHINA

The political crisis in southern Viet Nam is - worse than ever. Following - an assassination attempt against a powerful political figure, the Governor of Southern Viet Nam. He had a narrow escape, when a time bomb planted under his automobile exploded, as he was about to get into the car.

This is blamed on two religious sects, bitterly hostile to Premier Diem. The assassination attempt - interpreted as a declaration of war on their part. Today, Premier Diem ordered forces of loyal troops to the city of Saigon - to guard against a possible revolt, <sup>by the religious sects</sup>

PUERTO RICO

It's revealed in Washington that Congressman Bow of Ohio cancelled a trip to Puerto Rico last autumn, when the F.B.I. informed him of a plot against him. Three assassins - assigned to kill him, in Puerto Rico. Congressman Bow planned the trip to the island - on some business for the Interior Committee of the House. But, hearing that from the F.B.I., he called it off.

The plot to kill him - hatched by the fanatical nationalist party. The same outfit behind acts of terrorism in Washington. The attempt to kill President Truman - and, later, the shooting up of Congress.

This is now revealed by Committee Chairman, Congressman Engle of California, who adds - that Committee members are not likely to plan trips to Puerto Rico in the near future.

## NEPAL

They had a coronation, in the kingdom of Nepal, today.  
His Majesty Mahendra, succeeding to the throne of his father.  
Who died, over the weekend, in Switzerland. King Tribhuvana  
had gone to Europe for medical treatment. Which - was  
unavailing.

One singular feature is - the question of ages.  
King Tribhuvana died at the age of forty-nine. His son - is  
thirty-five. Which means - the father was only fourteen years  
older than the son. ~~They married young in Nepal~~  
~~Nepal~~

Tribhuvana was wedded when he was thirteen - taking  
two wives, two sisters. One - eleven. The other - nine. ~~Nepal~~  
Royalty marries young - in far off Nepal.  
~~survived by the two wives, his son, taking the throne in~~  
~~far off Nepal~~

## PRINCESS

Today, for the first time, Captain Peter Townsend made a direct statement - about Princess Margaret. In Brussels, where he has a diplomatic post, the Captain declared - if the Princess has any intention to marry him, he doesn't know anything<sup>h</sup> about it. He put it in these words: "The Princess has made no such decision known to me - nor have I any reason to believe that she has made such a decision."

Meanwhile, over the weekend, a prelate of the Church of England, is reported - as making a declaration on the subject of the possible marriage of the Princess and Captain Townsend, who is divorced. Dr. Alfred Blunt, Bishop of Bradford is quoted as saying: "The legitimate church attitude would be - against such a marriage." Reason - a question of divorce.

It was the Bishop of Bradford, by the way, who nearly twenty years ago, broke the ecclesiastical silence on the subject of King Edward the Eighth and Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson. The declaration from the Bishop was followed by the sequence of events - in that famous abdication.

## ROME SUBWAY

Rome has a new subway, and yesterday was - the big day. The tube starts out in the middle of the Eternal City, and ends nowhere. The final terminus - in an open field, out in the country. But that's what made yesterday the big day. Sunday - a fine time for an outing. So people took the subway - to that rural scene. Fifty thousand of them.

The trouble was - that all fifty thousand took it into their heads to go home at about the same time. Sun-down! ~~The~~ result - a subway jam, the like of which <sup>maybe</sup> not even New York has ever seen.

Mobs jammed on the platform - people in danger of being pushed off onto the tracks. The crush - so <sup>terrific</sup> ~~bad~~ the attendants refused to sell any more tickets. Which enraged the Romans on the outside. One train broke down. The electric power for the whole subway line failed - for a quarter of an hour. Rome hadn't seen any confusion like it - since the Ides of March.



WALL STREET

Wall Street had the worst break of stock prices,  
today - since the collapse of Nineteen Twenty-Nine. In the  
rush of selling, the ticker tape ran ~~as x m u c h a s x m i n e x s e c o n d s~~  
behind - with stock prices tumbling all over the place. Later  
in the day, the market ended with a rally - which reduced the  
total of losses. But, just the same, three billion dollars in  
values were wiped out in the day's trading. Bringing a total  
loss of more than ten billion - since last Monday.

## STOCK MARKET

The Stock Market investigation brought a statement from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board - William McChesney Martin. Who, today - spoke in opposition to suggestions that all trading in the Stock Market should be put on a cash basis.

