

SUB RENO

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At Reno, today, things were pretty much as usual. The gambling houses in operation. The Truckee River ~~was~~ flowing along. Crowds of people in the department stores -- at the corner of Elk and Sierra Streets.

In one department store -- the owner, W. A. Patterson, noticed a smell of gas. So, he called up the local ~~at~~ utility company, and told them to hurry over and shut the gas off.

The smell of the ~~gas~~ fumes increased, and got so bad -- that Patterson ~~ordered all customers~~ ~~and employees~~ and employees -- out of the store. ~~so~~ They got out -- just in time.

The Patterson's store -- the center of a series of explosions that followed. Wrecking the department store building and three others -- a bank building, the Elk's Club, and the Blitz Building. In the crowded department ~~store~~ store there would have been a heavy loss of life -- had it not been for the prompt action

of owner Patterson. In the other three buildings, people were lucky -- because the heavy destruction ^{then} to / was caused by later explosions. / ^{The} first blast giving a warning -- and they got out. As it was, only ~~one~~ one life was lost apparently -- although thirty-five people were injured.

The street corner in downtown Reno -- looking as though a block-buster bomb had hit it. And fires followed -- the Gray-Reid Department store across the street from Patterson's, caught fire. The blaze raging for five hours. Other buildings -- damaged.

The havoc so great that the Nevada National Guard was called ^{out-} / with soldiers ~~to~~ taking control of the devastated area. ~~But~~ This -- among a series ~~of~~ of other emergency measures.

At last reports there was fear -- of still further explosions. Impossible to shut off the gas main. ~~Exp~~ Explosive fumes -- continuing to ~~rise~~ pour in. Inhabitants -- evacuated from a wide

area. Reno, tonight- like a city hit by the havoc
of war.

PRINCE

The Crown Prince of Iraq - today came out in favor of the "Eisenhower Doctrine". When Prince Abdul Illah came from the White House he said that the Eisenhower's plan would be a good thing for the Middle East. "We are happy about it," was the way he put it. Adding that he is sure other Arab leaders will accept the plan - if it is properly explained to them.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles today held his first news conference - in nearly two months. The newsmen of course bombarded him with questions about Middle East ~~ni~~ policy, also that cancelled visit by Marshal Tito.

Although he has been under attack in Congress, he said that he is not greatly disturbed by all the criticism - and, has no intention of resigning. He still believes he was right in opposing the Anglo-French attack on Egypt; and that history will agree on this. He admitted though that it was one of the most difficult decisions he ever faced - the decision that we would not back Britain and France - on the invasion of Suez.

He added that he won't mind at all if the Senate ~~review~~ decides on a complete review of his policies - everything the State Department has done over the past ten years, and, that the Department already is gathering the necessary documents for such review. He said several hundred thousand state papers

are involved - many of which cannot be made public without the consent of other Nations.

Here are some other points he made today:

He said we would support the U N - if it voted sanctions against Israel - on the Gaza issue. He's not worried about oil for Western Europe - even though it hasn't been flowing as freely as he had hoped because of the reluctance of the Texas Railroad Commission. That enough oil has been getting across the Atlantic - to make unnecessary any further appeal by the President. Finally, he still feels that a visit by Marshal Tito would be useful.

Tonight we know the name of that "mystery patient" in the Moscow hospital. He's the Vice-Chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers - one, Vyacheslav Malyshev. We still don't know the reason for ^{all} the secrecy - that produced the rumor ^{that} the sick man was Deputy Premier Kaganovich. When Kaganovich was seen in public, ^{it was assumed} ~~the guess was~~ that the patient must be - someone else in the ^{Soviet hierarchy} ~~highest echelon of the Soviet leadership~~. ~~Instead~~, he turns out to be a ~~subordinate~~ member of the Council of Ministers. Malyshev, an important figure ^{- at the second level.} ~~in Russia with someone here the top leadership.~~

SOVIET

Today's meeting of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow - was not at all exciting. The rubber-stamp Parliament - putting its okay on a budget presented by Khrushchev and company.

Will something more spectacular develop in the next few days? ~~We might expect it after the two previous meetings.~~ ^{well} Last year khrushchev came out with his sensational attack on Stalin. And two years ago, Malenkov stepped out as Premier - after admitting he was a failure.

The Government of Hungary announces - a "zone of death" ~~has been established~~ along the Yugoslav border. The reason? - fifteen thousand Hungarians have fled to Yugoslavia - since the Russians crushed the anti-Communist revolt. The Kadar Government ^{now} threatens to shoot anyone ~~who~~ attempts ^{ing} to cross the border without ^a permit^{son}. Only those with Government authority - to enter the country of Marshal Tito.

Throughout Hungary, the Reds are cracking down on anti-Communists. Three ^{more} teachers and seven students from Budapest University - have ~~just~~ been arrested. ^{Said} the Hungarian State Prosecutor, ^{addressing} ~~at~~ a meeting of Prosecutors; - "we have two alternatives - tough Government or anarchy." The Kadar Government is choosing - tough Government - including the firing squad.

STUDENTS

Here's a follow up item on those four British students, who spent several weeks in Hungarian jails. They are back in Britain, where the Red carpet has not been rolled out for them. One, Roger Cooper - has been suspended by St. John's College, Oxford. The staid old British University - taking a dim view of the escapade.

