

SWEDEN L.F.-P.G. Thure. June 19th '52.

The Swedish government has given orders to its naval vessels and Air Force planes - "shoot back if attacked." Reports were that warships and planes, on routine maneuvers, had been ordered to keep away from the Eastern Baltic - international waters, over toward the Soviet side. This following the shooting down of a Swedish flying boat on a rescue mission. But Stockholm upholds its right to navigation on and over the Baltic. Telling its ships and planes - "shoot back, if attacked."

They've discovered the wreck of the plane that was being sought, when the rescue plane was shot down. The word is that the wreckage cannot be recovered - its at the bottom of the Baltic. Evidence is that this plane, too - a flying boat with eight aboard - was shot down by Red fighter planes.

BERLIN

In Berlin, the Soviets reject a protest made by the western power^s - because of Russian interference with transport and communications. The Reds have been persuing a policy of systematic annoyance - to make things difficult in the western sector of the city. They reply by charging - espionage and terrorism. Rejecting the western protests, the Soviet commander in Germany charges that West Berlin has become a base for illegal activities, directed against the Soviet zone. That's the ^{is} excuse for tying up the highways, railroads, and telephone.

KOREA-ALEXANDER

London states that reports have been received from Defense Minister Earl Alexander - concerning Korea. And - London is relieved. The Defense Minister, after looking things over, states that the American command is handling things well and efficiently.

This is confirmed by a dispatch from Ottawa, capital of Canada - where Earl Alexander, on his way home from Korea, is holding secret talks with Canadian Defense Officials. Today he states: "Criticism of the handling of the Korea war and truce talks is absolutely unjustified." Then ^{he} added: "The Americans are running a really good show."

KOREA-WAR

On the Korean warfront, the Reds were at it again today - trying to knock the Oklahomans off three strategic hilltops. They have failed - running, at one hilltop, into a pulverizing surprise.

It wouldn't have happened except for the weather. Fifty B-26 bombers were on their way to blast enemy communications far to the north of the fighting line. The weather closed in up there - and the big air fleet didn't have any place to go.

But, not far from where they were, swarms of Communists were surging against one of those hilltops. So the bombing fleet got orders - to go over there. They did - and the Reds found themselves a target for a quarter of a million pounds of high explosive. That broke the assault.

NEW ZEALAND

There's wonder and worry - at Auckland, New Zealand. Office workers tell of a five-story building swaying back and forth, for ~~xxx~~ no apparent reason. At a gasoline station - tanks underground got hot. Rising to thirty degrees above normal temperature. In the garden of a home, a miniature crater opened, and blew out a cloud of sulphur fumes.

Auckland is ringed with old volcanos - a circle of cones and craters. There hasn't been an eruption since the white man came. The last one, six hundred years ago say the New Zealand aborigines, the Maoris.

So what's the meaning of the strange phenomena today? Many believe - earthquakes are indicated. Scientists are trying to find out - making a study of the ring of old volcanos that circle Auckland.

MARINES

Congress today completed action on a Marine Corps bill - giving the Leathernecks ~~the~~ ~~their~~ maximum peace-time strength of four hundred thousand. And - making the Marine Corps commandant a member of the Chiefs of Staff, - in matters concerning the Leathernecks. Passed by both Houses of Congress, the bill goes to the desk of President Truman.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Congress orders an investigation into the charges against the Department of Justice -- ~~in~~ ^{of} dealings with big liquor companies. A sub-committee today scheduled public hearings for next week, on complaints that anti-trust accusations were "stifled."

In Nineteen forty-eight, there were charges against the top ranking liquor companies, the "Big Four." An official who handled the case, tells the sub-committee that there were good grounds to prosecute the liquor "big four" under the anti-trust laws. But the department of justice refused to press the case. ~~That's~~ That's the story - to be looked into next week.

TRUMAN-TAXES

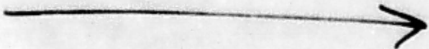
President Truman takes issue with both Senator Taft and General Eisenhower - on the subject of Taxes. Both candidates, who seek the Republican nomination, have promised - cuts if elected. Senator Taft says - he'd ~~xx~~ reduce taxes fifteen percent, down the line. General Eisenhower says he'd slash federal spending by forty billion dollars a year - and there'd be a corresponding decrease in taxation. All qualified, of course, by possibilities in the cold war.

President Truman argues - that, instead of being less, taxes should be more. At ~~xx~~ his news conference today, he declared that a fifteen percent cut would put the country in a worse hole than ever. The federal deficit is approaching eight billion dollars for the year. So taxes should be boosted, not reduced, says the President - who is not running for^{re} election.

STEEL

President Truman says - he's considering the use of the Taft-Hartley law to end the steel strike. But - he says Congress can't make him do it.

At ~~xx~~ his news conference today, the President pointed out that, under its own terms, the Taft-Hartley law is "permissive." Up to the White House to use it - or not. Get a court injunction, or not. He says he doesn't believe the Taft-Hartley method would end the strike - but he's thinking of trying it.

The steel situation, he pointed out, is leading rapidly to an ugly crisis. Plants making military equipment - compelled to close down, for the lack of steel. 

