

L.T. - DELCO. FRIDAY, AUG. 29th, 1958.
(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Africa)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A school board has approved integration in the public schools - for the first time in the history of Virginia. The Norfolk School Board today bowed to the order of a federal judge - and agreed to enroll seventeen Negro children in white schools, for the coming term. But the board promptly asked for a year's delay - in actually enrolling the negro students.

It's still very doubtful - that the Norfolk schools will actually be integrated, when they open this fall. Virginia has state laws that automatically close - integrated schools.

LITTLE ROCK

The Arkansas legislature ~~has~~ ^{we ended} adjourned its emergency session today - after calling for an investigation of alleged Communist influence - in the NAACP. Yesterday the state Senate had rejected the bill. But during the night, Governor Faubus got in touch with the Senators who had voted "No". He urged them to vote for the law - which they did today. The lawmakers appropriated twenty thousand dollars - for the state Attorney General to use to ~~investigating~~ investigate the NAACP.

The legislature also received a bill - that would prohibit the transfer of Little Rock students, after school opens. This bill was not passed today. But it could be approved any time - since technically, the legislature remains in its special session - until January. Passage of the measure would prevent - Negro students from transferring from segregated schools - back to Central High.

CARRIER

Another aircraft carrier of the U.S.Navy -- is on its way to the Formosa Strait. The "Midway" has sailed from Honolulu - to join our Seventh Fleet. She'll bring our total strength in ~~the~~ Formosa waters - up to fifty-three combat ships. With six of them - aircraft carriers.

At the same time, a new order has gone out to American jet pilots based on Formosa. ^{↳ Report that} They're now instructed to chase Communist planes that attack ~~in~~ them - almost clear across the Formosa Strait.

JORDAN

The United Nations will not send either a "peace force" or an observation group to patrol the borders of Jordan. That's the statement in Amman - following Dag Hammarskjold's three-day visit to the Jordanian capital. The Secretary General of the U.N. conferred with both King Hussein and Premier Ra'ai. And the joint communique issued at the end of the talks rules out either a "peace force" or a border observation group. We are told that neither would serve the purpose - that the General Assembly had in mind, when it sent Hammarskjold to the Middle East. We are not told whether any agreement was reached - for positive U.N. action in Jordan.

LEBANON

In Beirut, the government announces that America has granted Lebanon - eighty million dollars in aid. The sum is intended to help that nation of the Middle East - over the hump caused by a general strike and then armed rebellion. The strike and the rebellion together - have virtually paralyzed the economic life of Lebanon. One figure tells the story - Lebanon is losing six hundred thousand dollars a day - in trade revenue. Hence the need for American aid.

But our Embassy in Beirut describes the grant - as still under discussion.

HURRICANE

Well, "Daisy" passed us by, ~~after~~ all. Instead of hitting the mainland, the hurricane stayed out at sea - and tonight is rapidly diminishing. Shipping has been warned to stay clear - but the hurricane winds are dying down, ~~rapidly~~.

as a result, President and Mrs. Eisenhower ^{were able to} will go ahead with their Rhode Island vacation. And New London, Connecticut, ^{is} will ~~give~~ the "Nautilus" - ^{a big} ~~the~~ homecoming celebration. The atomic sub, by the way - stayed clear of "Daisy". The "Nautilus" dived deep in the Atlantic - and stayed put, while the storm blew past overhead.

DOGS

Moscow announces that two dogs - ^{was} ~~have been~~ rocketed to a height of almost three hundred miles - and then returned safely to earth. The dogs were given several months special training. After which, they were launched in a one-stage rocket that took them up two hundred and eighty miles. Their cabin contained instruments to measure their biological reaction - as well as a camera to take pictures of them in flight.

Both the animals and the scientific equipment - parachuted back to earth ~~and~~ safely. And now the Russian scientists are evaluating the results of this spectacular flight, ^{into space.} ~~up above the surface of the earth.~~

URANIUM

Canada is in the middle of - a uranium rush. The place
Lake Athabasca, ~~xxx~~ four hundred miles north of Edmonton, in
Alberta. The rush started with a government report - on the
geology of the area. The report shows high grade deposits of
uranium - ~~have been found~~ near Lake Athabasca. ^{Some} ~~One~~ samples of
^{have yielded} ore ~~has~~ over one per cent of uranium - a much higher percentage
than that produced by most uranium mines.

As a result - prospectors are streaming toward Lake
Athabasca. Canada, showing one more sign of the mid-Twentieth
Century - a uranium rush.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

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Tonight finds Lowell - still in southern Arabia.

It's a place where monarchy, oil, the Middle Ages, and the modern world - seem all tangled up. With Lowell doing his best to sort them out.

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L.T.

I am still at Aden, here at the corner of South-western Arabia, just across the Strait of Bab el Mandab from Africa. Aden may be an almost perfect place for taking a look at the rest of Arabia at this time. Our American stake in this vast region is great, as you all know - for under the sands of Arabia are oceans of oil, equal to all the oil - that is all the known oil - in all the rest of the world.

Arabia, and the lands bordering it that are involved in the present Near and Middle East oil and political turmoil, include an area as large as all of the U.S.A.

