

L.T.-DELCO. WED., JULY 30, 1958.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower's personal envoy - flew to the city of Amman, today. Robert Murphy - going into immediate consultation with King Hussein of Jordan.

No reason is given, but the circumstances might well indicate - an urgent situation in Jordan. Esle - why did Murphy leave Beirut in the present state of things there?

The Lebanese crisis - was as tangled and uncertain this morning as it was yesterday. The settlement, which the Presidential envoy did so much to arrange now - up in the air.

Premier Sami Sohl - continued to declare that he will oppose an election in the Lebanese Parliament, tomorrow, to select - a new president. Sami Sohl - shaken by the brutal attempt by the rebels to assassinate him yesterday. He's against the naming of army commander

Chebab as President. Because the General has not cracked down on the insurgents, who control sections of Beirut.

On the other hand, President Chamoun is reported - in favor of naming General Chebab to succeed him in office.

The Lebanese cabinet - in an emergency meeting, today.

The prospects for an election tomorrow - considered about fifty-fifty. That much chance of a settlement - which would give the United States a plausible chance to withdraw American troops from Lebanon.

Now with affairs of Lebanon in the balance,

President Eisenhower's representative leaves Beirut, and flies to Amman. Leading to an easy guess - that there must be something urgent in Jordan to call him.

Little direct news from Jordan - where a strict censorship is on. The Jordanian government - imposing a ban, today, on telephone calls to the outside world.

Reports reaching London indicate - there's considerable tension in Hussein's capital.

TURKEY

Syria claims - that a force of Turkish soldiers, crossed the Syrian border, today. Refusing to reply - when border guards called on them to halt. Which resulted - in fifteen minutes of shooting. The Turks - retiring to their side of the frontier.

No major events in the Mid East, but plenty of tension.

SUMMIT

About the summit - not much news. Soviet propoganda - denouncing the Eisenhower -MacMillan plan for a top level meeting to be held in the security council of the United Nations. This, however, does not mean that Khrushchev will, finally, reject the proposal. So says an official Moscow statement.

In Washington, a scornful rejection of a Russian charge - that the Baghdad council meeting in London revealed an "extensive plot." A plot, that is, between the western powers and Israel, against the Arab countries.

ISRAEL

Word from Israel - that Prime Minister Ben-Gurion made an appeal to Khrushchev asking the Soviet Premier - to arrange a meeting between Ben-Gurion and Nasser. The Prime Minister of Israel - wanting to talk peace terms with the President of the United Arab Republic.

We hear - the Ben-Gurion appeal to Khrushchev was made a few days after the revolt in Iraq, July Fourteenth. But - no reply, as yet, from Khrushchev. The belief in Israel being - that he's ignoring the Ben-Gurion request.

The Israelis believe - that it's only a matter of time before both Lebanon and Jordan fall under the control of Nasser's United Arab Republic. Which would leave Israel virtually surrounded by one unified block - Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Hence, Ben-Gurion's urgent intention - of seeking an understanding with Nasser.

SOVIET PROTEST

A protest - from Soviet Russia. Charging - that an American military plane violated Russian air space, on Saturday. A reconnaissance bomber - crossing the Soviet frontier over the Caspian Sea. The plane - winging twenty miles into Soviet Air space, before being turned back by Russian fighter planes. The note of protest - addressed both to the United States and the government of Iran.

From the working of the communication, the matter would seem to be something like this. The Russian-Iranian frontier - at that point an imaginary line across the broad waters of the Caspian Sea. The plane - flying across an invisible frontier.

TRADE

The United States will not relax its embargo on trade with Red China. Notwithstanding the fact that other countries of the western alliance have decided - they'll do more business with the Chinese Reds.

Britain, today, announced - a "substantial reduction" of restrictions. The western countries to lift the embargo on a wide variety of commodities.

But - no Washington. American trade with Red China - still forbidden.

I am in the California big tree country tonight. Sonoma County, on the Russian River. This, by the way, would be an ideal quiet spot for that Summit Conference. Where the Russians came long ago and a lot of us are glad they didn't stay. Russian explorers came here in 1812. Dissatisfied with the trapping - not enough fur bearing animals - they only stayed thirty years and then pulled out for Alaska.

In the crowd around me here in Northwood Lodge I notice a group of gentlemen who are celebrating the birthday of one of their number. A man who came to this country as a penniless boy, an Armenian refugee, and who in the past thirty-six years has become rich and famous, known around the world as an authority on food, and known just as widely as a philanthropist, always doing things for nations and especially for young people.

