

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Bulgaria promises to pay for the shooting down of the Israeli airliner. The Communist regime had already apologized - in a first reply. Now becoming effusive. With copious - explanations and arguments. Making a second reply, the Bulgarian government promises to pay indemnities to the families of the fifty-eight victims. Passengers and crew - who perished. Also to pay the State of Israel, in part - for the ~~xxxx~~ material damage.

Nevertheless the Bulgarian Reds - defend the shooting down of the crowded airliner. Which - strayed off ~~in~~ its course. They say the pilot of the big passenger plane ignored signals - ordering a landing at a Bulgarian airport. And that he tried to escape into Greece.

Adding up the whole thing, the Red apology seems to boil down to this: The shooting down of the airliner they maintained, was justified, but they'll punish the ones who did it.

GENEVA

At the conference of Ambassadors at Geneva, the belief is - that Red China may win admission to the United Nations. A possibility - in the fairly near future. That's the opinion of western diplomats, who are closely following the talks - between the United States and the Chinese Communists. They think that the Reds, in order to gain U.N. membership - ~~can~~ ^{must} make a success of the Geneva conference, ~~on Far Eastern matters.~~

(As for release of American civilians held in China - they ~~think~~ suppose there will be little difficulty about that. The real question being - Formosa. The problem of the Chinese Reds being - to convince Washington they are now ready for a cease-fire in Formosa straits.)

These western diplomats took special note of declarations, made in Washington, yesterday, by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Who said - Red China must renounce all idea of conquering Formosa. Dulles - calling Red China to make a public declaration. Pledging - no armed attempt, no use of force.

In Geneva, they think the Secretary of State was offering to make a deal. If Red China should accept these American terms on Formosa - why, then the ~~Communist~~ ^{Mao Tse Tung} regime, might get into the United Nations. Also - might win recognition by the United States.

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The Ambassadorial conference was taking a recess, today - while the Communist envoy communicated with Pef Ping. Activity suspended - so diplomatic observers had a day of leisure. In which - to draw deductions and inferences. Gazing into the crystal ball - and coming up with prophetic opinions.

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RUSSIAN DELEGATION

In the last few days, Soviet farm experts have won a lot of respect - on their agricultural tour of the Middlewest. To our farmers, the Russians are cold-weather people - and you know the temperatures they have been having in the Middlewest. So, how have the Soviet farm experts been taking it? Well, here's the story of a day at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

The thermometer - up around one hundred. The Russians - tramping across acres of farmland. Climbing - over complicated machinery. Enthusiasm never flagging - in spite of the broiling heat.

South Dakota ranchers noted that, with sweat streaming down their faces, the Russians never lifted a hand, to brush the sweat away. Scorning - any such weakness. They just let the perspiration stream.

Three of them - rejected a ride in a farm truck, preferring to walk a quarter of a mile - under the blazing sun. Just big strong - Rah-ssians.

One thing, however, was noted. The Soviet farm experts, when making hotel reservations for the night - sent an advance man. And, when he arrived at the hotel, he made sure - they would get air-conditioned rooms.

Well, you can't blame them. Even big strong Rah-ssians might want to be cool at night. Touring our farm lands - in one of the worst heat waves in a long time.

Maybe they should have gone down to New Mexico, where it has been raining - and how. For the third time in a week, Albuquerque was hit by flash floods. People evacuated from their homes - when an inch of rain fell in torrential downpours and thunder storms.

Congress adjourned about midnight, last night, with proceedings that raised an important question - How bad can a joke be? Of course, a lover of puns may say - it was a good joke. But, you can judge for yourselves.

Shortly before midnight, the House concluded its legislative labors, and was ready to adjourn - ending the session. But the Senate lagged, in concluding its business, for another half an hour. [#] So, in the House the Congressmen had to wait around, and they put on a bit of entertainment. Which began with a sing-song, of the barber shop variety - and [#] went on with a harmonica solo. By - Congressman Frank Chelf of Kentucky. [#] He was followed by Congressman Irwin Davidson of New York, who gave an imitation of bird calls. Bird calls can be beautiful, but the New York legislator included - a bit of alleged humor. He whistled a brilliant bird call, then took a long drink of water, and said: "That was a swallow."

A pun - and what a pun. As wit and humor, I find it - hard to swallow.

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ROCKET

Another spectacular exploit of science - to be attempted. A rocket - shot up sixty miles in the sky. Which would then produce a ball of light - equal to the full moon.

The project was proposed in Britain, and will be carried out in the United States - in the New Mexican desert. Professor D.R. Bates, of Queen's University, Belfast - made the suggestion to the Royal Society in London. A sodium vapor rocket - one purpose of which would be to investigate a layer of sodium vapor, which scientists believe to exist up in the ionosphere. The rocket - to discharge sodium vapor. And produce a flare of intensely brilliant light, illuminating the whole sky, like a glowing full moon.

