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We can ring down the curtain on the Suez Canal drama - at least, one phase of it. Today, France lifted its boycott ~~of~~ on the waterway - completing the victory for Egyptian Premier Nasser.

Britain was reluctant, but accepted Nasser's terms last month. France- holding out with stubborn indignation. But French vessels do want to use the Suez Canal, and today the government in Paris said- okay.

Followed immediately by notice from a French maritime company that its vessels will, promptly, begin passing through the Suez Canal, on Egyptian terms.

KHRUSHCHEV

Khrushchev - throwing cold water on prospects for disarmament. The Russian Communist Party chief - making jeering remarks at the American compromise plan for "open skies" inspection. Calling it - "comical."

Khrushchev and Bulganin, today, ended their visit in Finland. Khrushchev - talking to newsmen just before he left.

They asked him - what about that latest version of the Eisenhower plan? Which would begin aerial inspection operations - in areas of the Arctic.

Khrushchev said: "That sounds quite comical - to ~~him~~ think of an inspection zone in the area of ice and snow."

Which might indicate, the Soviets will reject ^{even an} ~~that~~ experimental beginning - in the Arctic.

Meanwhile, Harold Stassen is back in London - for a resumption of the disarmament conference. Returning today, with a denial - that he had been "reprimanded" in Washington,

Because of his ~~private~~ private conversations with Russian delegates, *reprimanded for* Telling them - rather more than he told the

British and French. Secretary of State Dulles - disapproving.

Today, the Democratic leader in the House,

McCormack of Massachusetts, declared - he has the impression

that Stassen has been trying to "under-cut" Dulles. "I've

also had the impression," Congressman McCormack went on,

"that Secretary Dulles was giving Mr. Stassen enough rope

to hang himself."

PLANE

The United States will take no action - following yesterday's episode of an American plane hit by Red anti-aircraft fire. The State Department saying- the carrier based ^{plane} ~~phone~~ seems to have been flying off course. Too near - the coast of Red China. Anyway, little damage was done, no casualties.

GIRARD PRESSURE

Over in Japan, Private Girard states that the Army has been putting pressure on him - to agree to stand trial in a Japanese court. Making this declaration - to the United Press in Tokyo. Saying the same - to his brother at Ottawa, Illinois. Girard quoted as declaring - that they've been telling him he'd ~~be~~ get a lighter sentence in a Japanese court, ~~than~~ - if tried before a U S court martial.

Well, it's likely enough that the U S Army would like to have Girard end the uproar - by accepting a Japanese trial. The official view being - that the United States might have to close down many of ~~its~~ its overseas bases, ~~if~~ the decision - is that G I's ~~are~~ cannot be tried in foreign courts.

~~Today, the National Commander of the American Legion, argued - that our government must revoke its decision to let Japan ~~try~~ try Girard. National Commander Dan Daniel - making the statement at Midland, Michigan.~~

~~To which is added an appeal from the soldier's~~

GIRARD INSERT

The Army in Tokyo states that Private Victor Nickel of Inkster, Michigan, has asked to be placed in "protective custody." To keep newsmen away from him. Nickel - reported to have said that he helped Girard "lure" the Japanese woman to closer range. By throwing out scrap metal for her to collect. The Army ~~ref~~ refuses to comment on this.

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The Japanese girl friend, Hiru Seyama, called "Candy", according to today's dispatch has written President Eisenhower. The young Japanese woman - begging the President to intercede for her American soldier fiance.

GIRARD

A dispatch from Tokyo states - that the U. S. Army, in Japan, made a series of experiments. With reference to the case of Private William Girard, the soldier accused of manslaughter. The tests - conducted about six weeks ago. When the issue first came up - whether or not Girard should be tried in a Japanese court.

There was that
One strange angle - ~~the fact that~~ ^{the} woman was killed by an empty cartridge. No bullets - involved. So the Army investigated the possibility - of an empty cartridge being used with fatal effect.

The whole thing - revolving around a weapon called a "grenade launcher". This - a short metal tube, clamped on the muzzle of a rifle. A grenade - inserted in the tube. Then, when a blank cartridge is fired in the rifle - the explosion hurls the grenade. Girard - inserting an empty cartridge, instead of a grenade.

The Army wanted to find out - if an empty cartridge could be thrown accurately in that manner. Hence the experiment

- in which twenty empty cartridges were hurled from a grenade launcher - at a target one hundred and fifty feet away.

Eighteen of the twenty - striking the target. The test, showing further - that the empty cartridge could be deadly at close range. Which was the case, in the killing of the Japanese woman.

FLOOD LIGHT

An Army investigation - requested in a weird sort of case. Soldiers, in World War Two, made sterile - by flood lights.

The demand - made by Marshall White of Chicago, a former Major who commanded a special force of tanks, Equipped - for flood light strategy. *The ex-Major* Acting - in behalf of men who served in his tank unit.

The New York Daily News has a story - that a number of soldiers are believed to have been made sterile. One, in Connecticut - trying to collect veteran's disability payments, for that reason.

All of which, today, brings about a disclosure - of a military secret of World War Two. An Army project - to use arc lights with fifteen million candle power mounted on tanks for the purpose - of blinding the enemy temporarily. The theory being - that, at night, American troops could advance in the darkness. Under the cover of batteries of floodlights, *their* blinding beam - thrown in the eyes of the enemy.

Actually, says the Army, the flood lights were never used in exactly that manner. The right situation - never showing up. But they were used in one battle - in Europe - providing illumination for the crossing of the Rhine.

