

POPE

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Tonight, the medical bulletin on Pope Pius the Twelfth uses the words - "visible improvement." Some recovery - from the paralytic stroke he suffered, this morning. Nevertheless, the gravest fears are felt - for the life of the eighty-two year old Pontiff.

At Castel Gandolfo, the Pāpal summer residence, Pope Pius ^{had been} ~~was~~ ailing for the past few days - with a recurrence of the malady that afflicted him four years ago, Gastric inflammation - and hiccoughing. Last night, the Pope seemed somewhat better. But then - ^{the} ~~A~~ paralytic stroke, which left him unconscious for a while. The last rites of the Church were administered.

Later in the day, the Pontiff was able to speak again. Now, that "visible improvement". Though the doctors - are not optimistic about their eighty-two year old patient.

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FORMOSA

The State Department indicates that the United States will stop convoying supplies to Quemoy and Matsu, if the Chinese Reds discontinue their bombardment, permanently.

Yesterday, the Chinese Communist Radio announced that the artillery blockade would be suspended for a period of seven days. Provided - American warships stopped escorting the supply ships of the Chinese Nationalists. That announcement was followed this morning by a discontinuance of the bombardment.

So, now, Washington says - if that's permanent, we will stop convoying. The declaration was made - by Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter, today.

This is quite in contrast to the reaction of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek - who, today, denounced the cease-fire as a "trick" and a "deception." Adding - that he hopes the United States will not be fooled.

Chiang's angry response is echoed by lesser Nationalist officials who argue - that the bombardment has not been halted because of "humanitarian" ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ considerations. The reason - given by the Chinese Red Radio. But - as a matter of trickery. The Communists halting the cannonade for the time being - while they bring up new supplies of guns and ammunition.

In any case, the artillery batteries were silent - when, today, the largest Nationalist convoy thus far with American participation, put supplies ashore on Quemoy Island.

SOVIET - TV

The Soviet bosses are still unable to get it into their heads - that the government in this country does not control everything. Such matters - as television programs, for example. They can't understand any such thing as - "free television."

Hence an angry protest - handed in by Soviet Ambassador Menshikov, in Washington, today. A diplomatic note protesting to the State Department against a program on CBS-TV / Which, ~~in a historical play~~, concerned the death of Stalin. The play - telling of a conspiracy against the tyrant. Stalin - incurring a stroke. His henchmen - refusing to get medical aid.

So now the Soviet note uses such expressions as - "filthy slander", "provocative action". Demanding, that the U.S. Government - forbid any such thing in the future.

Ambassador Menshikov was asked, what could the federal government do about it? To which he replied - "It occurred on the territory of the United States, and the United States

government bears responsibility for it."

The implication being - that our government bears responsibility for everything that happens in this country.

No, Mr. Ambassador - not in the land of the free.)

SUBMARINE

Off the coast of Rhode Island, today, ninety-five men got their first breath of fresh air - in two months. Having been under water - for sixty days. Officers and sailors - of the atomic submarine "Sea Wolf."

They submerged on August Seventh, and navigated nearly sixteen thousand miles below the surface of the Atlantic. The "Sea Wolf" - breaking the record set by that other atomic sub, the "Skate."

Conventional undersea craft - have remained under water for long periods. But - equipped with snorkels that are lifted above the surface to draw in fresh air.

Those atomic subs - have no snorkel. The crew - breathing the same air over and over again. In the case of the "Sea Wolf" - for two months. The air - constantly reconditioned by purifying equipment, which provides oxygen.

Thus the submarine for two whole months was

independent of the earth's atmosphere, much as a space ship would be - on an interplanetary voyage.

BASEBALL

You can summarize today's baseball game with two names - Lou Burdette and "Bullet" Bob Turley. The two pitchers being pretty much the whole story.

The Yankees finally got to their old Nemesis - ~~the~~ Burdette, who had beaten them in four straight Series games. Including - the second game this year. Yankee Gil McDougald hit Burdette for a solo homer in the third. Then, in the sixth, a deluge descended on the old Yankee-destroyer. They batted him out of the box, and scored six runs.

For "Bullet" Bob Turley, it was also a reversal of form - but in the opposite direction. In the second game, last Thursday, the Milwaukee Braves knocked him out in less than an inning. A humiliating experience - for Turley. Today he pitched a shut-out - with ten strike-outs. *P*The score, seven to nothing for the Yankees.

HATS

Here's a story about - golden derbies. Hats - gilded and gleaming. Related - by Hollywood Composer Dimitri Tiomkin, who wrote the music for the motion picture based on Ernest Hemingway's Nobel-Prize-winning novel, "The Old Man and the Sea." Which has its premiere - tomorrow.

Dimitri Tiomkin tells how, back at the time when he was a concert pianist, he played the Gershwin Concerto in F - at the Paris Grand Opera. A mighty stately place - for jazz.

The Gershwin music included that old-time device of jazz - "playing in the hat". The trumpet - blowing into a derby. For a sound of wah-wah.

But, at l'opera, the orchestra players were - highly dignified musicians. And, when the trumpet players were told about "playing in the hat" - they rebelled. Mais non. To blow a trumpet into a derby - ridiculous.

So Dimitri Tiomkin resorted - to a drastic measure. Having the derbies - painted with gold. Gleaming - and glittering.

It worked. The trumpet players of L'Opera -

persuaded. Willing - to play into the golden hats. So

the Gershwin Concerto in F was properly performed at

L'Opera.

"concert" over the condition of Pope Pius the Twelfth.

Tan Pozziff is running a temperature again - with his

pulse rate and his blood pressure both higher than they

were this morning. It's a turn for the worse - for the

eighty-two year old head of the Roman Catholic Church.

The crisis followed a medical bulletin - in which

we were told that the Pope was getting better. There was

even talk of his consulting Poin with Catholic

ecclesiastical - about the problems of the Church. Now the

real question is whether Pius the Twelfth can fight off

a second stroke - which his physicians declare, could be

fatal.