The political struggle out here is largely a struggle on the part of the oil poor have-not nations to get a share of the sudden wealth that almost overnight made the rulers of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrein, and Saudi Arabia so fabulously rich.

All mixed up with this is the awakening of the Arabic speaking peoples and their desire to step up their standard of living, play a more important role in world affairs, and at the same time do something about the tiny but comparatively powerful new state of Israel that nearly all Arabs would like to destroy - and for whose existence they blame the British and the Americans. Mostly they blame us.

The medieval state of Yemen is only a few miles across the desert and mountains to the north of us here at Aden. The last time I was here I flew, without the Iman's permission, over a remote part of Yemen. The same Iman, Ahmed Seif el-Islam is still on the throne - now an ill and worried man.

What part he played in the assassination of his aged father, the Iman Yahyah, in 1948, and three of his brothers who were beheaded in '48 and '55, we don't know for sure. But, if they hadn't lost their heads we know

he would have lost his. When his brother Abdullah was beheaded four years ago, the story is that it was brought to the present Iman Ahmed on a platter and that at the sight he wept for the first time since he was a child.

Yemen, you will recall, recently joined the new United Arab Republic; combining with Egypt and Syria.

Does this put Yemen under Nasser's thumb? Apparently not.

For the Iman has allowed far fewer Egyptians in his country since he joined them.

How long will the present Iman hold his throne?

Evidently he doesn't dare go to Sanaa, the lofty city that is the traditional capital. He stays in the south at Taz, ten days by jeep, less than an hour by plane from Aden. The Yemenis in the north are angry with him because he has proclaimed his son Seif el-Islam Mohammed al-Baddar, to be his successor.

In Yemen the traditional way is for the nation's tribal elders to pick the next Iman or King. The elders

are said to prefer Iman Ahmed's only non-beheaded brother, the soft-spoken Hassan whom he sent to the United Nations.

The impression I've been given here in Aden is that we Americans clumsily pushed the Yemen into the arms of Nasser and the Russians. How? Oh, Ahmed thinking his country might also be rich in oil, turned to America. A group of Americans, says the Iman, made promises and didn't keep them. Whereupon, so the story goes here in Aden, the Iman Ahmed Seif el-Islam said:- If that's the way Americans behave then I guess I have no choice but to work with Nasser and Khrushchev.

The day I arrived here word came via Reuters press wire that Prince Feisal a Saud who now rules in Saudi Arabia had arrived in Cairo for talks with Nasser. This his first visit to Egypt since Nasser made the sensational charge that King Saud had sent assassins to Cairo to kill him.

There is a surmise on the part of some observers here in Aden that Saudi Arabia may join the United Arab Republic in the same loose way that Yemen has. And that if this does occur, then all the smaller parts of Arabia - maybe even this fortress Aden - will inevitably fall under the control of such a vast new Arab state.

Aden, by the way, is probably the most formidable fortress in the world. More so than Gibraltar. With tunnels and rooms through the volcanic peaks rising from the harbor here.

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Would the West lose out so far as Middle East oil is concerned if this happens? Not necessarily. For their oil would bring them little wealth without our Western markets.

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Aden is a good listening post these days. And, there's a certain amount of tension. Any Arab from the nearby mountains and desert can enter Aden. Some are

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anti-British and there have been twenty bombings here in the past sixteen weeks.

In my next I hope you will join us at an Arabian Nights banquet, in the moonlight, on the roof of a rich man of Aden's building in the City of Crater.

So long.

FOLLOW RECORDING

From what you say, Lowell, it's clear that what happens to Aden - means a good deal to us Americans. Meanwhile, we're looking forward to your forthcoming account - of that Arabian Nights banquet. That ought to be something - hey Don.

NUCLEAR TESTS

Moscow radio reports Premier Khrushchev has agreed to President Eisenhowers proposal to begin talks October 31st on suspension of nuclear tests.

Now here's a question - for those who like a nip of fire-water, once in a while. Why do drunks become - so noisy?

Dr. Rollo Harger says it's because - liquor makes them hard of hearing. So they have to talk louder / to hear themselves.

According to this theory - alcohol slows down the brain. Consequently there is - less control over bodily movement. / And more difficulty in hearing. Dr. Harger sums up the results / of his experiments like this; - "You can suspect a man of being drunk / if he staggers all over the place / while talking at the top of his voice. That's a scientific fact.

INTEGRATION

Today both sides involved in the Little Rock integration crisis - expressed ~~some~~ optimism about yesterday's decision by the Supreme Court. Because the Justices deferred the case until September Eleventh - some members of the school board feel that the final ruling will not be in favor of immediate integration. They argue that if a ruling against them had been inevitable - it would have come yesterday. That's the ~~real~~ reason for at least a slight bit of optimism among them - as they left Washington for Little Rock.

But government attorneys are taking - the opposite position. They believe the Supreme Court ~~is~~ ^{is} simply giving the school board every possible chance to present its case.

Solicitor-General Lee Rankin calls it "inconceivable" - that the Justices will uphold the stay of integration - after they have heard the pleadings on both sides - on September Eleventh.