

A British hydrogen bomb was exploded in the Christmas Island area, today. Number Three of the series - and the last.

The official announcement in London gives no details, merely stating: "This third explosion completes this series of tests." Which might indicate - that Britain ~~is~~ has perfected its hydrogen bomb armament.

EISENHOWER DISARMAMENT

President Eisenhower, today, ~~did~~ declared - he would be "perfectly delighted" to agree to a temporary suspension of the testing of H-bombs and other atomic weapons. As a first step - to outlawing them completely. As has been proposed by Soviet Russia - at the disarmament conference in London.

The Presidential remarks might seem to indicate - a departure from the previous American position. Which has been - that an abolition of testing should be combined with a halt in the production of atomic materials for weapons.

Later, White House Secretary Hagerty explained that the President was not indicating - a departure from previous policy.

SOVIET SUBMARINES

London thinks - that a couple of the Soviet submarines given to Egypt, may be manned by Russian crews. Their purpose - to shadow American and British fleets in the Mediterranean.

Today, the commander of the American Sixth Fleet said - if the report is true, it will cause a revamping of western naval strategy in the Mediterranean. Admiral Brown adding - that it would take at least a year for Egypt to ~~build~~ build ^{up} *any sort of* submarine service. Which would seem to jibe with the reports - that a couple of the subs are manned by Russian crews.

POLAND

Holiday scenes in Warsaw, today. Thousands of people - singing, laughing, rejoicing. Crowds ~~at~~ at the Warsaw railroad station - giving a "welcome-home" to Cardinal Wyszynski, primate of Poland.

The prelate - returning from Rome, where he received the red hat of a cardinal, ^{and where he} ~~and~~ had long conferences - with ~~the~~ Pope, ~~Plus the Twelfth~~. Concerning relations - between the church and the Communist government of Poland.

Later in the day, three thousand people jammed into the church of St. John, where Cardinal Wyszynski made an address. All ears - waiting to hear what he would say. He was cautious on the subject of politics, the Red government of Poland, the new state of semi-freedom. But he made his opinion clear.

"We are linked with Roman culture," said the Cardinal.

"We will not build barriers against the West."

Which merely repeated an historic fact - that the Poles are Slavs, aligned with western ~~R~~ Europe.

EISENHOWER LEGISLATION

President Eisenhower indicates - that the White House may recommend legislation to offset the recent Supreme Court rulings. Which restrict government prosecutions and congressional investigations. Particularly - in cases of Communism.

There's a furore in Congress, with the legislators decrying ~~the~~ decisions, which would compel the Department of Justice to reveal confidential reports of the F.B.I. And - would force congressional investigators to narrow the field of questions, asked of witnesses.

Today, the President told his news conference, *that* the Department of Justice is considering the question of asking Congress for legislation - to get around the rulings of the court.

EISENHOWER TROUBLES

At his news conference, today, President Eisenhower gave two examples of the ~~dis~~ disadvantages of being President.

A reporter asked him what he thought about when he was ill - recently. To which the President replied - that, when he had that mild attack of indigestion - he meditated on one angle. That, if he has an upset stomach - it causes a collapse of the stock market, and other disturbances.

The other disadvantage of being President is that he can't make a wisecrack - without being taken seriously. A presidential quip - regarded, perhaps, as a solemn proclamation. Which reflection was evoked, when a newsman asked about a rather ~~startling~~ startling report. That the President had suggested - turning the National Post Office over to private industry. Let a commercial firm deliver the mails.

The President looked astonished, and then recalled - that, at a social gathering with Republican congressmen, he ~~is~~

made a wisecrack - in discussing the way Congress was cutting funds ~~fr~~ for the Post Office Department. The President remarking facetiously - that he would like to see how a private firm made out if it tried to run the postal service on this year's appropriation.

So the report got out - that the President was ~~thinkin~~ thinking of turning the mail service over to a business concern.

BAKERS UNION

The President of the Bakers Union, today, gave an explanation of the good looking ~~xx~~ brunette, who has been described as his girl friend. The brunette - said to have been favored with union money.

Bakery worker President James E. Cross told a Congressional committee, today that Kay Lower was, in reality, a secret organizer for the union. Employed in Los Angeles - for unorthodox work in unionizing bakery workers.

The Senate Investigators pointed out - that he reimbursed the union for money spent on telephone calls to and from Mrs. Lower. Twenty-five hundred dollars' worth of Long Distance calls. So, if the lady was an under-cover organizer in the employ of the union - why wouldn't the union pay for the telephone calls? Why would union President Cross do the paying?

He explained that, last March, he learned that Mrs. Lower - had a Los Angeles record. First ~~he~~ he ever knew

of it. The police record including such charges as grand theft, drunken ~~xi~~ driving, and prostitution.

So he wanted to spare the union the shame of having employed her. Kicking in with ~~xxx~~ the twenty-five hundred dollars for long distance telephone calls - to save the name of the union.

"It was better," said he, "for me to suffer the consequences than to have the union charged with hiring that type of person."

COLLISION

Disaster at sea - a ship collision, off the western tip of France. The American oil tanker, "Stony Point" - rammed by a Greek freighter. Both ships - catching fire. The tanker, turned swiftly - into a mass of flames. At least eleven lives lost - among seventy-seven members of two crews.

The waters off the western coast of Brittany, are among the most dangerous in the world. Treacherous currents - and a prevalence of blinding fog. Today's collision occurred in fog - which impeded rescue operations.