FOLLOW STEEL

The latest - (the steel workers union has agreed to resume the operation of one hundred ^{and} thirty two plants, now tied up by the strike. ~~This~~ - to provide steel for national defense.) Workers - to go back ~~in~~ on the job in ninety-seven steel mills and thirty-five warehouses.

This announcement was made tonight by the federal government, which has dispatched a telegram to the steel companies, informing them of the arrangement.

All an indication of the gravity of the crisis - the strike a menace to the re-armament of this nation.

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FIRE

BROOKLYN had a fire today - one of those cockeyed spectacular events for which Brooklyn is famous. A towering blaze spurting up to the lofty Manhattan Bridge, during a violent thunderstorm.

Manhattan bridge is one of three great spans across the East River. It reaches the Brooklyn side high in the air - and far below there's a coal pier. So, that caught fire, today, together with several barge-loads of coal, ~~Just~~ then a tempest of wind, rain, thunder and lightning hit New York. Providing a spectacular draft for the fire.

The coal company had a tall hopper, four stories high, reaching up toward the steel span of the Bridge. ~~Which~~ Which made a first class flue - and the ~~flames~~ flames, blown by the wind, streamed up through the chute. Reaching up to the bridge and setting ~~sixty~~ aflame.

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downward. All that - and the rainstorm. The fire

was over in little more than an hour.

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BASEBALL

In Brooklyn baseball - a no-hitter today.

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At Yankton in South Dakota today, a bitter drama of the rodeo was played out today. Bringing an end to a "killer-mare."

Among the bucking broncs, that one was the most vicious. Several weeks ago, a buckaroo, named Reuben Bagola, tried to conquer the "killer-mare", and lost his life. He was thrown that hard. After which a brother-in law of the victim made the try -- buckaroo Sonny Blair. In a rodeo earlier this week, he rode the "killer-mare" and was tossed off. But - survived.

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ABDULLAH

Here's about two guys named Abdullah. One - the Texas Abdullah who married ^{the} that Eguptian Belly Dancer, became a Moslem, and gave himself a Mohammedan name.

At Houston, Sheppard Abdullah King will contest the will of his mother, Mrs. Bonner King, She never did like her playboy son's marriage to Samia Gamal. So, dying recently, she left Abdullah only one-fourth of her three million dollar estate. Three-fourths to go to Abdullah's eighteen year old sister, Patricia.

At first, Patricia, too, wanted to break the bill - which provides that she won't get her share until she's forty. Sounds like a long wait for an eighteen year old.

Today, though, Patricia changed her mind - saying she'll try to get the age limit altered, without contesting the will. You see her point? If she joined Abdullah in breaking the will, she'd be out a million or so.

But Abdullah goes to court. He says he needs the money to finance his wife's Egyptian Belly Dancing tour of U.S. night clubs. And - enable him to create a movie relating the romance of the dancer from the Nile and the Texan called Abdullah.

This other Abdullah, whom we have in the news tonight - is different. In Boston, taken to court because he wouldn't get a license for his dog. He's a real ~~an~~ Abdullah -- because, addressing the Judge, he burst into Arabic.

It happens that his Honor, Judge Elias Shamon, understands the tongue of the Koran. So he got it. He says Abdullah cried: "This is a free country, is it not? Then, why all the taxes? Even a dog tax?"

Sounds good in English, and must have sounded even better in Arabic. But Abdullah was given twenty-four hours to pay the two dollar license fee, if he wants to keep his dog.

Too bad, Abdullah, this is a free country, but not free of taxes.

COUPLES

A prize is awarded to - the happiest married couple. Though nothing is said about the - happiest unmarried couple. At Beverley Hills, California, the parents League of America announces the selection, - so who wins the trophy? President and Mrs. Truman, at the top of the list. Wedded for thirty-three years, and never a domestic argument - we suppose.

The Trumans head a ~~list~~^{list} of seven. The other happiest of couples being: "Orchestra ~~and~~ Conductor Leopold Stokowski and the former Gloria Vanderbilt. Film star Alan Ladd and his wife, Sue. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, the Second, Irving Berlin and wife Elin, Casey Stengel, Manager of the New York Yankees and wife Edna, And - General and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur. Quite a varied list - all the way from Casey Stengel to General MacArthur.

The prize is now on its way to the White House - and what do you think the trophy is? A ~~and~~ golden rolling pin. Sure sounds like happy marriage -

- the traditional rolling pin bouncing on hubby's
cranium.

Well, it suggests an appropriate greeting
for wedding anniversaries, ^{Nelson} - happy rolling pin to you.

~~Fine sentimental song, at an anniversary celebration,
happy rolling pin, Dear Harry, Happy rolling pin to you.~~

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WATERMELONS

The Department of Agriculture announces - a record breaking year for watermelons. Bigger than last year when eighty-three million, two hundred and ninety-seven thousand watermelons were marketed.

There are twenty-nine varieties, and some have unusual names. Like - the "Georgia rattlesnake." That watermelon is particularly sweet - unlike the rattlesnake.

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