

JORDAN

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The United States has offered King Hussein of Jordan ten million dollars in ~~economic~~ economic aid. Today, the United States Embassy at Aman made the announcement - an offer of ten million to help maintain the political stability of the troubled Arabian Kingdom.

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A message was delivered to King Hussein shortly after his return from Saudi Arabia. *Central Arabian* Where, at the *desert walled* city of Riyadh, he conferred with King Saud. One belief being-- that they were arranging for another "summit conference" of Arab states.

Indications are that the government of Jordan will accept the American offer. But, at the same time, the new Jordanian Foreign Minister declares - there will be no ~~an~~ invitation to the Eisenhower doctrine envoy, James P. Richards. The supposition had been - they might ~~be~~ make a trip to Jordan -- to argue the case of President Eisenhower's Near Eastern program. Which offers - economic assistance to Near Eastern countries. But, he won't go to Jordan -- and that's

announced, as the United States offers the government of King Hussein ten million in economic aid. Which Jordan will probably accept.

WEST GERMANY

West Germany, today, sent a strongly worded reply to a Soviet note of warning. ~~Re~~ On Saturday, Moscow handed a menacing message to the West German government - saying -- that an atomic war would blast the country to ruin. Which threat had an immediate application to the fact - that West Germany is in line to get atomic weapons, as a member of Nato.

Today's reply, sent by Foreign Minister Von Brentano, charges - that Soviet Russia is trying to get ^a monopoly of atomic power, ~~For~~ the purpose - of enslaving Europe. The Moscow warning - dismissed, as attempted intimidation, to separate West Germany from her western allies.

BRITAIN

Two London papers declare - tonight -- that the British H-bomb tests have been postponed. Hydrogen bomb explosions - originally scheduled for a start this week. Now - delayed several weeks.

The London evening news explains the postponement -- on political grounds. Loud ~~ja~~ international protests - from Japan, for example. Opposition in Britain - to H-bomb tests. Today British Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, said in a radio interview - that much of the ~~agitation~~ agitation against British hydrogen bomb explosions has been incited by the Communists.

The London Daily Express ~~suggests~~ suggests - another kind of reason for the ~~delay~~ delay. Technical trouble - problems in constructing the bombs.

To the two newspaper accounts a government ~~spoke~~ spokesman says - no comment.

CENTRAL AMERICA

In that quarrel between Central American banana republics -- Honduras, today, formally, made a charge of aggression against Nicaragua, placing the complaint - before the organization of American States. ~~The Hondurans declare~~
~~-- Nicaraguan invasion forces are in Honduran territory.~~
~~The Nicaraguans retorting -- the section they've occupied really~~
~~belongs to Nicaragua. To which an ancient echo would seem to~~
~~sound -- yes, we have no bananas.~~

HAITI

The Republic of Haiti has been without a government for six days now. With signs, today - that the Army will have to set up a government.

Political affairs have taken a strange turn in Haiti. Two provisional Presidents - taking office, and promptly forced out - followed - by a novel expedient. Haiti - scheduled for a Presidential election. So five of the Presidential candidates named an executive council - to run the country. Now the council has broken up, with disputes - and walkouts. Discord - among the ~~xxx~~ five Presidential candidates.

Nothing left, apparently - but for the Army to take over.

RACKETEERING

Interesting testimony - at the Senate Racketeers investigation, today. A contractor - telling how he paid One-hundred-and-seventy-five a week to officials of the Teamsters Union. In connection - with a government job.

Earl Bettendorf of Texarkansas, Texas, explained - that he had a ~~some~~ contract, requiring a delivery of materials at a government depot near Scranton, Pennsylvania. But he was using non-union truck drivers and the Teamsters Union ~~wouldn't~~ wouldn't let these through the depot gate which led to a lot of palaver - resulting in agreement. ~~He~~ Non-union drivers permitted to operate upon the payment of One-hundred-and-seventy-five dollars a week to two union officials.

The most curious part is this. Bettendorf testifying - that the U S government reimbursed him for the money he paid to the union officials. He said he ~~informed~~ informed the government that the demands of the Teamsters union had increased his costs, and the government paid him to make up for that.

TEAMSTERS

The A F L - C I O told the President of the Teamsters union, today - that the charges of corruption will be pressed. So, stated by A F L - C I O President, George Meany - in letters to President of the Teamsters, Dave Beck.

At the time the Senate Investigating Committee was hearing evidence about racketeering in the Teamsters Union,-- the time when Beck was taking the fifth amendment over and over again---the A F L - C I O executive committee voted an inquiry into the affairs of the Teamsters. To which the *Teamsters* Union responded - by saying they would not attend the hearing, unless they got assurance of a fair trial.

So, now the A F L-C I O President informs Beck that, if the Union fails to put in an appearance - the hearing on corruption charges will go on just the same - scheduled -- for Monday of next week.

BUDGET

The Senate has returned from an Easter vacation - during which time law makers went home, and performed a few political chores. For example, they inquired - how do their constituents feel about the federal budget? And - the possibility of a tax cut? So, what did they hear?

The leaders of both political parties declare - that public sentiment for a slash in the budget is even stronger than they expected. The same - goes for a tax cut.

Democratic leader, Senator Lyndon B. Johnston of Texas, relates that never has he found such strong demand for economy in government. High taxes - inflaming the call for economy.

Republican leader, Senator Knowland of California, says the same thing, and renews the prediction - that Congress will trim the Eisenhower budget by three billion, ~~dollars~~.

Republican Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, argues that nothing less than a cut of three billions will make tax ~~red~~ reduction possible.

The battle of the budget is causing a lot of comment that President Eisenhower may be losing his control of the Congressional Republicans. Rising opposition - against that Eisenhower call for "modern Republicanism."

