

INTRO LT. - *Dileo*. Wed. Apr. 24 - '57.

Last night when I broadcast from Wright Patterson Air Force base at Dayton, I was surrounded by airmen including ^{*some*} sixty who had taken part in three record-breaking round the world flights. Because of that my broadcast ~~perhaps~~ ^{*a bit*} went overboard on the theme of aviation. Now tonight, this is coming from the auditorium of one of the finest educational institutions in America. Before me are seated students, and some of the faculty of -- well, I'll hold that ~~back~~ for a moment until we have gone over some of the highlights of the days news.

JORDAN

Tonight's report from Jordan indicates -- that ~~poor~~ ^{Young} King Hussein has things under control. At least -- in the capital city of Amman. How things may be going in other parts of the country is not clear -- hidden behind a blackout of communications.

Earlier news told of screaming mobs - on the rampage in various Jordanian towns, ^{- of which there are only a few} Anti-American crowds led by agitators surging through streets, Hurling stones -- and shouting against the Eisenhower Doctrine and against the pro-western government of Premier Khalidi. Disturbances checked -- by police and soldiers in full battle dress.

Premier Khalidi, backed by King Hussein, stands firm. ^{Declaring} ~~stating~~ - he will not resign.

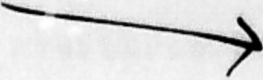
The young King blames the rioting on the Communists. Hussein, for the first time, coming out and saying that ^{the} mobs are incited by the Reds.

He talked with western reporters today and told them he'll go the limit, in keeping Jordan from Communist control. Saying -- he'll resort to

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martial law if ~~not~~ necessary. Imposing military rule -- perhaps in twenty-four hours.

"I think we can handle the situation ourselves", said King Hussein. But reports from Israel are that troops of Iraq are marching to assume control of the border - in the name of the young monarch.



ADD JORDAN

Iraq and Jordan have kings who are cousins. And tonight Radio Damascus reports, that the Arab Legion of Jordan seems to be preparing to surrender the frontier to troops of Iraq. Israel also has a report - that Iraq has delivered an ultimatum to Egypt and Syria; saying - that Iraq will use force to prevent any overthrow of King Hussein.

SUEZ

Cairo today made public the Egyptian program for the ^(operation) ~~operation~~ of the Suez Canal. Some weeks ago, Premier Nasser submitted a tentative outline which became the basis of negotiations.

The United States -- asking for ^{modifications} ~~and~~ and concessions. All now followed by a definitive Egyptian declaration, in which -- there are only a few changes from the previous plan.


Egypt -- reaffirming that the Suez Canal shall remain under Egyptian control. Tolls -- to be paid to Egypt. But, the Nasser government agrees -- that minor disputes over canal operation shall be arbitrated. Larger disputes -- to be placed before the International Court.

More significant, perhaps, a rather vaguely worded clause reading as follows: "Egypt will welcome and encourage cooperation between the (Egyptian) Suez Canal authorities -- and representatives of shipping and trade." Which is interpreted as ^{leaving} ~~keeping~~ the door open for a private users association. Such as

proposed by American Secretary of State Dulles -- early in the Suez dispute.

Today's declaration seems to leave the question of Israeli shipping -- unchanged. Egypt exhibiting no sign of permitting vessels of Israel to pass through the Canal.

Meanwhile, the United States is moving to place the Suez issue before the United Nations. American officials, today, requesting a meeting of the Security Council, ~~To~~ present an American report on negotiations with Egypt.



ADD SUEZ

Tonight, the first American vessel is moving through the Suez Canal, the first one since the invasion of Suez last autumn. A nine thousand ton freighter, ^{the} President Jackson.

MOSCOW

London thinks - the Soviets are showing evidence of a "split personality". What the psychiatrists call - schizophrenia. Two different persons - in the same individual.

