

U.N. L.T.-P. & G. Mon. Dec. 8 - '52.

At the U.N., the American delegation is backing France - in the question of Tunis. (Arab countries are demanding that the world organization take a hand in the dispute between the French and the Nationalists of Tunisia. France is boycotting any kind of U.N. intervention - and today the American delegation announced its backing of a resolution under which the U.N. would not interfere.)

The question of Tunis will be followed by the similar case of Morocco - ~~in~~^{from} which North African land, the news is bad.

MOROCCO FOLLOW U.N.

(Today the seaport of Casablanca was the scene of savagery and insane violence. Mobs of Moroccans went storming through the streets, in an orgy of destruction and murder. They killed seven Europeans, with the revolting barbarity.)
They fought two pitched battles with police and soldiers, who opened fire and killed ^{fifty}~~forty~~ of the rioters.

The city-wide outbreak became so dangerous, that air power struck at infuriated mobs - low flying planes showering tear gas bombs down into the streets.

At last reports, the police and troops were in control - after a day of maddened warfare in Casablanca.

ISRAEL

(The new President of Israel is Isaac Ben Zvi, a sixty-eight year old scholar.) Elected today, by the Jewish parliament, the Knesset. He's a member of the Mapai, the moderate Labor Party of Prime Minister Ben-Gurion. ^{In} ~~two~~ two ballots, he didn't have enough votes to win. But on the third ballot there was a break in the ranks of the Left Wing party, the Mapam. Some of their votes went over to him, and that made Isaac Ben Zvi the President of Israel.

He's an extreme type of the aged scholar, who studies and pores ^{over} ~~so~~ books, and is careless of all appearances. For thirty years he lived in a wooden hut, which British troops put up in the First World War.

(Israel offered its presidency to Professor Einstein, world wide renown scientist, - But Einstein declined.) So now, for a president, the Jewish state has ^{for its head an} ~~the very type and figure~~ of the aged Hebrew scholar.

INDO-CHINA

News from the besieged fortress of Nasan, in French Indo-China - or is it besieged? The dispatch, today, states that French troops, who were encircled, jabbed seven miles into the Communist ring surrounding Nasan - and found little sign of the Red enemy. Advance patrols encountered almost no resistance - as they pushed forward, mile after mile.

Which might indicate - the end of the siege of Nasan - which the French call the Indo-Chinese Verdun. An isolated fortified area, with ^a ~~the~~ Communist Army swarming on all sides. The French determined - "they shall not pass," as at Verdun, in the First World War. The Reds made mass assaults - all beaten back with savage losses.

The guess tonight is - that ~~the~~ Communists have pulled out of ~~Nasan~~ the Nasan sector, maybe - for an attack somewhere else.

There was a sensation in Rome today, when the big winner in a football pool was announced. Prize - more than eighty-seven thousand dollars, - which is a lot of lira. The lucky individual, the Communist Chauffeur for the boss of the Italian Reds, Togliatti.

Proceedings in the Roman Chamber of Deputies were on Togliatti in the midst of ^{the} debate. The chauffeur, named Monari, was waiting outside. That was when he heard the big news - he had won the football pool, eighty-seven thousand dollars. He was so excited, he rushed away to collect, driving off in Togliatti's automobile. So, when the Red boss came out of the Chamber of Deputies, presently, he couldn't find his chauffeur - or his car.

Somebody came up to him, and said: "Honorable Togliatti, your chauffeur is not here. He's gone, and perhaps he'll never return."

"Why not?" demanded the head of the Italian Communists.

"He won the football pool," was the answer.

Togliatti scowled, shrugged his shoulders, and took a taxi.

Later on, the lucky winner showed up, and made his excuses - as best he could. "I hope," said he, "that the money ~~gives~~ gives me the possibility of augmenting greatly my contribution to our cause. I will make a personal gift to Comrade Togliatti."

That, I suppose, will square things between the comrade boss and the comrade chauffeur.

LONDON

London is having a nightmare, as you can judge from what it's called - the worst fog in British history. A glum superlative - London being the foggiest of cities.


Today, the murky mist grew lighter - and, in some places, the sky could be seen. But, as night fell, the blanket closed down again. Fog, ^{so} thick with particles of smoke - ~~that~~ it had people coughing and choking.

In London today, the renowned Smithfield Fat Livestock Show opened, and eleven prize cattle choked to death in the fog - and forty others were stricken.

The weather experts explain - it's a peculiar condition of the atmosphere, whereby the smoke of the city is prevented from rising. That - combined with a dense mist from the sea.

EISENHOWER

(The news from the U.S.S. Helena, is that the cruiser is plowing its way through choppy seas, amid rain showers, on its way from Wake Island to Honolulu. That's really all the news we have about President-elect Eisenhower - who, aboard ship, is consulting with Cabinet-members-to-be. They're taking advantage of an ocean voyage to work on matters of policy, following General Ike's visit to Korea.)



ADD EISENHOWER

(Here's a comment from a Democratic Senator, over on the liberal wing of the Party. Senator Humphrey of Minnesota tells what he thinks of that Eisenhower trip. He says he believes "nothing but good" can come from it.)

"From what I can gather," says he, "the trip was very worthwhile."

All in line with (a lot of harmony that seems to be shaping up for the new Eisenhower administration.)

DIPLOMAT

Washington announces that "action" may be taken against a State Department diplomat - who had highly secret documents in his possession, when he was arrested on a charge of being drunk.

David Kohler is in the section that deals with North African problems - and took the confidential papers to work on at home over the weekend. With his wife, he drove to a party at Arlington. Then, when they left the party, their car hit a telephone pole, and knocked it over.

