

WEATHER

LT. DeLoe, Thurs, May 23 - '54,

Dallas, Texas, got it from the storm demons today - a one-two punch.

First - a cloud-burst. Flooding the streets - washing automobiles off the roads. In under-passes -- the water ran five feet deep.

Then, later in the day, a powerful wind storm - with rain and hail. No tornado - the typical funnel shape was lacking. But the day turned into night - at one o'clock this afternoon. The wind - blowing sixty-nine miles an hour. The Republican National Bank Building, the tallest in the Southwest, swaying like a tree in a gale. Debris - flying like buck-shot.

After blasting Dallas for half an hour, the storm moved on across the plains of Texas. ^{Spreading} ~~wreaking~~ havoc - elsewhere.

A whole system of storms - today; From Oklahoma, already hit by floods, up into Illinois and Indiana.

And worse ^{is} to come, along the Mississippi. At

Memphis, the U.S. Weather Bureau warned - a severe flood this coming weekend. With all that storm and ~~rain~~^{rain} for weeks - the Father of Waters would have to get into it.

AFL-CIO

More action - by the AFL-CIO, today. The Executive Council suspending - the Laundry Workers Union. Charged - with a misuse of Welfare Funds. ~~Yea~~ Two years ago, the Laundry Union was accused by a Senate Committee. After which - the AFL-CIO held an investigation. Followed by a warning - that the Union must clean house.

Recently, the Laundry Workers had a convention in Chicago. Electing - a new President. Which doesn't satisfy the AFL-CIO; ~~On~~ the ground - that the selection of a new Laundry President was decided largely by E.C. James, the former Secretary-Treasurer, ~~Who~~ was involved - in the Welfare Fund accusations. The implication being - that he remains a power behind the scenes in the Laundry Union affairs.

Today, the AFL-CIO - placed a couple of other Unions on probation. The Distillery Workers and Allied Industrial Workers - also under charges of the misuse of Welfare Funds.

Meanwhile, a Congressional Committee is drafting

legislation - to protect the money that Union members put up for their own security. The House Labor Committee - to begin hearings next week. Wanting to guard Union Welfare Funds against, what they call - "pillaging". ^TCommittee Chairman, Congressman Barden, says the total of Welfare Funds comes - to nearly forty billion dollars. Quite a bundle of cash - for racketeers to get their hands into.

ALASKA

The old question of statehood - for Alaska. A Sub-Committee of the House - approving ~~of~~ a bill to make the great northern territory the forty-ninth state.

But the bill carries a surprise. A proviso - for a special election in Alaska. To determine if the people really want - admission into the Union. A couple of the Committee members insisting - maybe Alaska does not want to become the forty-ninth state. However, it's a good bet - they do. - *most of them.*

BUDGET

The White House thinks the slashes in the foreign aid program can be held down to about five hundred million dollars. ~~That much less - than the three billion, eight hundred and eighty million the President is asking for.~~

Economy champions are talking about a cut of as much as one billion. But ^{white} House officials, we hear - ^{hope} ~~harkens~~ it will not be more than half of that. ^P Leaders in Congress believe - the presidential radio-T.V. speech on Tuesday night is having ^{a good deal of} ~~some~~ effect. That bristling Eisenhower argument denouncing the drive to make huge slashes. Especially - in the money for national defense.

Today, one Congressional source put it in these words: "The President hasn't stopped the economy drive, but he has retarded it."

Today, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson called ~~denounced~~ the military cuts proposed in Congress - ~~as~~ an "unwise gamble" with American security. He took note of Congressional arguments that the menace of world Communism

has - "somewhat abated." Answering - that he saw no evidence that the danger has lessened. Secretary Wilson summarizing, by saying: "Cuts based on hope alone, are too risky."

EISENHOWER - SCHOOL

President Eisenhower, today, sent an okay - for the "compromise" school construction program. The President ~~arguing~~ originally requested - a four year school building plan. Costing the government - one billion, three hundred million. The Democrats - favoring more money. A compromise worked out - a billion, five hundred million, spread over five years. The President now saying - the compromise has his "full support."

However, the bill faces rough going on the floor of the House and the Senate. For one thing - because of racial segregation in schools, ~~There~~'ll be a move to deny federal school money to states in the South - with segregated schools.

AMERICAN NOTE

The United States is demanding that Soviet Russia pay seven hundred and fifty-six ^{thousand} ~~million~~ dollars in damage - for the shooting down of a U.S. Air Force plane, last November. A B-29 - attacked by Russian jet fighters near the coast of Japan. One life lost - and there were ten survivors. The Soviets charging - the B-29 fired first. And that - it was in Russian territory. Both of which statements - are denied.

There ^{has} ~~is~~ been an exchange of communications about this, and now the latest U.S. note - makes a demand for damages.

WEST GERMANY

A note - from West Germany to Moscow. Refusing to renounce the right to use atomic weapons - as long as Russia rejects a program for controlled disarmament. With - safeguards.

Today's communication denounces the recent Moscow threat - to turn West Germany into a "cemetery", if an atomic war should break out.

BRITAIN - EGYPT

In Rome, a conference - between Britain and Egypt.

The subject - money. Both countries - presenting claims against each other.

The Egyptians - demanding compensation for damage done in the Suez invasion. Claims - that apply, likewise, to France and Israel. Britain's partners - in the attack on Egypt. The Cairo figure for damages - enormous.