The other three, are being lambasted by the Press. The newspapers saying they had no business getting mixed up in the Hungarian situation.

What shocked the London editors even more when asked for their story - they demanded a fee ^{"Outrageous" says} The London Daily Mail.

In the House of Commons, Laborites are asking how much it cost the British Exchequer - for the negotiations that finally won their release.

CHOU EN LAI

A dispatch from Colombo, Ceylon, tells how the Premier of Communist China today asked: - "Why should we always listen - to the President of the United States?" Chou En Lai, speaking to a news conference - bitterly criticising President Eisenhower.

As usual, Chou attacked President Eisenhower for refusing to recognize Red China for refusing to give Mao Tse-Tung a seat in the United Nations. Said Chou: "Let the United States continue not to recognize us - but China will not topple down." Then he added that China's present Regime - is good for at least a hundred years.

Again attacking the "Eisenhower Doctrine" for the Middle East, he called it "Imperialism." - America trying to take the place of Britain and France in the Middle East.

Furthermore he said he still believes that the Kashmir problem is not a problem for the United Nations. Entirely up to Pakistan and India.

SHELTER

Navy experts announce a plan for defense against atomic attack. A shelter program, that, would give every American a "ninety-nine per cent" chance of survival. Navy scientist Dr. Paul Tompkins, describing it - before a House Sub-Committee, pointed out that our entire country might be contaminated by an atomic raid. That we must be prepared to face bombs equal to one hundred million tons of TNT. An attack that - might leave the country contaminated - from coast to coast - for about five days.

He says we should prepare for this - by setting up adequate shelters - enough to house everybody in the United States. Shelters designed by Navy experts that would be safe against everything - but a direct hit by an atom bomb. That's why he says we would all have a "ninety-nine per cent chance of survival."

There's one big obstacle - acceptance of the plan by Congress. The cost - thirty-eight billion dollars.

A leader of the National Guard - strikes back at Pentagon critics - especially at Secretary of Defense Wilson. General E. A. Walsh, President of the National Guard Association - telling newsmen, the National Guard does not need six months basic training. General Walsh, ^{who is scheduled} to testify before the House Armed Services Sub-Committee,

~~He~~ gave the press a statement ~~of his~~ ~~position~~ without waiting to meet the sub-committee. He thinks training like that of the army is unnecessary for the National Guard. He believes the army wastes a lot of time - by including one month for processing and ^{for} leaves - of - absence -- in its six months program. ^{He put it this way!} ~~says General Walsh~~

"If you wring the water out of their six months - you'll find you can do it in a lot less." ~~and he~~

^{That} ~~is~~ the National Guard is made up of citizen soldiers, ^{and} If they were ordered to take full army training - that would put them in the same class as the professionals.

INDIANS

The Iroquois of Brantford, Ontario are on the warpath, ~~The Redskins~~ claiming, ~~that~~ the ~~xxx~~ white man is trying to take the rights from a member of the tribe.

Last June, an Iroquois maid named Minehaha Smoke was married in the traditional manner of the Six Nations. The ceremony, presided over by the Iroquois chief. A year later when her husband was killed in an accident, Squaw Smoke asked the courts to arrange for her to have what she had coming under the terms of her husband's will.

Here entereth the Paleface. The superintendent of Indian Affairs - claims her marriage was not legal; that the Ontario Marriage Act requires - a registered official to perform the ceremony - the Iroquois chief not a registered official, merely a tribal chieftain. So she isn't Squaw Smoke at all, because she was ~~never~~ really married.

The Iroquois are raising a ruction over this. They say that in the first place they are not

subject to the customs and laws of the Dominion of Canada. That under their treaty with the White Man - the Iroquois still have their own Sovereign State - allied to the Crown. And that the Paleface has no right ^{trying} to tell them how an Indian maid should be married.

Ottawa has assigned experts to study the matter. Meanwhile the Iroquois are demanding ~~what~~ ~~they call~~ their treaty rights.

NAUTILUS

A party - a celebration - took place yesterday, beneath the surface of the Atlantic. Aboard our atomic powered submarine - the Nautilus. The reason for the party - the sub had just passed the limit mentioned in a famous novel. Remember how Jules Verne's "Nautilus" voyaged "twenty thousand leagues under the sea?" Well, our atomic "Nautilus" had just passed the twenty thousand league mark, under nuclear power.

Commander Eugene Wilkinson presiding.

His guests, the crew - and a few newsmen. Commander Wilkinson announced to those present that when they reached the twenty thousand league mark they ~~not~~ would have broken the record of every submarine - including the fictional record of Jules Verne's Nautilus.

Henry -
Then, he called out "Mark, twenty thousand leagues!" And that was it. Once again reality had outrun fiction.

AMBULANCE

Here's a dispatch from Lorton, Virginia, that may have a moral concealed in it. I'll let you decide that: Young Alvin Pettit, driving along a street, saw two cars ahead of him crash head-on. Nine persons injured, and in need of help - and in a hurry.

Al Pettit ran two blocks - to where the local rescue team keeps its ambulance. Unable to find the members of the rescue crew, young Al got in the ambulance - and raced back to the scene of the crash.

There, he got the two most seriously injured aboard the ambulance, rushed them to the hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. Then returned the ambulance to where he got it - and went home.

The next day here's what happened to this modern Good Samaritan. Perhaps you've already guessed. State Police arrested him for "unauthorized use of the ambulance."