

HURRICANE

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Along the Louisiana-Texas coast, ~~there was~~ plenty

of activity today. People evacuating their homes near the shore - moving inland, taking refuge on higher ground.

This time, they are taking heed of the warnings - telling of the approach of hurricane Bertha. Remembering what happened six weeks ago - when Hurricane Audrey created so much havoc in that same area. Partly because - the people in low lying areas ^{THEN} did not act promptly / When the Weather Bureau warned against the tropical storm - pushing dangerous tides onto the coast.

Tonight, Hurricane Bertha is scheduled to strike near the mouth of the Sabine River - the Louisiana-Texas border. Winds up to eighty miles an hour have been clocked - but the hurricane is now showing signs of losing force. Prospects are that the havoc will be minimized - by the quick evacuation from endangered areas.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Civil Rights battle is on -in the House of Representatives. Today, Democratic speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas led off by recommending - that the House okay the Senate version of the bill. With - one possible change. Whereupon, the Democratic leadership endorsed the Senate bill - with its amendment guaranteeing jury trials in racial cases.

They challenged the Republicans to join in passing the measure. But the G O P leaders rejected that - insisting on a joint conference to work out what they called, "a genuine civil rights bill", as demanded by President Eisenhower.

So, it's all snarled up in a partisan fight. With the Democrats charging - that the Republicans would like to put the civil rights issue off until next year, Congressional election year. Hoping to gain - political advantage.

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ADD CIVIL RIGHTS

This evening, the Democratic leaders in the House drafted a compromise jury trial amendment. ~~Now~~ Making an effort to produce a bill that will meet President Eisenhower's views. They hope the President will accept a jury trial proviso more moderate than the amendment adopted by the Senate.

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ATOMIC

President Eisenhower won a major victory in the House of Representatives, today - when the legislators rejected a Democratic amendment. The Democrats wanted a clause - ordering the Administration to build seven atomic reactors to produce electricity.

The bill, providing three hundred and sixty-six million dollars for both military and peaceful atomic development, brought up the old fight - public versus private power. The Democrats thinking - the government should go into the atomic power business. The administration - wanting a "partnership" arrangement with private enterprise. Today's vote in the House - a victory for that ^{administration} view.

RACKETS

The Senate rackets committee, today, had evidence - that a union gave alleged racketeer Johnny Dio sixteen thousand dollars to get out of its New York local, The old A F L auto workers organization - not the big C I O union. Retiring President Earl Heaton said - Dio had the sixteen thousand dollars coming for expenses. But he admitted - he never saw any proof of this.

The committee was also told that union secretary Anthony Doria was paid eighty thousand dollars to resign. They wanted him out because he was under fire on charges of corruption. Money due him - as compensation for the unexpired part of his term.

Still another official, Angelo Inciso, head of the Chicago local, was charged with corruption, so they let him take out of the union - his local and its three hundred thousand dollar treasury. Whereupon committee counsel John Kennedy remarked - that this union official ^{in fact} was handed three hundred thousand dollars, to get out.

STEEL

The U S Steel Corporation denies - that there was any countrywide agreement between steel companies for a price raise. On July First, they all hiked the price of steel - six dollars a ton. The identical figure for all the companies, raising suspicions.

Today, Roger Blough, Chairman of the U.S. Steel, told Senator investigators.- he didn't even talk the matter over with other producers. He said he supposed they arrived at the same figure - because all the companies have the same labor costs. Hence - the same price hike.

At the same time, the A F L - C I O was denying that the increase in the price of steel can be attributed to an increase in the cost of labor.

SPIES

Two convicted spies were sentenced in New York, today. Mrs. Myra Soble and Jacob Albam - getting terms of five and a half years in prison. The death sentence would have been possible - but they pleaded guilty, and got off lightly. The other defendant in the case, Jack Soble, will be sentenced later.

Meanwhile, in the most recent affair of espionage, Rudolf Ivanovich Abel was being held without bail - accused of being a Soviet master spy. Brought from Texas to New York, he looked more like a hobo than the kind of secret agent you see in the movies.

QUEEN

The White House, today, released a partial schedule - for the visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in October. It includes five formal dinners, a full dress ball - and a football game. The gridiron clash - to be the one between the University of Maryland and the University of North Carolina.

Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty explains - that, with the royal couple stopping at the White House, a nearby game was chosen. Maryland and North Carolina meeting - at College Park, Maryland, not far from Washington.

SOVIET POLICY

News from the world of diplomacy becomes melodramatic - with a good old theme familiar to mystery stories. Who is Mr. X? In Washington, agencies of U S Intelligence have been ordered - find out about a mysterious character in Moscow.

Today's dispatch says that President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles are puzzled - by the way Moscow diplomacy has been handled of late. Russian diplomatic notes - unusually well written. Moscow moves on the chessboard of statecraft - more clever than ever before.

So they believe - some new figure must have arisen behind the scene in the Moscow Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They're sure the improvement is not the doing of Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who is - a heavy-handed, sour character. There must be somebody - more flexible and smarter. A Mr. X. behind the scenes in Moscow.

