

FORMOSA

L.T. - Beleo. Monday, Feb. 21, 1955.

The Chinese Nationalists <sup>say</sup> ~~said~~ - they sank a Red submarine, today. Chiang Kai-Shek bombers - blasting concentrations of ships off the Red mainland. Hitting - an undersea craft, which disappeared below the surface.

Reports are that eleven submarines have arrived in Formosa Strait. Submarines - of Russian make, obviously.

Last Friday, says the report, Nationalist bombers sank a submarine off the coast. Today - another. So they think.

AMER. Sec. of State John Foster Dulles - representing the United States.

THAILAND

The government of Thailand comes out in favor of a standing army under the south Asia defense treaty. The proposal has the backing of the Philippine Republic - and, today, the Siamese Premier said his government also favors the formation of military forces to check aggressions of Communism.

This comes as conference <sup>delegates</sup> ~~preparatory~~ assemble at Bangkok. Foreign Ministers - going into session on Wednesday. American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles - representing the United States.

## BALLERINA

A beautiful ballerine of skates and ice - has fled from Communism. A star figure skater from Red Czechoslovakia, member of a team participating in the world championships at Vienna.

Yesterday, the Czech team went home - but the ballerina was not aboard the train. And today, the word in Vienna was - she had eluded the Communist officials in charge of the team, and slipped away to the western zone in Austria. Seeking- political asylum.

Vice President Nixon is playing the peace-maker -- in Central America. Mediating ~~in~~ the quarrel between Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Today, the American Vice President arrived at San Jose, the Costa Rican capital. Flying in ~~4~~ from Nicaragua, ~~He~~ brought with him assurances from Nicaraguan President Somoza - that he'll do nothing to create ~~no~~ further tension with Costa Rica. Presenting this, to <sup>the</sup> Costa Rican President, ~~Figueres~~ <sup>Vice Pres.</sup> Nixon ~~is~~ pressing for friendly relations between the two Central American Republics.

STATE

A split in the Eisenhower administration - on the subject of statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. At a Senate Committee hearing, today, top officials presented - opposing views.

The State Department - coming out in favor of Hawaii and Alaska as the forty-ninth and fiftieth states. Assistant Secretary Thurston Morton saying - the statehood bill would support American foreign policy.

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson arguing that Alaska should remain a territory "in the interest of national security."

(The Department of the Interior takes a dubious view. Secretary Douglas McKay telling the committee - that he, personally, favors the admission of Alaska. But thinks - the northern and western wilderness <sup>areas</sup> ~~should~~ should be under military administration.)

## TAXES

The Democrats, on the House Ways and Means committee, went right on, today - with a bill for a general reduction of income tax. Acting - in the face of strong opposition from the administration.

On Saturday, Democratic leaders announced - a surprise move. Proposing - a cut of twenty dollars for each tax payer, And - for each dependent. For a man and wife - a forty dollar cut. For a couple with two children - an income tax reduction of eighty dollars.

Today, ~~Secretary of the~~ <sup>Sec.</sup> Treasury Humphrey appeared before the committee - and argued against the measure, as a menace to the U.S. Treasury. But the committee paid no attention, and voted the reduction - fifteen to ten. One Republican joining the Democrats. One Democrat - opposing the cut.

The bill now goes to the floor of the House, where it seems likely to pass. This is the view even of Republicans -

who are against it.

In the Senate, the tax cut will have harder going. Senator Byrd of Virginia, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, is against any new tax reduction, until the federal budget is balanced - and Byrd exerts a powerful influence.

There is no indication whether or not President Eisenhower would veto the measure - if it were passed by both Houses.

SUBMARINE

All day, today, pumps were working - trying to clear the gas out of a wrecked submarine, in San Francisco harbor. Last night, there was a series of explosions, aboard the undersea craft, Pomodon. Two sailors killed - three missing. Later, another life was lost, in rescue operations.

The explosions occurred, while the storage batteries of the submarine were being charged. In which operation hydrogen gas is given off. The supposition is that something went wrong with the ventilating system of the sub. Hydrogen accumulating - and exploding.

( So now pumps are working - to get the gas out. At last reports, it was impossible still - for anyone to go into the ~~mixxi~~ hull of the submarine. )



## GENOA

The port of Genoa was shaken, today, by under-water explosions. Strange phenomenon. Violent blasts - in a sunken ship.

This weekend has been one of storm and blizzard - all around the world. Europe - taking a beating from the tempests of winter. Reports from Scotland to the Mediterranean - telling of great snows, devastating winds, ~~heavy~~ heavy damage on land. Ships - coming to disaster at sea.

Genoa - lashed by the storm. Fifty-six million dollars in damage. The breakwater of the harbor-~~ms~~ smashed. And the gale sank three ships in the ~~px~~ port - one - the Swedish freighter, Nordamland. Which brought about today's weird ~~phen~~ phenomenon.

On Saturday night. The tempest hurled the Nordamland against a pier. ~~A~~ The ship - so badly damaged, it sank this morning. In the hold, a cargo of calcium carbide. A chemical - that gives off a cloud of gas, when mixed with water.

So, when the vessel went to the bottom, this morning, sea water seeped into the tons of calcium carbide. Creating explosions - in the sunken hull. Twenty separate under-water blasts were counted - so violent, they shook the harbor.

No casualties, but a lot more damage along the docks.

Shattered windows - all over the place. Adding - to the havoc of the storm in Genoa.

