

L.T. - DELCO. TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1959.
(Allan Jackson - L.T. in Alaska)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The steel strike has started - in spite of a desperate, eleventh hour bid to prevent it. Officially, the deadline is midnight tonight - but pickets are already out in Gary, Pittsburgh, and other steel cities.

Each side blames the other - for collapse of the negotiations in New York. The Union is sticking to its demand for - a wage hike. The Companies still call the demand - "inflationary."

So the steel strike is on - with allied industries feeling the pressure - coal, transportation, and the rest. Ironically, some companies dependent on steel, were caught short - just because business has been so good. They've used up - their inventory of steel.

Late in the afternoon - President Eisenhower urged the two sides to keep on with negotiations - suggested

that they ask federal mediators for help. From the working of his statement - it appears that the President was not trying to prevent a strike - at midnight insomuch as he was trying to prevent a complete breakdown in negotiations.

Federal mediator - Joseph Finnegan - said he expects to hear from the two sides in time for preliminary meetings tomorrow.

Both sides promptly accepted the ^{possible} ~~present~~ suggestions - federal mediators indicated a preliminary meeting tomorrow.

SHIP

The U.S. Navy's first nuclear powered surface ship - was christened at Quincy², Massachusetts, today. The cruiser "Long Beach" - which is scheduled to join the fleet in Nineteen Sixty-one. She is over seven hundred feet long - and weighs fourteen thousand tons. The size of one of our old heavy cruisers. She will be able to cruise indefinitely on atomic fuel. And will be armed with guided missiles, instead of eight-inch guns.

The Navy considers the "Long Beach" - almost impregnable to attack by planes - even supersonic jets.

JOBS

This country has reached the highest level of employment - in its history, according to the Labor Department. More than sixty-seven million Americans held jobs / in June. That's two million above - June of Nineteen Fifty-eight.

DEFENSE

The Senate passed a forty billion dollar defense money bill for the next twelve months. It exceeds President Eisenhower's budget request by 346 million dollars.

The measure now goes to a Senate-House conference to reconcile differences with a House-passed version. The House voted 746 million dollars less than the Senate.

The Senate bill contains 380 million dollars to build the nation's second nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. Eisenhower had asked 260 million dollars for a conventional carrier but the House voted against any new carrier.

HUMPHREY

The first politician to announce his availability in
in Nineteen Sixty - is Senator Hubert Humphrey. The
announcement - was not unexpected. Senator Humphrey has been
a leading figure in the Democratic Party for several years,
and he has not denied his ambition to reach the White House.

GENEVA

The only interesting news from Geneva today - was provided by West Germany. The representative from Bonn suggested / abandoning the meeting of Foreign Ministers / in favor of a summit conference. (Chancellor Adenauer has always opposed a summit conference / but now he supports the idea, as long as the subject for discussion - is the general problem of European security. Adenauer doesn't want it confined - to Berlin.

Meanwhile, the three Western power Ministers were still wrangling with Gromyko. Who, they say, / hasn't allowed any progress at all / since the Geneva conference resumed.

KHRUSHCHEV

There was a lot of talk in Warsaw today / - and on the basis of the record, it seems rather ~~by~~ hypocritical. Of course Khrushchev got the red-carpet treatment / - when his plane arrived from Moscow. Of course he launched into a eulogy of Poland / - and of Poland's Gomulka.

But the Poles have not forgotten Khrushchev's visit to Warsaw, / three years ago / - when he went there specifically to bar / Gomulka from power. The Polish leader defied the boss of the Kremlin - and won. Khrushchev - backed down. And ever ~~since~~ since - Poland has been more independent of Moscow, than the other satellites.

Hence the hypocrisy today, / when Khrushchev said at the Warsaw airport / - "Comrade Gomulka defends the purity of Marxism and Leninism."

DIAZ

The Premier of Cuba is - a Communist. / So says
Pedro Luis Diaz - / who used to be the head of Fidel Castro's
air force.

Diaz, who fled from Cuba two weeks ago - / today
testified before the Senate Internal Security Sub-committee.
He said he joined the Castro rebellion for idealistic reasons -
because Castro promised Cuba / freedom and democracy. What did
Castro actually give Cuba - / after his victory? ~~In the terms~~
of Diaz's ^{in his} testimony today ^{said} "He brought Communists to my
country."