This is ^{is} the response to the latest message from Bulganin. The Soviet Premier telling Prime Minister MacMillan that Moscow now favors the creation of a neutral zone in Central Europe. Which suggestion had been made previously - by British Premier Anthony Eden. The notion - of establishing a broad belt of disarmament between Russia and the West. Moscow rejected this, at the time. But now Bulganin brings it forward -- in a conciliatory message to prime Minister MacMillan.

The surprising thing being - that this friendly talk occurred in the middle of a hostile propaganda barrage. Those ferocious Russian threats of atomic retaliation against West European countries.

London thinks there is confusion in Moscow. Soviet agencies acting independently. The →

propaganda people working on their own, talking tough.

Bulgaria -- making motions ^{for} ~~of~~ a peace offensive.

Talking sweetly -- without much reference to the

war-like propaganda. ^R Lack of coordination, split

^{- communist}
personality - schizophrenia.

RACKETEERING

The Senate racketeering investigation - flaring up again. Two women, both narcotic addicts, testifying - that they were forced to sign a false affidavit in behalf of the Mayor of Portland.

This traces back to those rambunctious hearings when Mayor Schrunk was charged with having taken graft, when he was sheriff. His chief accuser, admitted racketeer James B. Elkins. At the hearings, in Washington, Mayor Schrunk tried to introduce affidavits from the two women. Stating - that Elkins was a user of narcotics and had operated a vice racket in Oregon.

At the time, the committee refused to put the statements on record. Deciding, instead, - that they call the two women as witnesses. But the two were not located - until last week. Appearing at the hearing - in Washington today.

Both testified - that the statements they signed were false. *They say they were* ~~Both having been~~ compelled to sign by Deputy Sheriff George Minielly, who they

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say, threatened they'd be sent to prison on a robbery charge. Or committed to a state institution, as users of narcotics.

The two women were followed on the witness stand by Sheriff Minielly. Who called their testimony a - hoax. Claiming - the two women had been forced to deny the statements they had made. Compelled - by the Oregon Assistant Attorney General, Arthur Kaplan. Whom the Deputy Sheriff called a "mad^d man".

~~was~~ There was quite an ^{up} roar at the committee hearing. The be-deviled/making the usual observation - that somebody was committing perjury.

OHIO WESLEYAN

Whenever there is a discussion of state universities and colleges versus those that are supported by private funds, the name of Ohio Wesleyan invariably comes up. With a comparatively small student body -- twenty-one hundred, it has a liberal arts reputation second to ~~XXXX~~ none. ~~Incidentally, it~~
~~is~~ ^P Called the University of ^{the} Bishops, because so many Methodist bishops have come from here. Along with other top national figures ^{as} ~~including such men as~~
Nance, former President of Packard, now with Ford; ^{peerless} ~~XXXXXX~~ Millikin, head of Pure Oil; those two ^{top}
pulpit orators, Norman Vincent Peale and Ralph Sockman, Admiral Winchell Craig, ^a ~~one of the top doctors~~ at the Mayo Clinic; the fabulous Branch Rickey, who came down out of the hills, bare-footed and became the most important personality in baseball. And, Frank Stanton, ~~is~~ brilliant President of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Ohio Wesleyan has turned out a host of men ~~ik~~ like these.

At present fifty-two percent of the students

are from Ohio. The rest from all over America and many foreign countries. A student body made up predominantly of Protestants but also including many Catholics.

The President of Ohio Wesleyan here at Delaware, who is sitting beside me, is, I presume the number one college President ~~who is~~ now playing a ~~prominent~~ role on the national and international scene. Dr. Arthur Flemming ~~has long been~~ ~~an~~ one of ~~the~~ President Eisenhower's top advisors; and ~~is~~ still is, [^] with the National Security Council, the Office of Defense Mobilization, and ~~along~~ with Nelson Rockefeller and Milton Eisenhower a member of the President's three man advisory committee on re-organization of our Federal Government.

SUPREME COURT

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The seven hundred New Jersey lawyers took the oath in relays. The court room filled - three times, as attorneys took the oath in unison.

