

EARHART

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Lots of drama in the news tonight. Congress overriding the Presidential veto, Castro and oil, the Tokyo note to Moscow -- but all that fades for the moment, takes second place to the grim story about Amelia Earhart. That twenty three year old mystery may have been solved by a CBS team out in the Marianas, at Saipan. Don Mozley of <sup>K</sup>CBS, San Francisco reports that the wreckage of the Earhart plane apparently is at the bottom of Saipan Harbor.

Amelia Earhart, disappeared along with her navigator, Fred Noonan, while flying the Pacific in Nineteen Thirty Seven, coming up from the South, bound for tiny Howland Island - a mid-Pacific atoll. But they disappeared without a trace. For years her husband, New York publisher George Palmer Putnam tried to find some ~~trace~~ trace. He continued his quest until he died. I had often talked with him about it. Both he and Amelia Earhart were my friends in the earlier days of aviation.

Now, the belief is that the plane crashed - off Saipan, the Japanese, capturing them - executing them - ~~MM~~ in order to keep secret the fact that Saipan at that time was being fortified - for war.

Don Mozley says identification of the wreckage has been made by veteran flyer, Paul Mantz who believes the generator the CBS team found at the bottom of Saipan harbor - is the one he installed in the Amelia Earhart plane.

When Paul Mantz was flying a Cinerama plane for us, gathering material for the Seven Wonders of the World, we often discussed the date of ~~AMER~~ Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan. We talked about it often when we were flying off the China coast. One theory then was that the two had been killed by the Japanese. The rumor now confirmed - or so it appears. Executed by a fanatical war party on Saipan.

## VETO

Now for the veto. Congress overriding a presidential veto - for the second time during the Eisenhower administration. Last year it was a money bill - that Mr. Eisenhower considered too expensive. The one debated today - also a money bill, opposed by the President for the same reason. A bill - to raise the salaries of federal employees.

When the President vetoed the bill yesterday - he condemned what he called "pressure tactics", Charging that the lawmakers were playing politics, in this election year. Today Congress overrode the President. Easily getting the two-thirds majority needed - in each chamber.

The Eisenhower record to date:- Presidential vetoes one hundred and sixty-nine. Overruled by Congress - two.

TOKYO

The note ~~that~~ Tokyo has just sent to Moscow -  
bristles with blunt language. Oh yes, Japanese diplomats  
are usually - polite. But this time they decided - to take  
off their ~~velvet~~ gloves.

The note Reject<sup>s</sup>~~ing~~ Soviet protests - over the Japanese  
American Security Pact. ~~and the U-2 flights.~~ Tokyo, telling  
Khrushchev - to mind his own business. Stop interfering-  
in Japan's domestic affairs.

## JAPAN

Oh yes, and the first Japanese election so far since those anti-Kishi riots results in an endorsement of Kishi's party, and the Japanese American Treaty. That is election returns are in from northern Honshu, site of - a big American air base. There the Socialists were using the air base as an excuse for - an Anti-American campaign. Asking the voters to tell the American flyers - to go home.

The Liberal Democrat, basing his campaign - on the American alliance; promising to work for Japanese-American friendship - in the Tokyo Parliament. And, he won over the leftist - by a landslide.

CUBA

*observer*  
An American <sup>^</sup> in Havana remarked today <sup>that</sup> "Castro  
has knocked the chip off Uncle Sam's shoulder." Referring  
to - the latest expropriations - <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ have produced a  
critical turn in the relations between Cuba and the United  
States.

*came as*  
Castro's move <sup>^</sup> no surprise. For days he <sup>had</sup> been  
threatening - to seize more American property. In particular  
- oil property. Today, carrying out - his threat, <sup>he took</sup> ~~taking~~  
over Standard Oil - and the Shell refineries owned by  
British and Dutch interests. Total value - a hundred and  
eighty million dollars. Now threatened;- electrical and  
sugar properties worth much more than that.

WILEY

Senator Wiley accuses Senator Fulbright - of giving "aid and comfort" to the Soviet Union. Subject - the U-2 plane incident. Fulbright has been saying that Administration bungling brought American prestige to a new low. Wiley, retorting - the real damage to our prestige comes from - the Fulbright criticism.

Senator Wiley refused to sign the report on the U-2 - sent in by the Senate Foreign relations committee of which Senator Fulbright is Chairman. Senator Wiley denouncing the Fulbright criticism.

## AWARDS

Two Americans received awards today. Awards - with somewhat different meanings.

General Douglas MacArthur, accepting a scroll - from the Reserve Officers Association, at the Waldorf. The citation mentions MacArthur's long service to America, and expresses the gratitude of the reserve officers.

The second award - presented to industrialist Cyrus Eaton who is up in Pugwash - Nova Scotia. The Lenin Peace Prize, proffered by Moscow. Eaton, in his response saying that the Soviet proposals for disarmament - ought to be taken more seriously by the West; especially - by Washington.



## PLANES

Two jet planes broke the sound barrier over Lacrosse, Wisconsin, today - and Lacrosse didn't ~~see~~ hear a thing, <sup>altho' a</sup> ~~while a~~ hundred and twenty five miles away, in Madison - the windows rattled. How come? The experts say - freak weather conditions. A strong wind - blowing past Lacrosse. The jets - riding the gale. Which ~~see~~ carried the noise as they broke the sound barrier - <sup>carried the crash</sup> more than a hundred miles down wind - to Madison.

HOLIDAY

The July Fourth weekend brings the usual warning -  
from the National Safety Council. The warning that too many  
Americans disregard - every year. This time, the grim  
prediction is - that three hundred and seventy <sup>of us are</sup> ~~persons may~~  
*likely to end our days on the road - somewhere -*  
~~die on our highways~~ before the holiday is over. The National  
Safety Council appealing for - cautious driving. Reminding  
us - it's always safe to yield the right of way. Sometimes  
fatal - to claim it.

ARNOLD-RICKENBACKER

While on the subject of cars and highways, here's something odd I happened to pick up today. It was at a luncheon in honor of a man who may still be famous hundreds, perhaps even thousands of years from now, Colonel Leslie Arnold, ~~one~~ who was one of the small group to make ~~the~~ the first flight around the world. He was retiring today, after many years as a top executive of Eastern Air. Arnold, apropos of something remarked that his Chief, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker had never had either an automobile license or a license as an airplane pilot. ~~Ex~~ Eddie confirmed this. Says he doesn't have either even to the present day. Of course, he started as an auto speed racer, way back in 1909, when I was with him at the Elgin Speed Races, and, he was our top fighter pilot in ~~the~~ World War One. Never a license in either -- incredible ~~--- Dick,~~ but true, *Dick.*

## INDIANS

A dispatch from Fort Duchesne, Utah, sounds like a report from cavalry headquarters - about the year Eighteen Eighty.

The utes ~~are~~ on the warpath. Fighting - over their part of Utah. Only, this is Nineteen Sixty and the Utes own nothing more than their reservation. Two factions of the tribe - struggling for control.

A band of insurgents - barricading themselves in the tribal office building. Refusing to leave. The Chief of the Tribe - summoning his braves. Including - Robert Champoos - an All-American tackle from Dixie Junior College.

The chief, ordering a tear gas shell - to be lobbed through the office window. Not quite in the tradition of - Indian warfare. But the white man's weapon - worked, the rebels, staggering out - rubbing their eyes. Pounced on by the All-American tackle and his cohorts.

Peace, returning - to the land of the Utes.  
Out there in Utah.