

EARTHQUAKE

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(Aspen)

Today an Alaskan Coast Guard cutter ~~is~~
was on its way - to a remote island at the western
end of the Aleutian archipelago. *Way out near Uta and Uta, and Bogoslof too!*
Where a volcano
is threatening to blow up. A fire mountain - dormant
for some two hundred years. Never a sign of an
eruption - until now.

The signs sure are there - the sleeping
volcano suddenly belching huge puffs of white steam.
Striking terror in a tiny village on the small island
- where twenty-five Aleutian villagers fled in a panic
to the shore. A call for help was sent out - and the
Coast Guard cutter is on its way to evacuate the
natives.

The belief is that the volcanic disturbance
was caused by the great earthquakes at the bottom of
the Pacific - off the Aleutians. The violent shocks,
of Saturday - which sent a series of tidal waves
rolling across the Pacific.

The submarine quakes have been continuing -

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- more shocks registered today. No more tidal waves -
but all indications of a tremendous cataclysm in the
rocks on the floor of the ocean,

MIDDLE EAST

The United States, today, urged Egypt - to cooperate with the United Nations, in keeping the peace in the Middle East, a spokesman for the State Department proclaiming - strong American support for the U N and for its emergency force. With emphasis on the Gaza Strip and the Suez Canal.

Yesterday's announcement that the Nasser government at Cairo had appointed an Egyptian administrator for Gaza - drew a strong reaction from Israel, today. An Israeli spokesman warning - that if the U N accepted an Egyptian governor at Gaza, this would be regarded as a breach of the agreement, under which Israel withdrew its forces.

At the time they marched out they said - it was with an understanding that Egypt would never go back to Gaza. So, therefore, an Egyptian Governor would free Israel of its obligations to withdraw from Egyptian territory.

Newspapers in Jerusalem say there will be

"drastic action" if the Egyptians return and there is a resumption of Arab commando raids.

The Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, Dr. Ralph Bunche, is in Cairo consulting ^{with} ~~the~~ Egyptian officials - in the rift that has developed between the Nasser government and the U N. / Dr. Bunche says - there was no question of internationalizing the Gaza Strip. The local rights of Egypt - recognized. To which he adds - that the U N emergency forces are in Gaza under a "clear agreement" with the Egyptian government.

As to Suez - today's declaration by the American State Department emphasizes that the United States will back U N decisions / on the subject of the great waterway. Israel demands that Israeli shipping be permitted to navigate through the canal. The American view being - that the U N will have something to say about that.

GHANA

The new nation of Ghana is learning fast - what it means to be a nation. Confronted with a revolt - a mere few days after the ceremonies of independence. Rebellion - in southern Togoland - which is part of Ghana. Violent rioting - several people killed. Troops in armored cars - hurried to the scene. The atmosphere in Ghana - tense.

The people of Togoland want their ~~country~~ to be made a separate, autonomous, region. They have long been agitating for that - and, now, the independence of Ghana is the signal for a revolt.

DULLES

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles,
^{is a} attending a meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty
organization, at Canberra, Australia. Where, today,
the Secretary made a declaration of American policy
in the Far East. A declaration in three parts:—

One - the United States will continue to
recognize Nationalist China. Two - the United States
refuses to recognize the regime of the Chinese Reds.
Three - the United States will oppose the admission of
Red China into the United Nations.

All of which is no more than a repetition
of what our government has often said. But the
repetition was needed - because rumors have been
circulating that the United States intends to recognize
the Communist regime in China.

INDONESIA

The other evening we had reports - that there might be a revolt on the great primitive island of Borneo. Which forecast - now comes true. There was a conference of military and civilian leaders - discontented with the way the Indonesian government has handled matters in Borneo. The conference, after a five-day session - deciding to cut loose from the government based on Java. A military seizure of power - in southern Borneo.

Which certainly caps a climax of trouble for the Indonesian government, headed by President Sukarno. Celebes, on the East, is in rebellion, and so is the rich island of Sumatra on the West. Now - Borneo. Which leaves the Sukarno regime in control of not much more than the island of Java. *Java with its 50 million people.*

RACKETS

Today, Mayor Schrunk of Portland, explained why we walked out of the lie detector test, yesterday. The secret service was running the test - which the Mayor had requested. Saying - he wanted to disprove the charge that, when Sheriff, he had accepted a Five hundred dollar bribe. But, right in the middle - the Mayor objected to the proceedings, and took a walkout.

He say^s the reason was that ^{he} was being asked "Tricky" questions, intended to trap him. To the Senate committee, today, he remarked - that there were members of the committee investigating staff who had an interest in seeing him flunk the lie detector test.

Committee chairman, Senator McClellan, of Arkansas, asked - did the mayor charge that committee investigators could influence the secret service? *I do!*

* Yes, the Mayor of Portland replied. |

Insisting that in the lie detector test he was asked "loaded" questions. Citing five.

One, for example, was as follows: "While sheriff, did you receive pay-offs from Stan Terry? Terry - a pinball operator in Portland.

"My first impulse" declared Mayor Schrunk, "was to answer - no - but then I realized that I had received money from Terry. "This money,"~~xx~~ he explained consisted of donations to a boy's club, the Oregon Sheriff's Association, and similar organizations, which the Mayor said - he did not regard ~~xx~~ as payoffs.

The same thing went for another ~~xx~~ question - about receiving money from pinball operators. Schrunk insisted that, undoubtedly, pinball operators had made contributions - which could not be considered pay-offs.