Well, The complaint now is that the flood lights, mounted on tanks, were so powerful - they spread rays of infra red. Which type of radiation - did the damage to American soldiers in the tank units.

LONDON

London had its day of pomp and pageantry - the celebration of the Queen's birthday, her Thirty-First. Featured by that stately military ceremony - the trooping of the colors. Perfect June weather - as a quarter of a million people watched the Sovereign take the salute of the regimental guards, In their brilliant uniforms ^{and} ~~with~~ tall bearskins. The Queen - a regal figure on horseback.

But, on this festive day - the hand of tragic fatality struck. A ghastly bus accident, in London - when a ponderous double-decker got out of control. Plunging into a crowd of people - who were waiting for the bus. Most of them - in London for the Queen's birthday celebration. Seven killed, nineteen injured, when the bus plowed through the crowd and slammed into a wall.

Sub accident

At Fort Campbell, Kentucky, a motor crash- killing at least fourteen soldiers. Men of the far-famed one hundred and first airborne division. The outfit - that made history in the battle of the Bulge, in World War Two. A truck, with twenty five soldiers, on a training exercise - went out of control as it rounded a curve. Plunging -twenty-five feet into a creek.

In rescue operations, a helicopter flew to the scene - and raised one end of the truck. The whirly bird acting as a sort of derrick.

NARCOTICS

In Chicago, the F B I set a trap - for a gang of drug peddlers. But the mobsters of the underworld countered with a trap of their own.

Yesterday, F B I agents John Ripa and Ralph Eckhart, posing as dope addicts - arranged to buy three thousand dollars' worth of heroin. Agreeing - that they'd pick up the drug - at a roadhouse.

So, ~~in~~ early today, they appeared at the tavern, sitting at the bar - waiting for the delivery of the narcotics.

But the mob had got wise. Knowing who the two federal agents were. The suspense ending - when the tavern owner, named Argentine, whipped out a gun. Shooting agent Ripa - in the back. The victim - in critical condition, tonight.

Immediately afterward, an automobile drove up - an alleged narcotics peddler in it. F B I men were there, and the shooting began again - the gunman wounding federal agent Jack Love. The gunman, shot in the head - in critical condition tonight.

It all ended with F B I men riddling the roadhouse with bullets, and filling it with tear gas - in case any more dope sellers were inside.

But they found the place deserted, and then ~~the~~ started a round up of Chicago mobsters in the narcotics racket. Among the prisoners arrested - the tavern keeper, Argentine. Who shot federal agent Ripa. Another prisoner - Joe Bruno, described as "the big wheel in the Chicago area narcotics traffic."

MAYFLOWER

The Mayflower Second - finally arrived at Plymouth Rock, today. After that voyage marked by contrary winds - which took the Pilgrim fathers' ship down toward the tropics. A spectacular welcome, today. Plymouth harbor - crowded with private yachts and excursion boats. On shore - thousands of townspeople and tourists.

At the dock, the skipper, Captain Alan Villiers, was greeted by Ellis Brewster, a direct descendant of Elder Brewster, One of the most renowned of the Pilgrim Fathers - in Sixteen Twenty. Captain Villiers - dressed in Pilgrim costume. ^{as} ~~so~~ was Ellis Brewster - who spoke in Pilgrim language.

"Welcome, Master Villiers," said he, "as you land here, you re-enact for us what took place on this very spot more than three hundred years ago."

However, the re-enactment was not exactly one hundred percent. The original Mayflower navigated - under ^{Of course had to.} her own canvas. Yesterday, the Mayflower second was towed

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into Provincetown. And today - towed across to Plymouth Rock. Hauled along - by a coast guard cutter. Merely because of modern harbor problems that didn't exist in 1960. The Pilgrims landed in their own boat. Today Captain Villiers and his crew were taken ashore in a boat, sent out to fetch them.

Not an exact reproduction of history - but, anyway, the latter day pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, today, and they made the Atlantic crossing many days faster than the original Mayflower - even tho' they did get pretty far South on their way over. So - here's to Alan Villiers, that doughty Australian sea captain turned Pilgrim.

FAT

And now - a bit of science. Everything being -
scientific, nowadays. ^{Why a} ~~The~~ chemist will ^{even} analyze the fragrance of
the rose - into molecules and hydro-carbons. Another scientist -
will reduce the song of the nightingale to decibels and
frequencies.)

Now - something worse. A scientific explanation - of
the form divine. Those graceful curves - and seductive contours.

^H Professor Stanley Garn of Antioch College analyses the feminine
figure - in terms of fat. F-A-T, fat.)

The Professor has made a laboratory study of the
differences between men and women - in terms of the fat content.
How much - and where it's placed.

He finds that women - are just naturally fatter than
men. The ratio of female fat to male fat - nearly two to one.

In the male corpus, the fat comes to sixteen and
eight-tenths per cent of the total. In the female form -
twenty-three and seven-tenths per cent.

Which accounts - for those graceful curves and

seductive contours. The Professor explaining the form
divine in the mathematics of - fat. I'm shocked - even
tempted to say that anyone who gives such an explanation
is a fat - at any rate, Professor, how could you?

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls...

L.T.

A year ago today, the headline was - President

Eisenhower making a favorable recovery from ^{an} ~~his~~ abdominal

operation. That attack of - ileitis. Today, no news ^{at all} about the

President ^{- that is} along the line of health. Graphic indication - of

how quickly and easily he recovered from that upset stomach on

Monday; ^{the} ~~That~~ attack - of blueberry pie. ^{that sent Wall}
^{street} ~~into~~ a spin.

And so long until tomorrow.