KHRUSHCHEV

Soviet boss

Using a term of show business, /Khrushchev played to empty seats, today. At Leipzig, a "mass rally" was called - to give the Russian communist boss a big ovation. Platoons of the Red militia and the Communist youth organization - were marched in. But the Leipzigers showed no sign of thronging in in vast numbers.

The huge stadium will seat a hundred thousand people.

Two thirds of the seats - empty.

Khrushchev made the usual kind of bombastic speech.

But, as the phrase goes - he played to empty seats.

MOSCOW - YOUTH

Fifteen Americans attending the world youth festival in Moscow will visit Red China - at the expense of the Chinese Communists. Twenty five others have been offered a trip - if they'll pay one hundred and sixty dollars each in travel expenses.

Of course, the United States government has a ban on travel by Americans to Red China. In Moscow today, the U.S. Embassy reports - that none of the Americans ^{has} ~~have~~ asked about passport regulations. Which they'll be violating - if they go to China.

EGYPT

A strange story - from Cairo, where the Egyptian police declare they found a large quantity of narcotics - in the automobile driven by two Canadian members of the United Nations Emergency force. The U N outfit - sent over to establish peace, after the British, French, Israeli invasion of Egypt last year.

The Egyptian account says - the two Canadians stopped at a check-point on the highway near Ismailia, in the Suez Canal zone, where police inspected their car, found sixty-eight pounds of opium and eighty-three pounds of hashish.

The matter was turned over to top officials of the U N Emergency force, and an investigation is on. The two Canadian members, we hear, signed statements - admitting that the narcotics were found in their automobile. But they say - they haven't any idea of how the opium and hashish got there.

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ARABIA

Britain accuses Russia of supplying armament and instructors - to the Yemen. London stating, today - that six shiploads of weapons, including tanks and planes, have been landed, together with military men to teach the Yemenites how to use all that war material.

London regards this with alarm - as the Yemen has long been feuding with Britain along the vague borders of the protectorate of Aden.

On the other side of southern Arabia, skirmishes are now reported between troops of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman, and rebels of the Imam of Oman. The British, as protectors of the Sultan, have been conducting air action against the insurgents. Now followed - by ground action. Today's dispatch stating - that sporadic shooting has begun.

A later dispatch states that the Sultan's troops are encountering heavy resistance.

CUBA

The insurrection in Cuba is now spreading - to the center of the island. This is revealed in a communique from the Batista government, itself. Telling of clashes with rebels in the Province of Las Villas. Which is - in the middle of Cuba.

Hitherto, the revolutionary movement, headed by Fidel Castro, had been confined, apparently, to the Province of Oriente, the eastern tip of Cuba.

FOREIGN AID PROGRAM

The new head of the foreign aid program - James H. Smith, Jr., a Colorado rancher. Named by President Eisenhower - to succeed John B. Hollister. New Director Smith was formerly a special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy. Recently - the operator of the North Star Ranch near Aspen, Colorado.

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MEXICAN

From San Antonio, Texas, we have a story - of wisdom worthy of Solomon. Of sagacity - worthy of Sherlock Holmes. Related by Carlos Rosales - chief of the complaint section of the District Attorney's office.

He tells how Pedro, a Mexican laborer, came to file a complaint. Pedro lived in a corral occupied by fifteen families. He said he left his wallet, with seventy dollars, in one room. Then, when he came back for it - the wallet was gone.

The chief of the complaint section told him - it would be virtually impossible to find the money, among fifteen families in the corral.

Whereupon Pedro replied: "I do something about it myself."

So what did he do? That's where the wisdom and sagacity come in. Pedro wrote a note, and placed it in the room where his wallet had been swiped. A note that said -

"I know you stole my money, but that is all right.
It is worth it. I have been making dates with your wife."

Whereupon Pedro waited, and presently his wife
called. "Pedro, come quick, Juan is beating Maria!"

So Pedro strolled over - to watch Juan beating Maria.

When Juan saw Pedro, he shouted: "You're the
scoundrel who has been making dates with my wife!"

"And you," replied Pedro, "are the thief who stole
my seventy dollars."

An investigation disclosed - that Juan still had the
wallet with the seventy bucks. Which was given back to Pedro.

^{JOE}
And the echo resounds ^{BUT} - a poor Maria!

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BASEBALL

At Ponca City, Oklahoma, a ^{MINOR} ~~high~~ league baseball game was on. A team from Ardmore - playing the local Ponca City nine. Four hundred fans were watching - as in the top of the second inning Ardmore scored a run. Player Manager J. C. Dunn crossing the plate.

He walked over to the dug out, and there was a sound - of pistol shots. Player Manager Dunn - ^{HIT} ~~hit~~ by two bullets. Which struck him in the leg and the back - injuring him severely. The other ball players hit the dirt - seeing a man with a pistol blazing away.

The gunman, arrested at once, turns out to be - a porter at a local hotel - where the Ardmore players were stopping. The porter, it seems, had been in a fight with several Ardmore players, and had got into an argument with Dunn. So, in revenge, he attended the ball game - with a gun.

This is Walter Cronkite, for Lowell Thomas, saying So Long Until Monday.