But another purpose of this rocket experiment is to gather information that may be useful in putting up - that artificial satellite, which is to revolve around the globe.

The sodium vapor rocket - a possible preliminary step toward interplanetary travel.

So that was the suggestion made by British Professor Bates. Who, in London today, stated that the project had been taken up by the United States Air Force. This was promptly confirmed in Washington. The statement being - that the sodium vapor rocket would be launched in October.

So that's the next thing on the scientific program - an artificial full moon - above the desert.

EXTORTION

In Los Angeles, a young married couple - arrested for an extortion attempt against wealthy John A. Thompson. The extortionists -/made threats against his three grandchildren. These - the children of Mrs. Norma McCaulley, murder victim last July.

She was killed by her house boy, who is now facing trial. The crime - an affair of headline publicity. Which, presumably, attracted the attention of the extortionists.

They sent a message to the grandfather, who has custody of the three children. The message reading: "If you don't want the three McCaulley kids harmed, better come through with one hundred thousand dollars, cash." The note gave instructions for delivery of the money.

The grandfather went to the police, a trap was set. A dummy package of money - left at the post office. A woman came to pick it up - her husband arrested afterwards.

The police called it - a crude sort of crime. The extortionists - picked up so easily.

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PRISON RIOT

Today brings more dramatic details of a prison riot, last night, at San Antonio, Texas. An uprising quelled by pistol fire. A Texas sheriff with a six-shooter.

Sheriff Owen Kilday had predicted the outbreak. Last Wednesday, there was a mutiny in the Bexar County Jail. Settled - when concessions were made. At the time, Sheriff Kilday made the forecast - there would be another prison insurrection soon. "Because," said the Sheriff, "the more you give them, the more they want."

The prophecy came true, after supper-time, last night. Sixty-five convicts - going on a rampage. Smashing tables and windows - and hurling steel eating plates at the guards. They knocked out the lights - and the place was in darkness.

Sheriff Kilday and his deputies entered a corridor of the cell block - with flashlights. The Sheriff had his gun loaded with paraffine shells. Which, says he - "Would hurt a man, but not kill him."

The mutineers hurled a barrage of steel dinner plates. The Sheriff - opened fire with paraffine shells. They did no good - the heavy missiles kept coming.

Whereupon, the Sheriff loaded his pistol with live ammunition - the deadly kind.

Then, in the glare of his flashlight, he saw - an advancing prisoner. Making ready - to hurl a steel plate.

Sheriff Kilday - fired. He said today: "I tried to shoot him low, but the bullet went too high." The mutineer - killed.

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The news tells us of another of those fine winners -

Other shots were fired. Two other prisoners - wounded in the legs. The barrage of steel plates came to a quick end - and, today, all was quiet in the Bexar County Jail.

Last night, he answered the thirty-th thousand dollar question - and let's see who # # #

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Well, the question was as follows: Give the name of the opera, which launched a pluck-hating Arturo Toscanini on his career.

The country in which Toscanini conducted the opera; the place in which the opera was premiered originally; and the name of the holiday on the eve of which it was premiered.

The answer - Toscanini began his career by conducting "Aida" in "Brazil." The opera, which was written for the opening of the Suez Canal, was premiered in "Cairo, Egypt." On "Christmas Eve."

So, who is the lucky winner? Who answered that medical question right off the bat? Glad Pesto, a New York shocker, was in Italy. It was certainly right as Glad's ally. When the subject was - Toscanini and opera. *Amore e morte. Italian operas - a success and opera! They go together!*

QUIZ

The news tells us of another of those quiz winners - who has to decide, whether or not to take the final chance. He has already won thirty-two thousand dollars, and can make it - sixty-four thousand dollars or nothing. If he takes - the ~~same~~ gamble.

Last night, he answered the thirty-two thousand dollar question - and let's see who he was. What kind of character?

Well, the question was as follows: Give the name of the opera, which launched a pinch-hitting Arturo Toscanini on his career. The country in which Toscanini conducted the opera. The place in which the opera was premiered originally. And the name of the holiday on the eve of which it was premiered.

The answer - Toscanini began his career by conducting "Aida" in "Brasil." The opera, which was written for the opening of the Suez Canal, was premiered in "Cairo, Egypt." On "Christmas Eve."

So, who is the lucky winner? Who answered that musical question right off the bat? Gino Prato, a New York shoemaker, born in Italy. It was certainly right up Gino's alley. When the subject was - Toscanini and opera. ~~Leave it to~~ an Italian shoemaker - ~~to answer~~ and opera! They go together!