He has come into my Russian River studio, accompanied by quite an impressive group of men. I see here with him General John Reed Kilpatrick of Madison Square Garden fame; capitalist, diplomat and statesman Peter Grimm; economist Fred Clark; financier Arnold Stiefel of St. Louis; West Coast manufacturer Ray Young; philanthropist Jeremiah Milbank; Roland Withers, head of United Motors and Delco; Tom Kelland, Arizona editor; Publisher Roy Howard; and

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, whom you all know. These are typical of George Mardikian's friends. And he came here a poor boy - a friendless Armenian refugee.

But come now, George Mardikian, you look more than thirty-six years old. We are all delighted to help you celebrate your birthday. Is this thirty-six year business just a gag?

LABOR

The House of Representatives - will not pass reform legislation to check abuses in the world of union labor. Not - at this present session of Congress. The House rules committee reporting - that it's impossible to get up a measure of wide scope in time.

SPACE

President Eisenhower - taking prompt action to put the new space agency into business. Yesterday, he signed the bill, creating the National Aeronautical and Space administration - and, today he asked Congress for one-hundred-and twenty-five million dollars in additional funds to get the program started. At the same time - he authorized the Defense Department to give the new agency the hundred-and-seventeen million dollars previously appropriated.

ARKANSAS

In Arkansas, Governor Faubus shouts in triumph - that the result of yesterday's election shows the popular reaction to the sending of U S Federal troops into Little Rock during the school crisis. Faubus - winning in the Democratic primary by a landslide majority. The primary vote - meaning election in Arkansas. Faubus taking - nearly seventy percent of the total vote. Winning a third term - as Governor. Arkansas - declaring, emphatically, for segregation in schools.

GEOGRAPHIC CENTER

A new geographic center - for the United States.

Inevitable - with the admission of Alaska to the Union.

Six hundred thousand square miles more - shifting the ~~center~~
center of the total area of this country.

The U S coast and geodetic survey made the necessary
calculations, and here's the result:-

Until now the geographical center of the United
States has been a point near Lebanon, Kansas. Now it's
moved - four hundred and thirty-nine miles to the
Northwest. Which takes it - all the way to South Dakota.
The middle of the country - now near a hill called "Two
Top Peak." Eleven miles - west of Castle Rock, South
Dakota.

Jehovah's Witnesses

The biggest Baptism - held in New York. Seven thousand people - baptized by total immersion. The scene - a beach in the Bronx. Four hundred feet of sea shore - on Long Island Sound.

The mass baptizing - bringing to a climax the huge rally of Jehovah's witnesses in two baseball parks, the Yankee stadium and the polo grounds. Seven thousand candidates - carried by fifty-three buses to the beach. Where they received total immersion - at the rate of a hundred a minute. Marching in to the water, two abreast - until waist-high. Ninety baptizers then ducking them under for the quick immersion. The ceremony - the largest baptism on record. (No Don)

FERRYBOAT

San Francisco - mourning the disappearance of one of its traditional features. You know - how the city by the Golden Gate loves its traditions. One of these - the ferry boats across the bay. Which, at one time - were the only way you could get across the long stretch of water.

But the great bridges were built - until finally, little was left for the ferry boats but railroad passengers. A losing proposition, and the southern Pacific arranged - for passengers to be carried between Oakland and San Francisco by bus. Hence, goodbye - to the last of the ferry boats.

Early this morning - the final run. The ferry boat San Leandro - with thirteen hundred people aboard.

In the last few days, San Franciscans have been crowding for the ferry boat ride - nostalgic with memories.

The history of the San Francisco ferry boats - at an end.

However, there was balm in Gilead, Or., to use another figure of speech. The dark cloud had a silver lining. San Franciscans cheering - because the giants were in first place in the National League race. The Francisco giants - winning their game against the Cincinnati Reds. While the Milwaukee braves - were beaten by the lowly Los Angeles Dodgers.

At present, I'm so journeying here in California, and have had occasion to note - how San Francisco has taken to the exiles from New York. I never saw New Yorkers - half as enthusiastic about the Giants.

All of which accords with a similar phenomenon at Los Angeles. Record-breaking crowds turning out for the Dodgers - even though those bums, I mean those heroes, are in last place.