

PLANE

LT. Delco Tux. Apr. 8-58,

The Air Force is ~~going~~ to fly another jet-tanker -- from Japan to Spain. This, because General William Eubank of Welsh, West Virginia - didn't quite make it today. General Eubank, headed for an airbase near Madrid, ~~But he~~ had to come down in the Azores - twelve hundred miles short of his goal.

The reason for the failure - unpredictable currents in the jetstream. General Eubank didn't get enough of a ride on the jetstream - after he left Tokyo. He had to land in the Azores - when he ran out of fuel.

~~But~~ Even so - his ~~fast~~ feat was spectacular enough. His average speed - a record five-hundred-and-fifty miles an hour. His time between Tokyo and Washington - more than six thousand miles in thirteen hours and forty-seven minutes. Cutting the old record in half.

But ^(General)~~Captain~~ Eubank's strato-tanker didn't make it all the way ~~into~~ Spain. So the Air Force will be sending another plane along the same route ~~pretty~~ soon.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower's answer to Khrushchev - is a challenge to the Soviet boss to prove his sincerity. Mr. Eisenhower proposing that Khrushchev accept the peace plan we introduced five years ago. That was the famous Eisenhower "Atoms-for-Peace Plan" - under which nuclear materials would be manufactured for peaceful purposes only. The President's letter adds - if Khrushchev doubts our good intentions - we^a are still ~~ready to have~~ ^{prepared for} an "open skies" ~~plan~~ ^{inspection system}. Mutual inspection of Soviet and American territory. This letter from Washington to Moscow adding ~~that we are~~ ^{that we are} ready for technicians on both sides - to start drawing up plans for the international control of atomic energy. Mr. Eisenhower's argument is summed up in one statement from the letter - "The heart of the problem is not the testing of weapons - but the weapons themselves."

BRITAIN - FOLLOW EISENHOWER

London announces - full support of President Eisenhower's stand on the ban of atomic weapons. The Macmillan government saying they knew about the contents - before the note went to Khrushchev. So did other Nato countries - and they all believe Mr. Eisenhower gave the right reply to Khrushchev. When will Macmillan make his own reply? Not for a while yet. The British Prime Minister, to wait for Moscow to say something - about diplomatic talks, leading to a possible summit conference.

DULLES

At his news conference today, Secretary Dulles said - that we will have to conduct more atomic tests - following the one coming up at Eniwetok. The reason - to perfect small and clean nuclear weapons. That we need more experiments - before we can produce a device with little radioactive fall-out.

When asked agin - about the Soviet renunciation of atomic tests - unilaterally, he gave the same answer - that no inspection system is foolproof - unless ~~immediate~~ inspection teams are inside the nations involved. That we will not trust Khrushchev's word - until he allows United Nations teams to cover the Soviet Union. How many inspection groups would that take? According to Mr. Dulles - about twenty-four for the Soviet Union, and presumably, the same number for the United States.

RECESSION

Tonight there's disagreement in Washington - over that report by the Labor and Commerce Departments. The report, showing that unemployment increased by twenty-five thousand in March. President Eisenhower believes it shows, the recession is slowing up - because February showed an unemployment increase of seven hundred thousand. Secretary of Labor Mitchell agrees with the President - calling the report, "encouraging."

~~But~~ President of the AFL-CIO ~~doesn't agree~~

George Meany claims the recession is getting worse. The Labor leader feeling, there isn't any sign yet - of a business

boom.
~~pick-up.~~

The report shows that we have over five million jobless - the highest in seventeen years. The March pick-up, below normal for this time of year. But there's optimism in the report too. Over-all employment rose by more than three hundred thousand in March. Sixty-two million Americans at work - the first over-all gain since the recession started last fall.

INDONESIA

The latest news reaching Singapore - describes the island of Sumatra erupting into ^{what a dispatch calls} an inferno of civil war.

Loyalists and rebels, fighting savagely in five different areas.

The key point ^{- the city of} Medan, which Jakarta still controls. Today, the rebels burst into Medan, seized arms and ammunition - and then retreated before loyalist reinforcements could arrive.

And fighting is now going on ^{around} ~~at~~ Pekanbaru - headquarters of the Caltex Oil Company. At Pekanbaru, the rebels captured some armored vehicles - again, escaping before the loyalists could mount a counter-attack.

On both sides, charges of assassination attempts.

The rebel Defense Minister had a ~~narrow~~ narrow escape - when someone threw a hand grenade into his office ^{from} a speeding car. The Minister, uninjured - but four policemen with him were ~~was~~ wounded.

In Jakarta, the administration says it ^{smashed} ~~is exposed~~ - a plot to kill President Sukarno. Twelve suspects, rounded up - charged with attempting a coup. ~~at least~~ Three of the twelve -

officials of the Sukarno government.

Meanwhile, the question of where the arms are coming from - is more confused than ever. Western sources in Jakarta still say - Sukarno has made a deal ^{with} ~~for arms from~~ iron curtain countries. The cost, ~~put at~~ two hundred and fifty million dollars. But Sukarno continues to deny - that he ^{has} ~~has~~ made any deal with Communist countries. He simply says he's sorry that America won't sell him arms. Secretary of State Dulles, standing firm on our general foreign policy - no weapons for either side, in a civil war.

CUBA

In Cuba, the loyalist army has just beaten off a rebel attack on a garrison post in Oriente Province. The rebels, rushing down out of the hills - getting right up to the walls of Niquero. This, a key port on the gulf - which Castro wants so ~~that~~ he can bring in guns and ammunition.