WEATHER

The battle between the cold front and the heat wave - coming to an explosive climax. Weather forecasters predicting a barrage of heavy thunderstorms. As masses of cool air keep on thrusting forward, finally breaking through - the mass of heated atmosphere. Wind and rain, thunder and lightning - especially for New England.

The heat wave in southern California - easing off a little today. Yesterday, Los Angeles had a record-breaking one hundred and four. A few points less - today.

Los Angeles - ringed by fire and smoke. Hundreds of brush fires - breaking out in the mountains around the city.

BASEBALL

Big league baseball - considering a drastic change.

A proposal - presented by baseball commissioner Ford Frick.

Who says - he believes the change will be considered favorably by the big league^s, at the next meeting.

The purpose - to meet one line of criticism. The way a ball club will keep a player in the minor leagues, indefinitely. Assigning him - to a "farm club". Merely - to keep the player from going to a rival team.

The contention being - that there's many a pitcher or outfielder of major league calibre. ~~But~~ But - kept in the minors - because the club that owns his contract wants to keep strings on him. Thereby - preventing the ballplayer from advancing. Keeping him - on minor league wages.

So what's to be done to remedy that? Well, under the new proposal, a ballplayer might be kept in the minor leagues for four years. After which, he would be liable to an "unrestricted draft." That is, any one of the ~~16~~ sixteen big league teams could claim him - and bring him into the majors.

In effect, the club owning his contract might have to ~~ire~~ release him.

The baseball "Czar" stated all this to the Congressional committee - which is considering legislation to regulate baseball and other professional sports. Ford Frick - arguing against Federal interference.

At the same time, he predicted - a third major league. Making the forecast - in a discussion ~~in~~ of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants. The possibility - that those two teams may go to the Pacific Coast. The baseball Commissioner - speaking of a third major league "in the foreseeable future", as he put it. The context of this might suggest - a far ~~west~~ western league, as number three.

MELCHIOR

In Hollywood, a retired opera star put on an act - and it worked. Nevertheless, the robbers got away. Which sums up a story of banditry, last night. The victim - Lauritz Melchior. Who, for twenty-five years - was the leading Wagnerian tenor at New York's Metropolitan Opera House.

Since his retirement, the sixty-seven year old Melchior has been living in a Hollywood mansion. Where he was, last night, ^{with} ~~and~~ his wife and two ^{employees,} ~~servants.~~ When they were held up at gunpoint, by four bandits - two of whom wore stockings over their faces, as masks. The robbers got away - with one-hundred-and-seventy-five thousand dollars worth of jewels. Most of it - of Russian royal origin - dating back to the Czars. ^{TR} They also took a fortune in furs - and, adding insult to injury, the Melchior stock of the finest Havana cigars.

The dramatic twist - is found in the fact that the bandits tied up the members of the Melchior household - with neckties and stockings. And, as they bound the hands and feet of the Wagnerian tenor, he pretended to have - a heart ~~xxx~~ attack. Imitating - the symptoms. Which Lauritz Melchior

was able to ~~xxxx~~ do - having died, many a time, on the operatic stage.

Today, he said: "I am something of an actor, and they were polite."

Polite enough - that is - to tie him up rather loosely. Out of ~~xxxxx~~ consideration - for his pretended heart attack.

As a result, when the bandits left - Melchior was able to get quickly out of his loosely tied bonds. They were hardly out ~~of~~ the door, when he was free. Making a dash - for a rifle. The tenor - a big game hunter, whose home is filled with trophies of the chase, *Europe, Alaska, British Columbia and so on.*

Rifle in hand, he ran out into the street. "I certainly would have liked - ~~an~~ one potshot at them," he says. But no luck. The bandits - having made the quickest kind of get-away in an automobile.

~~It was a~~ *It was a* good act - but the follow up ^{*not quite*} ~~was not~~ fast enough. The tempo - a little slow.

WOMAN

What's happening to the ladies, these days? Is it the heat? Or is the fair sex going - on a warlike rampage?

Evening ~~NEWS~~ before last we had a New Jersey story of a young woman who made life miserable for the cops. Today - a report about a lady in Texas.

Betty Kimsey - who was driving along in a new automobile. When something went wrong - and she drove, smack into the front of a grocery store. Smashing - ten window panes.

You wouldn't think that would make her get mad at windows -- but it did. Betty - going over to a building with a show window. Which she smashed ^{and} then climbed in. ^{There amid} Office furniture on display, ~~and~~ she tossed an adding machine out into the street, ¹² Followed - by three chairs, part of a desk, and another piece of equipment.

After which Betty went on to a restaurant - where she picked up a rake, smashed three windows ~~and~~ and a glass door.

with arms akimbo
The dispatch from Fort Worth adds: "She was eyeing

a dry cleaning plant, when the police arrived."

Then on the way to jail, she tried to kick out the windows of the patrol car - but the cops put a stop to that.

Henry, surely Kipling wasn't right was he when he wrote:- "The female of the species is more deadly than the male." Poor little girl, just overcome by the heat!

END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T. A news item, a year ago today - telling how the West German Navy had doubled in size. Receiving - four minesweepers from the United States. Earlier in the month, the West Germans had acquired four similar American minesweepers - to begin their Navy.

Today, a ~~id~~ dispatch from Hamburg stating - that the West German fleet had sailed out into the Baltic for its first post-war maneuver. Now, numbering - sixty warships.

Still a long way from the Kaiser's mighty ~~fleet~~
World War One, ^{fleet} which fought the British Navy - at ^{Jutland,} ~~Scape Flow~~

And so long until tomorrow.