The magazine, U S News and World Report publishes the result of a questionnaire - in which thirty-seven G O P leaders gave their opinions of modern Republicanism. Most of them - in favor, but - plenty of strong dissent.

Congressman Clare Hoffman calls a modern Republican - "a new dealer internationalist." Congressman Miller of Nebraska gives his definition in these words: "A free-wheeling, free-spender, who has surrendered his constructive conservatism - to ride the new deal band wagon."

On the other hand, Senator Wiley of Wisconsin thinks - modern Republicanism simply adapts itself to the needs of Twentieth Century America. G O P National Chairman, Alcorn

says - "dynamic conservatism, alive, vibrant, responsive and aggressive."

Senator Francis Case of South Dakota describes a modern Republican in these neat words: "One who greatly admires President Eisenhower and resolves most of his doubt (if any) in favor of the President."

A few sidelights on a big political question of the day - President Eisenhower and the Republican party.

MCCARTHY

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Senator McCarthy is in ~~the~~ Bethesda Naval Hospital, and the medical report says: "His condition is considered serious." The Wisconsin Senator - stricken with acute hepatitis, an inflammation of the liver.

~~Sen~~ Senator McCarthy has been in the Naval hospital at Washington, from time to time - afflicted with various ~~ma~~ maladies. Undergoing an operation for a sinus condition -- in one instance. Surgery for a leg injury - more recently.

McCarthy of Wisconsin, the most controversial figure in the Senate - now in a serious condition with hepatitis.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court rules - that Girard College for orphans in Philadelphia must admit negro students. Which reverses - the ruling of the Pennsylvania courts.

The college in question was founded back in Eighteen Thirty One by Stephen Girard, Statesman and Philanthropist. Whose will stipulated that the college should be for "poor male white orphan children." That's the wording of the will. But the Supreme Court finds that the board which operates Girard College is in the words of the court - an agency of the state of Pennsylvania." Hence, the refusal to admit negro pupils is "discrimination by the State."

FLOODS

The deluge - surging in Texas and Louisiana. The flood waters - moving into Southern Texas. The Rio Grande - flowing over its banks - threatening to inundate the city of Brownsville. San Antonio - declared a disaster area. |

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Two hundred families - evacuating from the path of two flooding creeks. Houston - hit hard. Twenty homes washed out in the lower section of the city.

The Sabine River, the boundary ~~is~~ between Texas and Louisiana, has put parts of one town - under eight feet of water. The Red River in Louisiana - pouring over its banks. Dozens of families - fleeing near Shreveport.

All the result of an eleven day siege of rainstorms thunder storms, and tornadoes. Five more tornadoes - reported today, one - ripping down power ~~in~~ lines in the valley of the Rio Grande.

Follow Floods

Tonight, President Eisenhower designated the stricken parts of Texas - as a major disaster area. Eligible - to receive aid from the federal government. The President acted on a telegram from Governor Price Daniel of Texas.

PARACHUTING

At Woodbury, Connecticut - a new intercollegiate sport is being launched - parachute jumping. Students -- leaping from a small plane at an altitude of two-thousand-one hundred feet. Coming down by parachute - and trying to hit the middle of a one hundred meter circle.

The sport - imported from Europe. Where it's popular in ~~xxx~~ some countries. American students now taking it up. The meet in Woodbury - beginning in an informal way. Undergraduates of Dartmouth, Harvard, and Williams - deciding to have a competition in parachute jumping. ~~xxx~~ Students at Yale, Columbia, and Princeton heard about it and became interested. So, they ^{too} are participating.

A new sport should be news, I suppose. So, it is a headliner of some sort - ~~an~~ intercollegiate competition in parachute jumping.

THEDA BARRA

In Chicago, a glittering, sparkling - revival of old memories. For those - who remember the silent movie.

A Theda Bara treasure - up for auction one hundred thousand dollars worth of jewelry - on display at a Chicago art gallery.

Theda Bara, the vamp - who played the part of the seductive siren. Remember - Kipling's poem, the vampire?

"A fool there was and he made his prayer
(Even as you and I)
To a rag and a bone and a hank of hair
(We called her the woman who did not care)
But the fool he called her his lady fair
(Even as you and I!)"

So, Theda Bara became - the vamp. Putting a new word - into popular speech. Which few people - are ever able to accomplish. *TP Of course cinerama is another - and has brought forth a rash of ramae - hundreds of them.*

At the Chicago collection of Theda Bara jewels, people are gazing with sentimental remembrance - at gleaming *worn by the vamp.* pearl necklaces, A tiara of gold ~~and~~ and pearls - and

a platinum lorgnette studded with two hundred diamonds. *Yes, ~~Heavy~~ it paid to be a vamp - in the movies.*

CHESS

Over the weekend, ^a new champion was crowned - a chess champion. Where? In Moscow. The new champion - a Russia. The ex-champion - also a Russiaⁿ. Which is an example of how Soviet Russia dominates the sport of mental gymnastics.

Smyslov defeated Botvinnik - in a long, drawn out match. Smyslov - winning six games. Botvinnik - three. Thirteen games - were ~~xxxx~~ draws.

So, the rooks and pawns, the queens and the bishops are ^{applauding} ~~hailing~~ ^{Heavily} all-hail the new chess champion, Smyslov!

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And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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Just a year ago I had the surprise of my life. On my way to Katmandu, Nepal, I made a stop at New Delhi, India, where at the airport, a member of the U S Embassy staff came up and said: "Welcome, Mr. Ambassador." Which was the first I knew - that President Eisenhower had named me as an official representative of his, to the Coronation of the new King of Nepal. Coronation in Shangri-La. So, I had to take a silk hat and tails and all that when I flew on from India across the first range of the Himalayas to romantic Katmandu. I could hardly forget that.

And so long until tomorrow.