Each one - charged a fee of twenty five dollars. The clerk of the court taking in more than seventeen Thousand bucks. On this ~~was~~ momentous day - for New Jersey lawyers

MAYFLOWER

The Mayflower Second - having trouble in duplicating the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers in Sixteen Twenty. In fact, the Mayflower Second is not able to duplicate the course at all.

Today Captain Alan Villiers reported by radio that he's been running into persistent north winds. Which have made it necessary for him to steer south-south-west. Which the original Mayflower didn't do at all in Sixteen Twenty.

Moreover, the unfavorable winds are lengthening the voyage. The welcoming ceremony ^{is} scheduled at Plymouth, Massachusetts, ^{for} May Twenty-Third, But the Mayflower Second won't be there in time.

Captain Villiers sending a radio message as follows:
We cannot reach Cape Cod before the first week in June.

FLIER

On the China Coast at Macao, Portuguese officials doubt the tale of romantic melodrama told by an American flier. Henry Bush, of Massapequa, Long Island, ~~who~~ says he flew three-hundred-and-fifty miles into Communist China. Rescuing a Chinese boy from Communist blackmailers.

Henry Bush tells how a beautiful Chinese girl in Hong Kong - took him to a secret meeting in a Chinese restaurant. Where he was offered ~~to~~ ^{the assignment} ~~to~~ undertake a thrilling rescue. They told him of a wealthy Chinese merchant who had escaped from the Reds on the mainland. But ~~the~~ ^{ing} Communists ~~had~~ seized his young son - ~~and were~~ holding him for blackmail. ^{But - a} ~~son~~ scheme had been arranged - ^{a possible way to get} ~~for getting~~ the boy out. The American pilot - to fly to a remote place in Honan Province. Where the ~~kid~~ lad would be handed over to him -- by friendly persons.

So that was the mission on which Henry Bush proceeded. The adventure starting - from Portuguese Macao. A flight of three-hundred-and-

fifty miles -- to a deserted air strip in Honan. Where a truck approached. The driver -- handing over a twelve to fifteen year old boy.

Bush says -- they then flew back to Macao. Delivering the boy -- to a Chinese junk in Macao harbor.

~~so~~ That's the story about which the Portuguese in Macao have their doubts. But Bush displays evidence as proof. A watch -- with an inscription in Chinese. Reading "in deep gratitude for your great service. Your eternal friend". Which the pilot says he received from the Chinese business man whose son he rescued. But he doesn't know the identity of the father. Everything-- arranged by ~~the~~ Chinese agents.

Making things all the more mysterious.

At any rate I wouldn't be surprised if it was true. Stranger talks than that have come from Macao and Hongkong.

AUTOMOBILE

At Gary, Indiana the cops were astonished! At the entrance of the Indiana toll road, an automobile came roaring along without stopping to pick up the toll ticket. Right through the toll gate it went at eighty to ninety miles an hour. Police cars taking up the pursuit, with a wild auto chase along the Indiana toll road, at break-neck speed - until they finally caught up with the fleeing car. Whereupon - the cops could hardly believe their eyes. Out climbed a nine year old boy - small for his age too - four feet six inches tall.

They asked ~~hm~~ him who he was, and he said - that he was Amos - of Amos and Andy. Which was about as funny as anything perpetrated by those two comedians. Finally he admitted - his name was Robert Merrit, he was living with ~~ix~~ his grand mother in Gary, having arrived from Tennessee a week ago.

Just a little hill-billy - Henry - giving himself and the cops a thrill, in Yankee land.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today I was out of touch with the news. On a long flight from America, via Europe, the Middle East, to the Himalayan land of Nepal. Charles Collingwood taking my place on this program. So, today, I checked - and found that Charlie was giving you the Pennsylvania Primary returns. Eisenhower and Stevenson - unopposed. The President getting nine-hundred-and-twenty-five thousand on the Republican side. Stevenson six-hundred-and-twenty-seven thousand. And those primary elections were a true tip off to the way things were to go in November.

And so long until tomorrow.