The British - making counter-claims. Insisting on compensation - for confiscated private property, Suez Canal equipment, and Britain's share in the old Suez Canal Company. The British asking - six hundred and sixteen million dollars.

REHABILITATION

An interesting new organization - for better international understanding. A worldwide program - for the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped. The Honorary Chairmen including - former President Herbert Hoover, former President Harry Truman, Elder Statesman Bernard Baruch, and the humanitarian, Dr. Albert Schweitzer. President of the new organization - Dr. Howard Rusk, well known for his work in

aiding the disabled. - *the world's no. 1 figure in the field of rehabilitation.*

The World Rehabilitation Fund - will sponsor international projects for the benefit of the physically handicapped. Which certainly sounds like - *an almost perfect* way to promote feelings of friendship around the world.

CHILD

In Florida, Governor Leroy Collins gave a ruling - today, in the case of a child, born of a Catholic mother. And adopted - by Jewish foster parents. Decision - that the Jewish couple may remain in Florida with six-year-old Hildy. With no fear that the child may be taken to a Catholic orphan asylum in Massachusetts.

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MICKEY COHEN

RETAKE

The one-time racketeer, Mickey Cohen, came back to Los Angeles, today. After a cross-country tour that included a number of talks with Evangelist Billy Graham. Some supposition being - that the former mobster is now a repentent sinner. Deciding - to live the good life. Influenced - by Billy Graham. Who is now conducting - a big revival in New York.

However, the New York cops were skeptical. Saying that Mickey Cohen was only looking for publicity. The police - taking a cynical view of the ex-racketeer's talks with Billy Graham.

Today, the Los Angeles cops displayed a similar skepticism. Two detectives - waiting for Mickey Cohen at the airport. Checking on him - they said. The Los Angeles Chief of Police - expressing his doubt in a still more graphic way.

By profession, right now, Mickey Cohen is - a florist. And, today, he stated that the cops have been asking questions of customers at his florist shop. Demanding - had

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VICTORIA

At the old city of Hull, in England, the Town ers
are taking up - a delicate question. The phraseology - ~~delicate~~
delicate. And it concerns - royalty.

On Saturday, Queen Elizabeth the Second was
received with stately ceremony - at Hull, ^{on the Humber,} The Queen - on her
way to make a visit of state in Denmark. And, as the royal
motorcade passed through the streets, Her Majesty gaped -
at what she saw.

A row - of public rest rooms. What the British
call - "public conveniences." On top of which ^{stood} a statue of
Queen Victoria. A fifteen foot statue - of that most sedate
of ~~old~~ British Queens.

Well, England is full of statues of Queen Victoria.
Most of them - ridiculed by the British, as horrors of
sculpture. This one at Hull, capping the climax.

Queen Elizabeth - indignant. Seeing her royal
great, great grandmother - there!

We are told that the late King George the Sixth,

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father of Elizabeth - also "took offense." When he saw - the statue of Queen Victoria, ~~He~~ did nothing about it; - but, Queen Elizabeth the Second has taken action.

Today's dispatch states that Lord Middleton, the Queen's Lord-Lieutenant for the Hull area - has requested the city to remove the offending sculpture.

Lord Mayor Kneeshaw - agrees. So it's good-bye to that fifteen foot statue of Queen Victoria.

RUSSIAN

Soviet Russia has lost what the Moscow dispatch calls - "the Bing Crosby and Elvis Presley of Russia."

Alexander Vertinsky - singing idol of both teen-agers and middle-aged housewives. This Russian crooner, one of the most curious entertainers on earth.

Vertinsky was a White Russian, who fled into exile - at the time of the Bolshevik Revolution. And became a singer - in Parisian cafes. Crooning the songs - of old Russia. Doing that - for twenty-five years. Then, returning to Russia - after World War Two. Where he made - a spectacular success.

Nothing proletarian - about Vertinsky. Who always appeared - on the ^{Moscow} stage, in immaculate evening dress.

Reminding people - of an old time aristocrat.

Did he sing Party line songs - about machines, tractors? Not at all. The ditties he crooned were full of red roses, the fading leaves of autumn - and a lot more of that bourgeois sentimentality.

A romantic sort of crooner - like Bing Crosby.

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And he sang with lots of movement - Elvis ~~the Elvis~~.

But now, at the age of seventy, Vertinsky has departed - from the teen-agers and the middle-aged housewives of Russia.

EDITOR

At Madisonville, Kentucky - an uproarious political argument. And what did the editor say - to make the political candidate so mad?

The Madisonville Messenger - waging journalistic battle against Alvin Lisanby, who is running for Judge of the Circuit Court. The candidate - going to the newspaper office, where he had a talk with Editor Edgar Arnold. The argument coming to a climax - when the candidate picked up a heavy glass ashtray, hurling it - at the head of the editor, who ducked - raising his hand, to ward off - the missile. Which struck his hand, breaking his wrist.

- Henry -

So/what had the editor said - provoking such wrath?

"You have written yourself out of the human race!"

said the editor to the candidate, - and - bang!

END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: Well, let's recall - the weather. A year ago, I was in a paradise - far-famed for a delightful climate. The Vale of Kashmir - about which an oriental poet wrote:

"Heat there is, but hot 'tis not,
Cold there is, but cold 'tis not."

This year - back home and telling about the storm

demands in our
~~devil in the~~ Middlewest and Southwest. ~~The latest on the~~

That eternal topic - the weather. And So Long Until Tomorrow.