

L.T. - P&G Friday, January 18, 1952.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Secretary of the Navy orders an all-out effort in the rescue of thousands of persons from the flooded areas in southern California. Secretary Dan Kimball, tonight issued instructions to the naval command at San Francisco and San Diego, saying -- put all men and equipment at the disposal of Governor Earl Warren. This -- as new floods have washed out thousands of people in the lowlands of California.

KOREA - G.I.

In a Japanese Hospital bed, a G.I. today was given a Silver Star and a Purple Heart - his Divisional Commander adding that the Distinguished Service Cross will follow. High decoration - for an exploit with a bowl of rice.

Sunday night, the G.I. was captured by the Reds. He was put in a prisoners' cage - where, at night a Communist guard brought in some bowls of rice. The G.I. grabbed one, and jammed it in the face of the Red - who was blinded by rice. The gooey stuff all over his face - like the custard pie in a Mack Sennet comedy of the old days.

The G.I. dashed out, zigzagging to avoid the rifle fire of guards on sentry duty. Two bullets shattered his elbow. Four hit him in the leg, but he kept going - and managed to get down a hillside and crawl off in the darkness.

His wounded leg was completely out of commission, but he made a crutch out of a branch of a tree, and hobbled on. Sunrise came, giving him a guide for the direction to the ~~MMY~~ U.N. lines. He came to an icy river, and had to get across - hobbling and swimming. Which was a real heart-breaker, because Red soldiers caught sight of him - and bullets began to splash in the water.

But the shooting, luckily, attracted the attention of nearby Americans, and they opened fire - driving off the Reds. Shortly afterward, the G.I., limping on his tree branch for a crutch, reached an advance American position - a hero of escape, with a bowl of rice.

(Secretary of State Acheson replies to former President Herbert Hoover - who, last weekend, argued that our chief defense should be air and sea. Acheson replies that, with American aid, western Europe is making more progress toward unity ~~eight~~ now than at any time in the past thousand years.) He intimates that U A ground troops will not be withdrawn from Europe.

(The contention of ex-President Hoover was that the west European countries are making little progress in arming for self defense) and are not nearly as worried about possible Soviet attack as ~~we~~ are. And that ^{we}/should supply them with armament - instead of keeping masses of soldiers over there, and at the same time build up ^{our} air and sea forces ^{so as to} ~~that would~~ discourage any aggressor, anywhere.

INTERNAL REVENUE

The House today voted an okay for President Truman's plan to reorganize the Bureau of Internal Revenue - shaken so badly by the scandals of income tax. In the debate, Republicans warned that other measures of clean-up were necessary, in addition to the Truman proposal to put the whole tax bureau under civil service, except the top commissioner. The vote of approval followed.

TAFT-NEW HAMPSHIRE

(Senator Taft is going into the New Hampshire primary - after all. With the Primary closing today, he reconsidered the whole thing - and today decided - yes. The Taft entrance is reluctant, the Senator noting that conditions in New Hampshire favor Eisenhower.) He said today that the Republican organization in the State is committed to General Ike - pointing to the fact that Governor Sherman Adams and other New Hampshire leaders are out in front of the Eisenhower boom. Nevertheless, friends of Taft put his name into the Primary, and the Senator says - okay.

~~The strategy seems to be based on the reasoning that, if Taft loses in New Hampshire, it won't mean much - because Eisenhower is considered likely to win. If, however, Taft should win that would be a bad blow to the Eisenhower boom. So Taft hasn't much to lose, and a great deal to gain - and the situation is complicated further by the fact that Harold Stassen, ~~is~~ also in the Primary, ~~he's~~ ^{is} expected to draw votes from Eisenhower mostly.~~

TAFT-LEWIS

There was a duel of champions at a Senate Committee hearing today - Taft of Ohio versus John L. Lewis of the Miners Union. The Senator has been showing his verbal prowess in the rough and tumble of the Presidential campaign - while Lewis, of course, is renowned as an oratorical athlete. So today they went at it - with verbs and adverbs.

