

Substitute LEAD BECK *L.T. Deleo. Tues. Apr. 16-'57.*

At Galveston, Texas, the Executive Board of the Teamsters' Union - today voted approval of Union President Dave Beck. Deciding - to reject a Summons to appear before an A.F.of L.-C.I.O. Investigating Committee. No direct action on the subject of whether or not Beck will retain his post as head of the huge union. He's up for election. But it's clear that Beck retains the support of the Executive Board. Which, tacitly approves of his defiance of the Senate Investigating Committee, ~~Before~~ *those* before which he took the Fifth Amendment [^] seventeen times.

Substitute MAIL

Full postal ~~service~~ service ordered - by the Postmaster General, tonight. President Eisenhower signed the Emergency Money Bill, putting up the forty-one million dollars, which Summerfield said he had to have. Congress - having passed the Bill in a hurry. Whereupon the Postmaster General issued an order restoring "nearly normal" mail service. Holding over - only a few minor items in the drastic curtailment which began on Saturday.

So now the mailman is on the job as usual.

JORDAN

In the midst of Jordan's crisis, there was a scene like something out of the Arabian Nights. Two hundred bedouin sheiks - riding into Amman - to pledge fealty to King Hussein. And with them thirty thousand lean tribesmen of the desert. What a sight that must have been as they galloped up to the palace. In their flowing robes the sheiks of Araby strode in to meet their monarch. Hussein sat down with them - around a long table. And each chieftain in turn - swore to remain loyal to the crown. Each saying to the King:- "I place my men, arms and money - at your command." To each King Hussein gave the same reply "Praise be to Allah," - and thanked them for their support.

According to the United Press dispatch from Amman this has strengthened the hand of the King. Adding the 30,000 desert warriors to the twenty thousand regulars of the Arab Legion built up and trained by the Englishman, Glubb Pasha. Tonight the Arab Legionnaires in battle

dress, are standing guard around foreign embassies in Amman; and patrolling the streets ready - to put down any attempted rebellion against the new Premier, Hussein Khalidi.

Altho' Khalidi is a moderate, we hear he had to give up one post in the government to the favorite of the mob. Nabulsi becoming foreign minister. Apart from that, King Hussein seems to have won out over pro-Egyptian and Leftist elements. The King is reported asking for another conference with the leaders of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Syria - to try and find a common approach both to Communism and the Eisenhower doctrine.

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Britain, France and America - will turn the Suez problem over to the United Nations within a day or two. So stated by officials in Washington. When State Department Press Officer, Lincoln White, was asked about this - he refused to give a "yes" or "no" answer.

Altho' our negotiations with Nasser, are still ^{*in progress*} ~~going on~~

~~But~~ the Egyptian dictator has not budged an inch from his demand - to run the canal on his own terms. Since those talks started back in March - the feeling in Washington is -

that there's not much ~~talk~~ use in going on with them, ~~any longer~~

So the whole ^{*thing goes*} ~~problem will be turned~~ over to the Security Council - with a request that the U.N. try to speed up a solution to the problem of the canal.

We also hear from Washington that the first American ship is approaching Suez - and will ask for passage. Lincoln White told reporters - our State Department has not given American ships a green light on using the canal. We still advise shippers to avoid Suez - but ^{*that*} our government has no legal right to forbid them to use it.

WAR

If Russia and America/^{should ever} go to war with one another - and many experts think that is most unlikely - but if they do, both sides will use the whole arsenal of atomic weapons. Who says so? Why British Defense Minister, Duncan Sandys. This was a part of his argument for the New Look in Britain's defense - during a debate in the House of Commons. That New Look places the greatest emphasis on nuclear weapons - with big cuts in the traditional services.

Defense Minister Duncan Sandys told The Commons, that in the event of a general war - neither side would allow itself to be defeated without using every available weapon. Therefore - since Britain is vulnerable to atomic attack, she must have her own atomic arsenal. The Defense Minister going on to say that the Macmillan government is only being "realistic" in its concern for the defense of Britain.

PLANE

The Air Force confirms the rumor that it will have its first combat plane powered by atomic energy - in about seven years. Secretary of the Air Force Quarles describing this new development - in a series of appearance before Congressional committees. The Secretary's testimony, not made public but we know he gave a specific date when he expects to have an atomic-powered plane actually in the sky.

Some members of Congress have been asking - why the Air Force takes so long when the Navy already has two nuclear submarines at sea. The answer given by Secretary Quarles that an airplane power plant ~~has~~ must be much smaller in size and weight - one-one hundredth - the weight of a submarine power plant. Which means that tough technical problems have to be ironed out before a schedule can be set for the new type of plane. Then he added that the Air Force now has its schedule. Seven years from now we fly with atom-powered planes. Around the world non-stop - nothing to it!

McLEOD

A dispatch from Dublin reports more opposition -
to the man ^{scheduled to be our next} ~~just named as our~~ Ambassador to Ireland. The
influential "Irish Times" saying that Scott McLeod should not
be accepted - as successor to William Howard Taft the Third.

The newspaper calling McLeod "a systematic
inquisitor of diplomatic qualifications" - ^{That} ~~and charging that~~
McLeod's influence helped create the atmosphere - that led
to the suicide of Herbert Norman, Canadian Ambassador to
Cairo. The "Irish Times", going so far as to term McLeod
the "hangman" and adding that his appointment is ~~intolerable~~
"intolerable."

RUSSIAN

A former Lieutenant of the Soviet Air Force - says that Russia is trying to pressure him into going home. Peter Pirogov fled to freedom in Nineteen Forty-Nine -- landing his plane at an American air base in Austria. He had one companion - and both of them came to America. Later the companion returned to Russia - and was reported to have been executed.