BLIZZARD - JAPAN

Japan- hit by a giant blizzard, with ninety miles  
an hour winds. The violent snowstorm swept from the West,  
across From China. Lives lost, huge damage, ships capsizing -  
or in danger.

The southern part of the island of Honshu - having  
the heaviest snowfall in fifty-six years. At one place - the

weight of the snow <sup>-sent</sup> ~~set~~ an enormous landslide <sup>roaring</sup> ~~pouring~~ down

~~the slope of~~ a mountain. No word about casualties  
there.

A nightmare of a blizzard! - great snows blown by  
ninety miles an hour winds.

## BLIZZARD

Here's a blizzard story from South Dakota.

Mountains of snow - with salad oil and cheese. Four people - marooned for thirty-two hours, when the blizzard blocked the highways. So how did they keep from freezing? And what did they eat? Well, that's the story.

In Bennett County, two men and a woman were driving through the blizzard, when their car stalled in a snowdrift. Luckily, a big truck also got stuck; snowbound just ahead of them. A food truck - loaded with salad oil and cheese.

They joined forces with the driver, cleared a space in the snow, and built a fire -- of salad oil. Which burned - bright and warm. *And then* They gathered around and ate cheese.

Which enabled them to survive - all through the night, the following day, and another night.

An epic of - snow, salad oil, and cheese. *And I'll bet they'll not want to see or eat either of the three for some time.*

NEW YORK

Today brought an explanation of how the police located <sup>the</sup> a desperado gunman - killed, yesterday, <sup>in that</sup> ~~in~~ a wild battle.

Augusto Robles, a killer who had made a dare devil escape, when arrested by detectives last week. Trapped in a tenement, he was besieged by two hundred and fifty policemen - who fired fusillades of bullets, and threw tear gas bombs. The desperado - shooting it out until the end.

The police located him - after he had been terrorizing the whole tenement house. He had gone to an apartment occupied by relatives. Whom - he drove out at the point of a gun. Then fired a shot through the door of a neighbor's apartment, and ordered them out.

Throughout the tenement, the residents were ~~so~~ terrified - and ~~didn't~~ <sup>didn't</sup> dare to call the cops. But they told - other people in the neighborhood. One of ~~the~~ whom finally informed the police of the hiding place of the gunman.

MARDI GRAS

New Orleans, today, was cleaning up after - ~~the~~  
*a whole series - worst*  
~~worst lot~~ of disturbance, in the history of the Mardi Gras.  
*Including a*  
A series of riots early this morning - which could ~~be~~ *provide* material  
for a study of crowd psychology.

In the old French quarter, some ten thousand  
revelers were whooping it up when five youths noticed - a man  
~~was~~ trying to get into their automobile. They grabbed him,  
and a fight began.

A policeman intervened, and arrested the world-be  
burglar, who shouted to the crowd:-

"I'm a federal agent. The police are putting  
me in jail." Yelling that, he took a swing at the cop -  
who socked him with a night-stick.

*Now comes the matter of*  
~~Well, for some reason of~~ crowd psychology. The  
*took*  
Mardi Gras revelers ~~were on~~ the side of the would-be  
thief. They attacked the cop. Other policemen came dashing  
into the battle. - *and*, a big riot was on.

It seemed to be contagious - because another disturbance broke out at another place; <sup>and,</sup> somewhere else - a third insurrection. An epidemic of rioting.

The climax came, when one festive character got hold of a confederate flag, waved it, and let out a rebel yell. <sup>Whereupon</sup> the police were bombarded with bottle, glassware, <sup>to which</sup> ice cubes; they replied - with night-sticks and tear gas. The free-for-all continuing - for three-hours-and-a-half.

Fifteen persons injured seriously. Scores of others with bumps on their heads, ~~WERE~~ where night-sticks landed. One hundred prisoners- herded off to jail.

Tonight in the old French quarters, policemen are stationed in double shifts - as New Orleans has another night of the Mardi Gras.

# HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood is going in for - "glamour". Every  
tourist <sup>assumes</sup> ~~thinks~~ of the "City of Stars" <sup>→</sup> glamorous. But that  
is not really the case.

What people call Hollywood - is an unlimited area  
of suburbs, reaching out into hills and canyons. The  
— *the true Hollywood* —  
actual municipality is a small area - which, in recent  
years, has become a shabby, run-down section. So says the  
Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

~~The~~ Streets - lined with fruit juice stands,  
<sup>cheap</sup> ~~handmade~~ stores, and old buildings. Drab-stands -- and,  
worst of all, disenchanting trash cans. Not so "glamorous,"  
not so "star-like". But that is to be changed, according  
to a nine million dollar program announced today.

The news-stands and trash cans - to be painted  
with the California colors, blue, yellow, tan. The streets  
signs to be shaped like stars. The same - for the traffic  
lights. Green star - go. Red star - stop. <sup>To try and</sup> ~~which will~~ →



make Hollywood Boulevard look like a fantasy - of glittering stars.

The sidewalks of Hollywood Boulevard - to be inscribed with names of movie, television and radio stars.

More than forty-eight hundred names of Hollywood celebrities - going back fifty years. Each name - accompanied by a blue

star. *strew the place with stars* *so that's the plan, ~~for bringing~~ stars ~~all over~~ Hollywood.* *(Hugh. Splash)*

Hollywood.

Finally President Eisenhower mentions the question of civilian defence. He points out that, in case of an atomic attack - our civilian population will have to evacuate target areas quickly. But he adds the present system in critical areas - would be the hazard of a deadly competition within hours of an attack. So he proposes a new road-building program, to spread over the next ten years. The program, to cost