

L.T.-DELCO. TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1959.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Our new Ambassador to Brazil - Clare Booth Luce. The vote in the Senate, overwhelming - seventy-nine to eleven. Senator Morse of Oregon opposed the appointment - calling it "political." But his colleagues went along with President Eisenhower - approving Mrs. Luce as Ambassador to Brazil.

However Henry L. has just suggested to his wife that she offer to resign "because her usefulness has been impaired by a political vendetta in the Senate!"

HERTER

Tues. Apr. 28-59,

Secretary of State Herter -- conferring with  
the President of France. Herter and DeGaulle --  
together -- for forty minutes. The two statesmen --  
*discussing*  
~~covering~~ the international situation, <sup>and</sup> ~~with emphasis on~~ -  
the meeting of Western foreign ministers that opens  
in Paris -- tomorrow.

## DALAI LAMA

Here's one of the ~~great~~ great headline adventure stories of our time. Procured - from within a veil of secrecy. The escape of the Dalai Lama - from Lhasa, who, with his entourage in India, is unapproachable, so far as news reporters are concerned. <sup>which is</sup> Naturally enough, considering - the explosive international implications of the flight of the Living Buddha, from the Roof-of-the-World. So how does this dramatic thriller come to light?

Perhaps I can explain best by going back to the journey - my son and I made, a few years ago. <sup>Our</sup> A trip to Lhasa - that <sup>ed</sup> ~~ed~~ culminated in an interview with the Dalai Lama. Also - marked by quite a surprise for us. When we found in the forbidden city of Lhasa - two Europeans, two Austrians.

Their own story - an amazing adventure. Austrians - who had been interned in <sup>a</sup> prison camp in India, in World War Two. Held - as enemy aliens. A party making an escape - and getting away, across Himalayan passes into Tibet, to Lhasa - where we

found the two of them; Peter Aufsnaiter and Heinrich Harrer, who had taken service with the Tibetans. Harrer for a time a tutor to the Dalai Lama. The Living Buddha - then a boy of sixteen.

Lowell Jr. and I had long talks with both Harrer and Aufsnaiter, learning from them about how they got into the mysterious land of Tibet. Then, several years later, we renewed acquaintance with Harrer here in the United States, when he was our guest. Heinrich Harrer - having got out when the Chinese Reds seized possession of the Himalayan land. He wrote a most successful book - "Seven Years in Tibet."

So, what happened a few weeks ago, when the Dalai Lama made his escape from the Communists? Heinrich Harrer of course was an inevitable choice to send over to India, to see - if he could get the story, since he knew the Dalai Lama, his former pupil - and was intimately

acquainted with members of the living Buddha's family and with high Tibetan officials who - were in the escape. So that's why we now have the dramatic factual account, which Heinrich Harrer procured - from the Dalai Lama's party. It's published in the London Daily Mail and in Life Magazine.

The story begins with a meeting of high Tibetan leaders - who, after long deliberation, came to a fateful decision. The Chinese Reds had violated all promises, and were clamping on a brutal suppression of Tibetan liberty and religion. In the southern part of the mountainous country, the Khambas were in revolt. So the time had come for the Dalai Lama - to make a secret escape. Such was the decision of the Tibetan National Council, meeting in secret session.

They went to the Dalai Lama and informed him of this. Telling him - they had made preparations for a flight, which, however, would be dangerous. The Living

Buddha - in the Norbu Linga Palace, which the Chinese Reds - were guarding. The escape - to be attempted at night, under cover of darkness. The Dalai Lama - in disguise. Parties of Tibetan soldiers - to put up a fight, if he were intercepted in the escape at night. The Tibetans - to fight a delaying action if necessary, to cover the flight - of their spiritual and political leader.

All this was placed before the Dalai Lama early in the afternoon - and he agreed. So now they'd wait for the dangerous adventure, at night. But they didn't wait - they didn't have to - because a miracle seemed to happen.

A bright sunlit afternoon. But, then - a sudden change. Darkness - the daylight blotted out. A sand-storm - blowing over Lhasa. Tibet - a region of sand-storms, which can be - terrifying. This time - one of the worst Lhasa had ever known. People - blinded. Taking

- to cover. So you can imagine - the Chinese Red soldiers on guard. Communist military patrols - driven to cover. More than the Tibetans - they were helpless in the sand-storm.

So that was the miracle, which the Tibetans must have thought - had been sent by Buddha. The Dalai Lama and his party - taking advantage of the sand-storm. To escape - in the blinding swirl. The living Buddha - disguised as a servant. Leaving the Norbu Linga Palace with three companions. Trudging through the sand-storm - which had driven off the Chinese Reds on guard.

Other fugitives making their way similarly - in small parties. The whole group, some eighty of them - joining at a rendezvous several miles away, across the Kyi Chu River.

The plan of the escape had supposed - there'd be a whole night, with darkness, to cover the fugitives.

Luckily there was, not only the night - but also the period of the sand-storm. The Dalai Lama's party - able to make their way, without hindrance, on to that greater river, the Tsang Po, the Brahmaputra, which they crossed - by ferry, and where on the southern bank - a trusted regiment of the Dalai Lama's guard, awaited them.

Now they were in wild country controlled by the Khambas, long in revolt against the Reds. Safe now from Communist pursuit on the ground. The rest of the journey, across the Himalayas to India - an adventure in itself.

As we have heard when the Reds, after a long delay, discovered the flight of the Dalai Lama - they sent airplanes to scout for the fugitives. There was talk - that Red paratroops would be landed. But the thriller was - the escape from Lhasa under the cover of the sand-storm.

And that's the real story of the flight of the Dalai Lama from the Chinese Reds.



## PANAMA

A real battle seems to be shaping up - in Panama. An invasion spearhead - pushing across the San Blas Mountains. Twenty men - backed by three hundred reinforcements. With President La Guardia - rushing troops to meet them.

The Panamanian government is receiving support - from the organization of American states. Castro says he's not involved.

PARAGUAY

The last dictatorship in South America - reaching the end of the road. President ~~Alfredo~~ Stroessner of Paraguay - restoring constitutional rule.

Paraguay, under a state of siege - for nineteen years. Modified martial law - run by Stroessner. Who outlasted more notorious dictators - like Peron in Argentina, and Batista in Cuba.

Benign dictatorial

Now Stroessner bows to - the movement toward democracy

in Latin-America, <sup>Now</sup> Ending the state of siege <sup>in</sup> - ~~in his own country~~

Paraguay, - ~~getting its old constitutional rights back.~~

## SOLDIERS

Here's a story that still comes in on the news wire - from time to time. Subject - Japanese soldiers, who don't know World War Two is over.

Today's version - from Lubang Island in the Philippines. Two of the Mikado's men - still holding out in the jungle of Lubang. Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda - and Sergeant Seshi-Chiro Kotsuka. They were by-passed when General MacArthur's forces swept through the Philippines - and on north to Japan.

Lieutenant Onoda and Sergeant Kotsuka - never hearing of the surrender on the Battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay. Thinking the war - is still on. Refusing - to surrender.

Manila now sending a team of psychologists - to Lubang Island. Their job - to convince Onoda and Kotsuka that World War Two ended - nearly fifteen years ago.