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Lowell Thomas is still up along the Arctic Circle - still reporting on an area that not so long ago was - a useless waste of ice and snow. Just where are you now,

Lowell:

L.T. (BARROW)

Barrow, Alaska, Allan - on the Arctic Coast.
Farthest north point over which the American flag flies.
If I tell you a brief Point Barrow story it may remind
us how fast our world is changing. The story concerns
Noel Wien, first aviator to come north and start
commercial air service in Alaska.

I flew with him yesterday across the Yukon, over
the Arctic Circle, over the still half-explored Brooks
Range and on out over the tundra of the Arctic plain to
the edge of the Polar Ice pack.

Noel Wien, from Minnesota, came up in 'Twenty-four,
and made the first flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks.
At sixty miles per hour in an open cockpit World War One
surplus plane. Then in June of 'Twenty-five he made the
first flight from Fairbanks to Nome, in a single engine
Fokker - five hundred and forty miles in seven hours.
Today the deluxe new turbo jets of his Wien Airlines,

do it in two hours.

In May, 1928, in a single engine Stinson that he bought from Sir Hubert Wilkins, he flew from Fairbanks, to Barrow, on the Arctic Ocean, in six and a half hours. I flew it with him, yesterday - over a region still one-half explored - in two hours, in his Airlines' sleek new F-27 turbo jet.

But to me here is the most startling part:- two hundred and fifty people a month are making the Fairbanks -Point Barrow flight. Most of them Americans who are now coming north for a look at Alaska, because it is our forty-ninth state.

Noel Wien flew over this country for four years without a compass, or any instrument!; without even brakes. And with rough maps that were virtually useless. We made it, in the new turbo jet, with Noels' veteran son Merrill at the controls. Merrill who has been an

airline, Air Force and bush flier for thirteen years.

Today several of the best Wien pilots are Eskimo. And the elaborate Wien radio installation at Point Barrow is run by an Eskimo, and the expert radio technicians working with him are Eskimo!

In my next I'll tell a little about the scientists who are still out on the Arctic ice, the new IGY camp that is adrift on a Polar ice floe.

FOLLOW RECORDING

Well, Lowell, it looks like the heroic age of aviation - is over, in Alaska. But Eskimo pilots - Don - that's a colorful development in the age of jet planes.

For several decades in a villa in the suburbs of Florence, an expert on Italian Renaissance art - Giovanni Gherardini had the best collection in private hands. Including the "Madonna and Child", which Alessandro Lazzarini painted, in Florence, in the early part of the fifteenth century.

His collection was after long negotiations by the Italian Government, and the Museum of Art in Florence. Today he made a number of his own, including the "Madonna and Child" and the "Madonna and Child" may be seen in the Grand Ducal Gallery in Florence - courtesy of Harvard University.

America's greatest art critic has just given the city of Florence - a painting that was originally its own. The critic is - American ex-patriot Bernard Berenson, who has lived for several decades in a villa on the outskirts of Florence.

(30) An expert on Italian Renaissance art - Berenson gathered one of the best collections in private hands. Including the "Madonna and Child", which Ambrogio Lorenzetti painted, in Florence.- in the early part of the Fifteenth Century.

(17) Berenson has often been decorated by the Italian government - and the Florentine city fathers. Today he made a gesture of his own - handing over the Lorenzetti. From now on,^{DN} the "Madonna and Child" may be seen in the famous Uffizi Gallery of Florence.- courtesy of Bernard Berenson.

LONG

The Governor of Louisiana - will not address the Texas state legislature. Earl Long has given up hope of an invitation from the Texans, and is preparing to leave for New Mexico. The Governor's decision is enthusiastically supported by - the Tyler "Courier-Times" - which today ran a headline reading - "Governor Long, go home!" The Texas paper calls on the state administration - to refuse to listen to Earl Long. And to Long himself it says - "Governor Long, go back home, and raise watermelons - in silence."

TYPHOON

A typhoon - is battering Japan. Winds of eighty-five miles an hour, are roaring in from the sea - dumping tons of water on the Japanese islands. Hundreds of houses lie in ruins - communication lines are down - massive landslides have blocked dozens of roads and highways. All members of the Japanese Civil Defense are standing by - to deal with a mounting toll of dead, ■ injured and missing.