

CASTRO

L.I. - N.Y. - Thurs, Apr. 23rd. '59.

The New York police have circulated a memorandum - naming eight gunmen, ~~Reportedly~~ hired - for the assassination of Fidel Castro. Eight American underworld characters - with indications of a connection with gambling interests in Cuba. Those plush Havana casinos - operated by American racketeers. Who got out - when Castro's revolution took over. Five of the eight - ^{are} brothers, named Scoleri, all with criminal records as gangsters. Others - connected with underworld big shots, notorious in the police records.

The word is that the gunmen arrived in New York, in two automobiles - each loaded with weapons. Police and federal agents - now making a search for them.

Castro, in New York - heavily guarded by ^{New York police} ~~the cops~~ today.

PANAMA

The Panama revolutionary thriller now brings in another prominent name - John Wayne, the movie star, rugged hero - of many a Hollywood melodrama. The Panamanian government revealing evidence, today - that John Wayne was connected with Roberto Arias, who, they claim - was the mastermind of a revolutionary conspiracy to seize power in the Republic of Panama. There is much confusion - because in Panama it also denied that John Wayne was involved. However, a spokesman - tells of a raid on a hide-out, and a suitcase, belonging to Roberto Arias - found there. In it - a memorandum indicating that the movie actor had given Arias a lot of money. One payment - a half a million dollars. Another - nearly seven hundred thousand. Arousing suspicion - that John Wayne might be financing the revolutionary movement.

Today, in Hollywood, Wayne denied any such thing. Saying - the money represented investments in business

enterprises, in which - he and Arias were engaged. For Example - the shrimp business. John Wayne adding - that he is shocked by reports that his partner was in a political conspiracy.

The suitcase also contained a letter indicating that Arias's wife might be mixed up in the revolutionary affair. The famous British ballerina, Margot Fonteyn, who has arrived in New York - after being held for a while in a Panamanian jail.

Well, the Arias family has long been prominent in Panama - providing presidents and ambassadors. A big name - down there. And, now, in the revolution business - the names of Dame Margot Fonteyn of the ballet in Britain, and John Wayne of Hollywood.

TIBET

The Chinese Reds - claim they've broken the back of the revolt in southern Tibet. The Tibetan mountaineers - incurring two thousand casualties, killed, wounded and prisoners.

Today's announcement on the Red Radio - conceding, by implication, that the rebellion was far more widespread than the Communists have ever admitted before. With guerrilla warfare still going on - in the Himalayan highlands.

One interesting curiosity - a Communist contention, today, That the Tibetan insurgents received weapons and supplies from abroad. Air dropped - from what the Red Radio calls - "unidentified foreign planes."

What could this mean - if true? It hardly seems likely that the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa could have sent planes of theirs - into the skies above the Roof-of-the-World.

Washington observers today - were pointing out the political significance of a bit of dramatics in the Senate last night. When labor legislation - was amended, By the insertion - of a "Bill of Rights" in behalf of rank and file Union members.

A case - of Nixon versus Kennedy. The Vice-President, of course, a leading candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. The Senator from Massachusetts - out in front as a prospect for the Democratic nomination.

Kennedy, the sponsor of the legislation - opposed the amendment. Which passed - by ^a narrow vote of forty-seven to forty-six. Then a second vote - to affirm the amendment.

This time - a tie, forty-five to forty-five. Leaving it up to Vice-President Nixon - to ~~cast a vote and~~ break the tie. Ordinarily, he wouldn't vote at all. The tie - giving him a chance to take action in the labor legislation. Nixon - casting his vote in opposition to Kennedy. Breaking the tie - and confirming the "Bill of Rights."

The political wise men are saying - this was a break for

Nixon. Giving him a chance - to dramatize his own stand. And -
inflict a defeat on Kennedy. The two - possible rivals for the
presidency next year.

DULLES

At the Walter Reed Hospital, today, John Foster Dulles took the oath, as a Special Foreign Policy Consultant for the White House. The ~~ceremony~~ ceremony - attended by President Eisenhower and other high officials. When Dulles resigned as Secretary of State, the President said - the veteran statesman would continue to devote his talents to the services of this country. Now - officially doing so.

EXPLOSION

A violent explosion - at Kansas City. Three lives lost - when a blast shattered a chemical plant. Ten tanks of chemicals and three buildings - blown up. A million dollars - worth of damages.

One tank, fifteen feet high - ~~was~~ blown for a distance of three-quarters of a block. Others - turned into twisted, molten metal. Flames shooting skyward - after the explosion.

JAMES

An obituary notice in Toronto - reminding us of a little known chapter in one of our favorite American legends. Lemer James, a well known race track official - dying at the age of seventy-four.

Lemer James - ^a~~the~~ son of Frank James, nephew of Jesse James. His father, after the downfall of those famous outlaws, the James brothers - served a term in prison. Then - lived out the rest of his life as a respected citizen.

His son, Lemer James - becoming a jockey, going to Europe, and gaining renown - as a winner of horse races. In England, he rode to victory - in the Duke of York Stakes. In France - a jockey for Baron Rothschild. Later - a winner on the race tracks in the United States and Canada.

At one time he earned a hundred thousand dollars a year - one of the highest paid jockeys. Later, becoming a track official - in Canada.

Something appropriate - about his career as a rider in horse races. His father and uncle, Frank and Jesse James ^{were fairly} ~~making~~ famous horse riders in their day.

PIG

A funeral ceremony, solemn and majestic - at Brighton, England. A thousand mourners - in a procession through the streets. After which a monument was dedicated - to a pig. For this a granite memorial - sent over to Brighton, England, from San Antonio, Texas. An international event - this funeral ceremony for a pig.

All - commemorating an event at the New Year.

When Sally, a ponderous porker, got into Mrs. Pixie Ekman's place - and consumed seven gallons of Mrs. Ekman's home-made wine. That swine - certainly made a pig of herself. Then, after guzzling the seven gallons of strong wine, she went staggering around - and fell head first into a well. An untimely end - for a pickled porker.

Somehow, the sad news from England - got all the way to San Antonio, where local Texans - were grieved and raised a fund for a monument - and sent it over to England.

Hence the ceremony of mourning - at Brighton, today. Where the memorial - was duly set up. And Don, that's the story of the plastered pig that fell in the well.

STRIKE - KENTUCKY L.T. - Deleo Fri, Apr 24 - '59

The Governor of Kentucky orders the State National Guard - into the coal fields. Governor Chandler moving - to end the violence surrounding that strike by the United Mine Workers.

The strike - over a month old. Plagued by shooting and dynamiting. Two dead. Several injured. A lot of property destroyed.

Today five hundred pickets - defying the police. Causing Governor Chandler to order two thousand National Guardsmen - into the Kentucky coal fields.

STRIKE - NORTH CAROLINA

And North Carolina is having - labor violence. More than two hundred cases on the docket of the courts - at Henderson. Everything from carrying concealed weapons - to breaking windows. Today the State put up ten thousand dollars to prosecute terrorists.