

SUB HURRICANE

L.T. Deleo. Fri. June 28-57.

President Eisenhower, tonight, sent a personal representative - to the Gulf coast of Louisiana. Val Peterson, Former Director of Civil Defense - to inspect the disaster area. Then, report back to the President. Meanwhile, the Army, Navy and Air Force - are all ordered to stand by for the rescue work - after the devastation created by hurricane Audrey.

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This hurricane may be the deadliest - since six hundred New Englanders were killed by a tidal wave in Nineteen Thirty Eight. Hurricane Audrey already has killed almost two hundred persons - with another three hundred missing. Forty thousand people homeless.

Hardest hit - the town of Cameron. It normally has a population of close to eight hundred. Today it was a sodden ghost town - not more than twenty people hunting through the debris. And what debris! Houses and stores, smashed into matchwood, or knocked over on their sides. Barges, thrown up on the beach. Cars and trucks, piled up like childrens'

blocks. Tonight, Cameron is under martial law, patrolled by troops from Fort Polk.

And Hurricane Audrey is churning up many other ~~states~~ states besides Louisiana. The torrential rain, sending streams over their banks. In Indiana, twenty highways are closed tonight. A dozen cities and towns - isolated. Trains through the mid-west and southwest held up for three hours. In one place, a bus was swept off a bridge. Two passengers drowned - a third was critically injured. Rescue workers chopping through the sides of the bus - to ^{get} ~~gk~~ the survivors out. Tonight, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Minnesota, are being deluged ~~ix~~ with rain - with flood warnings out. Even the East is in danger. Pennsylvania and West Virginia, facing the threat of flash floods tomorrow.

ATOMIC

The hour - four o'clock this morning. Zero hour for the latest atomic blast above the Nevada desert. The atomic, whatever it was - at the top of a tower, five hundred feet high. On hand three hundred observers, watching through their dark glasses. Also two thousand Marines, all ready to move in - battle field ~~ka~~ training, under atomic conditions. They all heard the count: ten, nine, eight, and so on. At "zero" everyone knew what would happen. The familiar blast - then the giant fireball.

But when the count reached "zero" - nothing happened. For the second time in the history of our ~~axsi~~ atomic experiments - they had a dud. Which caused a tense situation - the bomb up there at the top of that tower - with its power equal to ten thousand tons of T N T.

The call went out for volunteer scientists - to climb the tower, and disarm the device. Three were ~~xi~~ selected from a crowd of volunteers - Forest Fairbrother and

Bernard Rubin, of the Atomic Laboratory at Livermore, California - and Robert Burton, of the Sandia Laboratory ~~in~~ *at* Albuquerque, New Mexico. Two/^{more}~~other~~ scientists ~~stayed~~ on the ground - Edward Tucker, and Walter Arnold, of Livermore.

Fairbrother, Rubin and Burton started to climb the tower at seven-thirty. Then followed the ~~ix~~ longest forty-five minutes - anyone on the desert could remember. If the device should go off - all five scientists would be disintegrated immediately. Tension mounted as the minutes passed. And ~~he~~ then came the signal - "device disarmed." ^{Okay, coming down.} /~~The bomb has been /~~

No word yet about why the bomb failed to go off. But tonight the world of science is hailing the ~~three~~ three ~~scientists~~ - who climbed the tower - when ~~all~~ for all they knew, they might have been caught in an atomic explosion at any moment.

CAPSULE

Air Force helicopters were swarming over the Texas countryside today, around Midland. Whirleybirds with geiger counters, scouting for a radioactive capsule - that disappeared from a truck. A dangerous capsule; used for finding pools of oil deep underground. It was in a truck belonging to an oil well service firm - when it disappeared. Touching it could cause severe injury - possibly death.

The fear is that it may have been taken by children. With the Air Force trying to locate it before anyone gets hurt.

EISENHOWER

This morning the President was host at another "harmony breakfast" at the White House. Meeting, informally, with Republican leaders of Congress; for the fifth time.

Afterward, Congressman Wainwright of New York reported that they talked about everything - all the major points of the Eisenhower program. The President saying that the disarmament talks with the Russians ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ are making more progress - than at any time up to now.

DULLES

The Secretary of State delivers - a major address on foreign ~~xi~~ policy. The subject - our relations with Red China. Secretary Dulles speaking at a convention of the Lions - explaining why we refuse to permit closer contact with the domain of Mao Tse Tung. Calling Communism, "a passing phase" he added that we want to do everything we can to help it pass.

At the same time he presented arguments in favor of Red China. One - that Mao might become a less brutal - if we were not so cold with him, and that we do want to see a more humane regime on the Chinese mainland. Even so he doesn't think we would gain what we want - by shaking hands with the Reds, who within the past few days have confessed to killing millions of their people.

As for trade and ~~entire~~ cultural exchanges he pointed out that if we enter into these the close neighbors of China will be forced to do the same. And then they would be left wide open to Communist conversion. Also, that if we recognize Communist China - that would be interpreted abroad -

as a sign we are no longer quite so opposed to Communism.

How about the United Nations? Much pressure has been put on Washington to admit Red China. But Secretary Dulles thinks we should continue to resist this - because Russia already has seriously emasculated the U N - by so often using the veto. The presence of Red China on the Security Council would, in Dulles' words, "implant in the United Nations - the seeds of its own destruction."