Both were arrested, and taken to a police station - where Kohler was charged with being drunk. He did the best thing possible, called the State Department, and told them what happened. Whereupon three agents were sent immediately - to pick up the documents.

So now the diplomat faces possible penalties - though we are assured that nobody could have had a look at the secret material, which was locked in the car all the time.

TRUMAN

Here's a statement that President Truman was urged to make a trip to Korea, and give out a hint - that the war would be over by Christmas. All - in the nature of an election stunt.

This comes from Francis Kelly, Attorney General of Massachusetts, who is attending a convention at Sea Island, Georgia. He says the proposal was put forward three weeks before General Eisenhower made his campaign promise - to go to Korea if elected.

The scheme was for the President to make the trip during the campaign. Then, while he was in Korea, statements would be allowed to drift out - war over by Christmas.

"But," says the Massachusetts Attorney General, "Mr. Truman rejected the idea, as unfit for consideration - because he knew the war would not end by Christmas."

Sounds like a ruthless electioneering stunt for anybody to suggest - and I hope, when the President turned it down, he used strong language.

PRISON

The convict riot at Sante Fe, New Mexico, is over.

Soldiers of the National Guard marched in today, with orders

to put down the insurrection. Whereupon the convict rebels

promptly surrendered, and released eight guards, held as

hostages. ~~They had~~ ^{They had} been threatening to kill the guards, unless

they were given their freedom - let out of the prison.

It is not clear if concessions were made - but,

^{New Mexico}
anyway, the convict rebellion is over.

ELECTION

Well, here are the election returns. —~~13~~

Sounds a bit late - but, actually, the final figures are not in - even now. Because so many states had delays of one sort or another, soldier ballots, disputes, and what not. (However, forty states are complete, and the eight others have only a few votes that may be added. So tonight's figures, as given out in Washington, are official.)

It was the largest vote ever cast in this country - more than sixty million, one hundred thousand. General Eisenhower's majority is nearly six million, four hundred thousand.

(The previous record-breaker was nineteen forty when nearly fifty million votes were cast, and the late President Roosevelt beat the late Wendall Wilkie by nearly five million. Now, the pendulum has swung so far over, there is a Republican majority of six million four hundred thousand.)

SHIP

There is a thrilling rescue task off the coast of Washington - where a seven thousand ton freighter is aground, battered by heavy seas. The SS "YORKMOR" with ~~XXXXXXXX~~ a cargo of lumber, is in danger of breaking up - after running aground on shallows off Gray's Harbor. A crew of thirty seven is aboard. With Coast Guard cutters on the scene - a helicopter in action - as every effort is made to take off the imperiled sailors.

~~The best story to drop would be DIPLOMAT.~~

EVEREST

In the city of Kathmandu, (it is announced that the government of Nepal has granted permission for a British expedition to make an attempt on Mount Everest, in the Spring. This fact, alone, would signify - that the Swiss climbers had failed.)

Word over the weekend was that the mountaineers from the Alps were on their way to Kathmandu. There is no confirmation of the report *that* *this time* ~~they~~ they climbed within one hundred and fifty feet of the top most pinnacle of Everest. The only certainty is - that they were bitterly disappointed when they had to turn back.

The failure, we hear, was because of an accident, in which a native porter was killed - a mishap that delayed and impeded the ascent. The weather was another cause - turning against the climbers.

(The lashing gales and blinding snowstorms of Everest drove them back.)

So now, the British will try it - with a new kind of oxygen equipment, easy to handle, lighter to carry. They have, in fact, arranged for two tries - if the first should fail. If they don't make it in the Spring, the Nepalese government has given permission for another attempt in the fall.

But that isn't all. A French expedition will have a go at the mountain, if the British fail. They have permission for Nineteen Forty-Four, the year after next.

But they may not succeed, either. So another Swiss expedition has been granted leave to try it, in Nineteen Fifty-Five.

All reflecting - the magic of Everest, the lure that draws mountaineers, in one attempt after another - heroic adventures that have been going on for years. It also reflects the might of unconquered Everest, which has defied every human ambition to scale its more than twenty-nine thousand feet.

CORONATION

In London, the announcement - the Coronation, all of it, will be televised. The ceremony in Westminster Abbey, as well as the royal procession. The T.V. audience will watch it all - except for one brief scene. But that will not be visible to the aristocratic throng in the Abbey, either. Though - all important in the ritual.

Today, Queen Elizabeth authorized the televising - which, at first, had been forbidden by the Coronation Commission. Only the procession through the streets - to be put on video. But public outcry compelled the change. So, T.V. will show the scene in the Abbey, the actual crowning of the Queen, the proclamation, the homage, all of the intricate ancient ritual. But - not the anointing. That ceremony will be performed behind a golden screen. The anointing of hands, breast, and head. That's the sacramental part, according to custom descended from the dim past.

The televised Coronation will be picked up by sets all over Britain - in France, too. ~~Expected~~ Witnessed, it is estimated, by twenty million people.

BANDITS

Here's the story of the meanest bandits. At San Antonio, Texas, Tynce Joles, a septic tank cleaner, had a couple of beers in a tavern - with a man and two girls. They invited him to a tourist cabin they occupied. He went along - and, presently found himself hanging by his feet.

That's the literal truth. They held him up, robbed him, tied his ankles together, then - strung him up to a tree, by his feet.

It took him twenty minutes, heaving, struggling, and swinging - before he was able to get loose, and then he had to walk three miles to a ~~farmer~~ farmer's house and telephone the sheriff.

This is really a case in which the old axiom should apply - an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. They should catch those three, ^{Nelson,} and hang them up by the feet for a while.