The Senate Committee, meanwhile, is marking time - waiting for a showdown with President of the Teamsters Union, Dave Beck, Senator McClellan say a subpoena will be fired at Beck - if the union chief does not come forward with his financial

records. Which the committee - wants to inspect.

DUST

~~The~~^A big dust storm - blowing into the regions of the Great Lakes and the Ohio Valley today. The murky gale - the worst of the season - having blinded great areas of Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, the wind - swirling the dust along at fifty-eight miles an hour. ^{At} The town of Larned, Kansas, visibility zero. And at other places - the dust was almost as blinding.

ADMIRAL BYRD

A message was received this morning at the United Press at San Francisco. A radio communications from the South Pole. Stating "We all feel a deep personal loss over the Admiral's death. Admiral Byrd ^{the} *message continued,* "was personally responsible for the great work that has gone on here."

From all sides, today, there have been expressions of regret. None more appropriate than the one from the ultimate South. Admiral Richard Byrd - sixty-eight -- *having been so prominent in the direction of "operation deep freeze,"* The South Pole scientific expedition working in connection with geophysical year.

It is needless to review the career of Dick Byrd - so well known. His fame beginning back in Nineteen Twenty Six - when he flew over the North Pole. Later he flew over the South Pole. The first person - ever to go winging over both Poles.

Honors and decorations galore the last - only three weeks ago. Admiral Byrd awarded the President Medal of Freedom, with a personal note from President Eisenhower.

I knew Dick Byrd intimately. We had been friends for some thirty years. During a part of that time we ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ had a radio program together: Explorer Roy Chapman Andrews, General Theodore Roosevelt, Naval Writer Commander Felix Reisenberg, Dick Byrd and myself.

He had a boundless imagination, a rare gift for raising funds for expeditions, and as we all know he carried out some of the most spectacular projects in exploration in the entire history of Man. And, now it's farewell, to the Admiral of the Poles, who has set forth into another unknown, the journey from which no explorer has ever returned.

FRANCIS
VAN DOREN

I suppose it had to be that Charles Van Doren would get knocked off the quizz show by a question that almost anybody could answer. Anybody, that is - who has followed the news in the past few years. Remember - how King Leopold of Belgium lost his throne because of the events of World War Two. His young son, Baudouin - taking his place. But the fabulous Van Doren flunked on that one. The question was - give the names of six reigning Kings and he got five of them right. But when it came to the King of Belgium, he could only mutter: "I know his name - I know his name." He knew it was the son of Leopold - and he had it on the tip of his tongue. But he couldn't think of it, and finally he made a desperate stab, and said: "Leopold". Which knocked him out right there.

Because his rival, Mrs. Vivienne Nearing, didn't slip up on that at all. She gave all the names required, including Boudouin.

After which Charles Van Doren grinned and

said: "I never want to hear that name again." But he promptly heard it again. The Belgian Tourist Bureau announcing it would give Van Doren a free trip to Belgium - to meet King Boudouin.

I wonder if he'll take them up on that. Probably not.

How much money did Chas Van Doren wind up with? Oh, about \$129,000. But he only gets a small part of that. Uncle Sam gets the hundred-thousand and the erudite young Columbia University Assistant Professor gets the

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FINANCE

Here is a bit of finance - that might have been! Going back to Nineteen Twenty - when the Chamber of Commerce of Wilcox, Arizona, ran an ad in a San Francisco newspaper. Offering for sale - six hundred acres of land, at twenty dollars an acre. Twelve hundred dollars in all.

In San Francisco, Charles Behan, real estate dealer, answered the ad - with a letter, saying that he would like to exchange two-and-a-half acres at Richmond, California, for the six hundred acres in Arizona. So that was the deal which might have been.

The letter mailed thirty years ago, was received at Wilcox, Arizona this week. A little late - for the transaction - but anyway, they have looked up the values involved, and find that the Arizona land, offered for twelve hundred dollars, is now worth more than One hundred and fifty thousand. The two-and-a-half acres at Richmond, California now in the heart of that city, and

is worth more than Two-hundred-and-twenty-five-thousand. Where I am tonight. You've heard of Aspen, where Walter Paepke of Chicago - and others have transformed one of Colorado's most famous ghost mining camps into one of the top winter sports spots - and in summer, fish, vacation, hear great music and do most of the things we like to do in summer.

I came here and skied in 1939. At that time you could have bought the town - most of it - for a little more than a song. Now, Henry, even if you had as many millions as King Saud, the monarch of Arabian oil, you couldn't buy Aspen!

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All of which makes me think of Aspen, Colorado, where I am tonight. You've heard of Aspen, where Walter Paepcke of Chicago - and others have transformed one of Colorado's most famous ghost mining camps into one of the top winter sports spots, and in summer, fish, vacation, hear great music and do most of the things we like to do in summer.

I came here and skied in Nineteen Thirty Nine. At that time you could have bought the town - most of it - for a little more than a song. Now, Henry even if you had as many millions as King Saud, the Monarch of Arabian oil, you couldn't buy Aspen!

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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L.T. A year ago today - a beaming father announced the engagement of his daughter. Ex-President Harry Truman, issuing a statement that *his* *lovely* daughter Margaret was going to marry Clifton Daniel Foreign News Editor of the New York Times.

Later on - the wedding. After which there was little news about them - as is often the case with a happy marriage.