He summed up by saying - that we don't want to strengthen Communism nor hurt our friends. Hence our attitude toward Red China. At the same time, our ~~pi~~ policies are adjustable. We are ready to change them if the occasion arises. In other words, if the Chinese ever develop a civilized regime with whom we can do business.

HUNGARY

The Hungarian government - executing the first freedom fighters. Four young ^{people who took part} ~~rebels, who rose~~ in the rebellion last year. One, a woman. Their trial was held in an open court - surrounded by security police. Today, ~~they were~~ hanged at the prison in Budapest. Details of the execution - broadcast by Radio Budapest.

REFUGEES

More than a hundred thousand refugees have fled from East Germany since the beginning of the year. So announced by the West German government ^{at} ~~in~~ Bonn. The total number since Nineteen Forty-Six -- three million. Nearly half ^{of them} ~~the refugees~~ - under twenty-five years of age. Fifteen thousand of them = members of the Red "Peoples' Police".

A Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee acts - to counteract ~~the~~ ruling by the Supreme Court, ~~The~~ ruling, that defendants in criminal trials should be allowed to examine the F.B.I. reports - of government witnesses who testify against them.

Today, Attorney General Brownell told the Sub-Committee - that ^{the recent} Supreme Court decision would make law enforcement almost impossible. ~~Our Attorney General~~ ^{He is} asking Congress to move quickly - to prevent what he called ^S, "A serious miscarriage of justice." Whereupon

~~Then~~ the Sub-Committee okayed the bill before it - unanimously. Under the bill, any F.B.I. report demanded by a defendant - would be examined by the trial judge - to see if any part was necessary for the defense. The bill also would give the government the right - to delete classified information from F.B.I. reports.

ANDERSON

The Senate Finance Committee puts its okay on President Eisenhower's nominee - for Secretary of the Treasury. Robert Anderson, picked to succeed George Humphrey - who will leave the government soon.

The Committee questioned Anderson about his economic philosophy, his stock holdings, and how he happened to be named for the cabinet post. Then it voted. The Committee's approval - unanimous. Now the nomination goes to the full Senate - where quick confirmation is expected - confirmation of Robert Anderson ^{of Texas, for} ~~as~~ Secretary of the Treasury.
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CHANDLER

The first candidate for President, in Nineteen Sixty, throws his hat into the ring. Happy Chandler, Governor of Kentucky. The former baseball Commissioner wanted the Democratic nomination last year. He didn't quite make it. In fact he missed it by a mile. Now he says he'll try again. He's available for Nineteen Sixty. Happy for President. So says Happy.

MOSQUE

The President helps dedicate a new religious building in Washington. That doesn't sound unusual. The President is himself a devout man. But today's dedication was something special. A mosque - in Washington.


Washington's new Islamic center, a library, museum, lecture hall, and mosque. The mosque, costing more than a million dollars. Built of limestone - facing in the direction of Mecca of course. There's some dispute about this. But the architect insists it does.

Today President Eisenhower, at the formal ceremony, said he welcomes this Islamic center. At one point, he departed from his prepared text - ~~to~~ to point out that Americans believe in freedom of ~~conscience~~ conscience for all peoples; that America has strong bonds of friendship with the nations of Islam, and that we want to work with them for a future in which freedom of worship will be universal.

After the address, President and Mrs. Eisenhower entered the mosque, removing their shoes - just as all

Mohammedans do. The President, with a pair of shoe coverings over his feet. Mrs. Eisenhower, walking in her stocking feet.

While on an inspection tour - a secret service agent stood guard over their shoes. Before the Eisenhowers left, the Ambassador of Saudi ~~Arabia~~ Arabia presented the President with a leather bound copy of the Koran - the sacred text of Islam. The President remarked that he had read some of it - that now he intends to read all of it. ~~They~~ Then they reclaimed their shoes, got in their car, and drove back to the White House.



ADD MOSQUE

Later in the day, the President and the First Lady went to ~~City~~ Gettysburg - where they'll celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary, on Monday.

Archaeologists working in Rome today were writing with an unusually dark black ink. It's quite a story. This ink was put in its ink well during the reign of the Roman Emperor, Domitian - in Eighty One A.D.

So says Arnaldo Cortesi - Rome correspondent of the New York Times, in a dispatch about some objects found in an old pagan Roman cemetery, in Vatican City. The ink, bone dry after almost two thousand years, when mixed with water was perfect. An analysis shows that it was made from crystalline rock, pounded to dust - and mixed with soot and resin. Still unseable, Henry, Twentieth Century Archaeologists, writing with ink used by the scribes of Domitian, Roman Emperor of the First Century A.D. What do you know about that?

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T. Tomorrow, the Geophysical Year begins. The highlight - putting that man-made ~~moon~~ moon up into outer space. Which reminds me, that we had a story about another astronomical project - just a year ago today. An ~~observatory~~ observatory, dedicated - on the slopes of Mauna Loa. A telescope on the rim of the crater of Hawaii's famous live volcano.

The purpose of the observatory - to study Mars. Still trying to find out - is there any life on Mars?

Mauna Loa, chosen as the site for the observatory - because the air is clear. Astronomers on the lip of a live crater! And they are still there with their telescope still trained on Mars. As - I say -- so long until Monday.