After Pirogov refused to go home - the Soviet Embassy in Washington began to inveigle him. Pirogov told a Senate Committee today - he was visited by a Secretary of the Embassy. The Secretary, showing him forged letters from the companion who had gone back. The Secretary, offering to pay Pirogov's passage back to Russia, - adding that the Soviet government would not punish him. But Pirogov refused to be taken in. He says he'll stay in this country - and ~~he is~~ not afraid that Soviet agents will try to kidnap him and take him home by force.

HAWAII

An Australian lecturer testified today - that Communism in Hawaii is still a serious problem. Doctor Fred Schwarz, of Melbourne, testifying before a House Sub-Committee, calling himself an expert on Communism, said that the Harry Bridges' union is Communist dominated - and has, in Schwarz' words, "a tremendous influence over Hawaii's political and economic life." The Australian lecturer warned Congress not to be deceived by any who attempt to play down the Red threat to Hawaii.

His testimony was challenged by the Hawaiian delegate to Congress. Delegate John Burns, asking the Australian how much time he has spent in Hawaii? which the lecturer replied - that he has been there about twelve times, spending a week or so each time.

ALGERIA

A town in Algeria was the scene of a shooting last night - almost like something from our "Wild West." A band of rebels, invading the town of St. Denis - thirty miles from Oran. They walked down the main street just after dark. Suddenly they pulled out guns and began spraying bullets, ~~off~~ ~~over the place~~. Two French civilians - killed instantly. Eight other ^s wounded. The rest of the crowd, racing for cover - under a hail of lead.

Police rushed up - and began a gun battle with the ~~re~~ rebels - who took shelter behind ^a ~~the~~ line of parked cars. The battle lasted for a few minutes. ~~When~~ ^{Five} of the rebels ~~had been~~ killed, - ~~the~~ ^{getting away.} Others ~~flung~~ ^{Three} policemen were ~~wounded - but there were no more fatalities.~~

NOVELIST

The young French novelist - seems to be winning her fight for life. A report from the clinic in Paris that Francoise Sagan is showing steady improvement. Twenty-one year old Francoise Sagan, made lots of headlines, and raised a lot of eyebrows - with her novels, "A Certain Smile" and "Bonjour Tristesse". Her own passion has been for fast cars. On Sunday, she was racing along - swerved off road, near Versailles - jumped a ditch and her car went over three times. Altho' still on the danger list, her condition is better than yesterday. Francoise Sagan, fighting for life - apparently winning.

SOLDIER

A court-martial of the American Army in Poitiers, France - *(shades of Charles Martel)* - is hearing some weird testimony from a man charged with desertion. Private Vito Sala of Brooklyn was a soldier in World War Two. He disappeared from his regiment in Nineteen Forty-Five - and the court martial is trying to decide whether his story about what happened - is true or not.

Sala says he lost his memory during the fighting; ~~he~~ left the Army, and disappeared into the civil population of Germany. ~~He~~ ~~Married~~ there - ~~and~~ worked for some years as a laborer, ~~then~~ wandered over into France - and joined the French Foreign Legion.

He says he was with the Legion for seven years. ~~he~~ fought in Indo-China - and was one of the defenders during the heroic and tragic ^{seige} ~~battle~~ of Dien Bien Phu. When the Communists swamped the French forces ~~re~~ - Sala was captured - later turned over to the French, ~~as a prisoner~~.

Sala says the shock of all this - brought back his memory. He returned to the U.S. Army. Now he's standing

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trial on the charge of desertion.

Sounds like a tall tale. Well, the files of the French Foreign Legion - support him. They show he did serve in Indo-China. And French psychiatrists believe the American soldier did suffer an attack of amnesia - loss of memory. And for twelve years has been wandering around - without knowing his own identity. Anyhow that's the problem now before the court-martial at Poitiers.

VIRGINIA

Virginia is having an election for the state legislature. One issue before the voters - must a man be born in Virginia - to be a Virginia gentleman? The question was raised by State Senator Armistead Boothe. Boothe saying that Candidate Albert Smoot is "a true heir to the finest Virginia tradition." At the same time, Boothe called the opposition candidate, James Thomson - not quite a Virginia gentleman. Boothe referring to the fact that Thomson was born in Louisiana.

Thomson admits he spent the first fourteen years of his life down in the bayous, ~~but he~~ says his family has its roots in Virginia - ~~going~~ ^{— as far} back ~~as~~ Seventeen Sixty-Nine. ~~Smoot~~ ^{Therefore he's a punk} claiming that he is a true Virginia gentleman. ~~— because a~~ ^{And — that} a gentleman can be born anywhere ~~in Thomson's words,~~ ^{— as he put it: —} "even in Louisiana "

FINN RONNE

Any personal message, coming through from the Antarctic continent - almost seems like a message from another planet. Communications between North America and the Continent of ice at the South Pole, are extremely uncertain. I've just had a brief short-wave message from the Weddell Sea.

In connection with the geophysical year, one base has been set up on the shores of the Weddell Sea. Ellsworth Station they call it. In command there - Captain Finn Ronne, veteran polar explorer, who sends greetings - with a few words in contrast to what is happening where we are. Here where Spring, at last - is bursting forth in all its glory. On the Antarctic continent winter now closing in.

As Finn Ronne puts it in his message: "Winter is rapidly encasing us." Sounds as though they are being frozen into the ice. He adds - Henry - that in a few days - the sun will disappear. And, then the long Antarctic night. What would we do if it was always night?

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today - we had a story from Monaco;
the wedding - Grace Kelly about to marry Prince Rainier.

It was a year ago today that we heard about ~~thieves~~
thieves stealing twenty thousand dollars' worth of
jewels - from one of the bridesmaids. And shortly before
one of the guests had been robbed of jewels worth forty-
five thousand. Jewel thieves having a field day at
Monaco.