But before his men could get into Niquero - Batista's army counter-attacked. Killing one of the rebels - driving the rest back ~~into~~ the hills.

Meanwhile, ~~these~~^{the} seven American newsmen - have been released by Batista. ~~They were~~ ^{Arrested} because the Cuban government claimed - they were in a military zone during a state of emergency. Only released, after our Ambassador to Havana, Earl Smith - convinced Batista's officials that the newsmen are no threat to the safety of Cuba. Tonight, all seven ~~are~~ out of jail, ^{have been} ~~but they are~~ warned they may find themselves back in ^{again} ~~jail~~ - unless they leave Oriente Province, and return to Havana.

CALIFORNIA

Today's news from California - sunshine. ~~Which~~

~~doesn't sound usual - and that isn't it.~~ ^{Following} The longest ^{stretch} ~~spell~~ of

Spring rain in a hundred years, - ~~just ending~~. A hundred

thousand acres ~~are~~ flooded. The damage, estimated at

thirteen million dollars for last week alone. Nine hundred

families - still in shelters, ~~with their houses still covered~~

~~by the flood.~~ The Red Cross ~~is~~ helping ~~to take~~ care ^{for} ~~of~~ nine

thousand people - the families of laborers who have not had

work yet this Spring. The farmers of California, just beginning

to think about planting this year's crop.

CHICAGO

Chicago's primary sounds like something from the old days. The first shooting - since Nineteen Twenty-Eight. That was during the reign of Al Capone - who had a brother killed - running away with a ballot box.

Well, today ^a Chicago detective killed a man who threatened voters with a gun. Nathaniel Hausley turned up at one precinct - carrying his revolver wrapped in a newspaper. Hausley, warning the voters to stay away from the polling place. When two detectives approached - he ran for his home - two blocks away. One detective burst into Hausley's apartment. They struggled together for a moment - and then the detective killed Hausley with a single shot.

What about the election? *It seems to be* ~~Oh, it's~~ going off all right.

No other excitement. - ~~because there aren't any~~ ^{no} national issues at stake. Only three Republicans facing opposition - and they ^{are} all from down-state Illinois, ^{where} ~~so~~ they ^{are} expected to win without much trouble.

NATHAN

The passing of George Jean Nathan snaps the last link - with a colorful period in American life. The era of satire - the era of H.L. Mencken[^] and George Jean Nathan.

The two met in Nineteen Fourteen. Mencken, an up and coming newspaper reporter on the Baltimore Sun. Nathan, America's top dramatic critic - covering the theatre for the New York Herald. Both, famous for jibing at the complacencies of the times.

Mencken and Nathan decided to pool their talents.

First, they founded a magazine called "Smart Set" - and published ^{such} new writers ^{as} ~~and~~ Scott Fitzgerald and Theodore Dreiser.

In Nineteen Twenty-Four, Mencken and Nathan began turning out their most famous product - a magazine called the "American Mercury". In it, they printed some of the ^{top} ~~greatest~~ satire of our time. Mencken, ridiculing the 'Twenties -- everything from flappers to bathtub gin. Nathan, exercising his wit on Broadway - jeering at popular idols like Noel Coward and

Maurice Chevalier.

But Nathan could recognize genius, when he saw it. He was one of the first to defend the New School of Irish playwrights - especially Sean O'Casey.

Nathan and Mencken left the American Mercury during the depression. The magazine's place, secure in the history of American letters. As Nathan himself once put it - "America needed a couple of bad boys then."

Two years ago, H. L. Mencken departed. Now his famous partner - George Jean Nathan, at seventy-six.

SORAYA

Tonight the ex-Queen of Iran - is officially an "ex". Soraya, formally accepting the Shah's divorce decree. The Iranian Minister of Justice flew to Cologne, Germany - to present Soraya with the document. This, almost a month after the Shah bowed to the wishes of his advisers - and decided to put aside the lovely who failed to produce an heir to the throne of Darius. The Shah, reluctant to see his divorce become final. But he finally signed - which Soraya now accepts.

From now on, she to be known as Her Highness, Princess Soraya Esfandiari. No doubt she gets pension - but she declines to say whether she ever intends to return to Iran.

Next on her schedule - a visit to the United States. Ex-Queen Soraya, scheduled to be aboard the liner Constitution when it sails on Monday from Genoa. Her return passage, booked for May Thirteenth, from New York. Which means that she will leave America only a few days before her former husband gets here. The Shah of Persia,

due to arrive on a state visit. A melancholy change from the days when he and Soraya seemed inseparable.

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Most successful of all in the "Stately Homes League" - the Duke of Bedford, who sells guide books, serves buffalo stew from his own herd of buffaloes - and himself serves as a tourist guide. Last year, the Duke of Bedford had three hundred and fifty thousand paid admissions. That made him the champion. But this year, he's facing stiff competition - many others getting in the act.

Alas, Don, that it should come to this. The Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Marlborough - even the Marquis of Bath!

EARTHQUAKE

Here's a follow-up to a story we had last night. That earthquake, reported from Alaska - one of the most powerful in history. Well, here is the scientific report - from the Lamont Geophysical Laboratory at Piermont, New York. That Laboratory, four thousand miles from the scene of the quake - but its instruments got a clear record. The quake, reaching eight point five on the magnitude scale. The greatest ever reported before - eight point six. That one, in Assam and Tibet, in Nineteen Fifty.

The Alaska quake hit the bleak tundra - north of Fairbanks, on the Koyukuk River - not the Kuskokwin as we thought last night. Fortunate, because there were no Eskimo villages in the area. The Koyukuk flows through a wilderness, a vast empty Arctic land inhabited largely by caribon and wolves.