The Senate Committee has been hearing evidence on coal mine safety for several days, with Lewis injecting his growling basso profundo into the proceedings. Yesterday, he blamed mine troubles on what he called - "Bob Taft's Slave Law". Meaning, of course, the Taft-Hartley Act.

So today the candidate for the Republican nomination appeared and answered. He testified, and Lewis interrupted. Taft objected, and the Committee sustained him. But then, a little later, Lewis

testified as a witness - and Taft interrupted him.

Lewis roared back - and, by this time, the Committee members gave it up. They sat back, and let the two go at each other - for a duel of champions.

Lewis boomed that, under the Taft-Hartley Law, the coal diggers could not refuse to work in ~~unsafe~~ unsafe mines - the Union might be sued.

To this Taft retorted: "You can sue the Bishop of Boston for burglary, but you can't collect."

The Union Chief scowled as only he can scowl, and at one point bellowed: "Your half ~~backed~~ conclusion don't become your logic, Senator."

They lambasted each other for twenty minutes, after which Taft walked over to Lewis with a grin.

They shook hands, and talked quietly for a minute -

Lewis remarking, we are told, that he admires Bob Taft in many ways, but doesn't like the stand he takes ~~an~~

labor questions.

A pleasant get-together, after the heat of battle - between two old Pros.

There, nearly a hundred and eighty years ago, the Patriots threw their famous cargo of tea into Boston Harbor. Today, a big warehouse was burning. Firemen were inside, fighting the third floor - when, suddenly, there was an explosion behind them, and a storm of fire burst up, blocking across the only door for escape - closing the door with a wall of flame.

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FIRE

In Boston, there was peril - swift, flaming, deadly, six firemen, caught in a trap of raging fire.

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AUTOMOBILE

Dallas, Texas - is a long way from the Gulf of Mexico, nevertheless, the law of the sea may apply to the streets of Dallas. According to an ancient maritime regulation, a ship can be confiscated - when found to be carrying contraband. Which now is being applied to an automobile. The contraband being - that vicious weed, marijuana.

Recently, a Dallas tavern keeper was arrested, when a quantity of dope ^{was} found in his car; - and now ~~they claim~~ the claim is - that the automobile belongs to the Federal Government. Seized under maritime law, although the ship is a motor car. And the high seas are - the streets of Dallas. Sounds a bit goofy - but the law does have its peculiarities.

MOUNTAIN

California's "moving mountain" is moving again. Named the Storm King, the peak ascends at a steep angle just above highway six, highway twenty-four^{ur} and the Rio Grande railroad. From time to time the mountain has moved, so it did today-- pushing the entire asphalt highway for a distance of fifteen feet toward the Colorado River.

Luckily, the story ^{just} misses being a terrifying drama. A few minutes before the mountain moved down over the railroad tracks, the California Zephyr — the one with the cars with the plastic domes — Streamliner had just gone through at a fast clip.

If that had run into the "moving mountain" it would have been a ~~xxxxxx~~ catastrophe. As it is, ~~the~~ both the railroad and the highway were soon cleared, ~~of the~~ earth slide.

STUDENT

At Princeton University, they were having examinations - and a dispatch today tells of a roomful of students, one hundred and thirty six of them going through a tough test in anthropology. They were working on their papers, trying to get the answers as right as they could - a senior class exam that lasted for three hours.

In the middle of the tense proceedings, Irving Foote, of Goffstown, New Hampshire, got up and walked out - which was permissible under the Princeton honor system. He strolled off to a tap room down the street, had a couple of beers, and sat watching a television set - for forty-five minutes. Then he sauntered back to the examination, where the other students were still hard at it, completed his paper - and handed it in.

Sounds like a good way to flunk an exam, but today's report shows the nonchalant senior to be one of

three, out of a hundred and thirty six, to get the top mark in anthropology - one plus.

Today Irving Foote explained: "I just can't see these fellows who tighten up when they take an exam.

As long as you're relaxed, you've got half the battle won."

So tonight, ^{Nelson,} Princeton is hailing the "champion relaxer."