Right now, there's a margin requirement of - sixty per cent. Some think - it should be raised to one hundred per cent. But the Federal Reserve Chairman argued - that this would only discourage capital investments. Thereby injuring - the national economy. He doubted, moreover, whether an "all cash basis" for trading would eliminate "excesses" in speculation.

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Over the weekend I made a rather hurried flight all the way to Southern Florida - and everywhere I saw signs of prosperity. In Charleston So. Carol., on a visit to Gen. "Mark Clark" at the Citadel - which is a far more impressive military college than I realized. And - in Florida - things are really booming there.

PROVOO

A Federal Court in Baltimore has dismissed the treason charges against former Sergeant David Provo. Accused of collaborating with the Japanese, while a prisoner-of-war in World War Two. Provo was convicted, but the trial was reversed on a technicality by the Federal Court of Appeals. Provo - still kept in prison, without bail.

So now - Federal Judge Roszel Thomsen rules - that Provo, held in prison for five years, has not been granted a speedy trial. As guaranteed in the United States Constitution, the Sixth Amendment. Treason charge dismissed.

SUPREME COURT

Today, the Supreme Court ruled - in favor of Jehovah's Witnesses. Their status as "conscientious objectors" is upheld. The court saying - they may be excused from military service, on religious grounds.

This is in the case of one member of the sect, who was convicted of draft evasion in Chicago. But, in his plea to the court, he did not pose - as a pacifist. He did not say he was against all war. On the contrary, the ~~document~~ argument was that Jehovah's Witnesses would fight in a war "on orders from Jehovah." They<sup>a</sup> are quite ready to fight in the Battle of Armageddon, in the war between the powers of good and evil - as prophesied in the Bible.

NIXON.

Vice President Nixon made a blunt address to California Republicans, today. Returning from his trip to Latin America, the Vice President estimated Republican chances in these words: "The Republican Party is not strong enough, today, to elect a President. We have to have a man who is strong enough to elect the party." He said they cannot win in Nineteen Fifty-Six - without President Eisenhower for a candidate.

ROSES

Washington is having its annual Flower and Garden Show. The perfume - enough to make people swoon with ecstasy. Anyway, United Press Correspondent Harman Nichols virtually swoons - as he tells it.

A new kind of rose - on display. Called - "Love Song." Sponsored by Mrs. Gordon Fisher, of Woburn, Massachusetts. Who explains the name by saying: "A beautiful rose is like a Love Song."

This new flower is two colors. The rose petals are yellow on the outside, the color of scrambled eggs. On the inside - a salmon pink. So that's the "Love Song" - scrambled eggs and salmon. Rose

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An expert, Mrs. Fisher says: "Roses are like people. There are millions and millions of roses in the world," <sup>Hugh</sup> but no two of them are alike. They all have personalities."

~~Well, I once knew a girl named Rose, and didn't she have a personality.~~

## FIRE PLUG

Pat Moriarity, on Sixth Avenue, in New York had found a clever way to keep automobiles from parking in front of his chop house. Pat comes from Ireland, and they must be smart - in County Kerry.

As we all know, it's against the law to park a car - in front of a fire plug. One of Pat's customers is a stage-hand at a nearby theatre, and he provided - an imitation fire plug, a stage prop. So, every day at about six P.M. - Pat would have the doorman put the phoney fire plug out in front. Which certainly kept the cars from parking. Then, at about nine, when the rush was over, the stage prop was brought back in.

Well, at Moriarity's, a cop came along and saw a car parked in front of that alleged fire plug. He made out a ticket, attached it to the automobile. Then - went his way.

Inside, Pat noticed the cop making out the ticket, and saw him put it on the car. You can imagine his feelings. He had the stage prop fire plug brought in.

Later on, that same cop passed by. He gaped in amazement - no fire plug. The cop thought - he must be having a delusion. Maybe he was wrong about the place. He went his way - a badly puzzled policeman.

The Irish are noted for their courage - especially in County Kerry, so next evening, Pat put the phoney fire plug out in front again. Keeping the cars from parking.

But then - along came that same cop. He gazed and couldn't believe his eyes. There -was the fire plug. He thought he was going out of his wits - magic, enchantment, gremlins, - the Little People at work. The cop went over to the apparition, and pushed it. The fire plug moved. He took hold of it, and up it came.

By now, that was one indignant policeman - and into Moriarity's he went. Confronting Pat - who, by now, was a much embarrassed Irishman.

Now the case comes up before Judge Murtagh, described as a stern Irishman. Was Pat guilty of obstructing that



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sidewalk of New York? The case - the hearing, has been  
set for - St. Patrick's Day!