

JORDAN

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Demonstrations - in Jordan, today. Protesting-
against the dismissal of left wing Premier Nabulsi. Young
King Hussein - having fired him. Thousands of Arabs - marching
through the streets - with anti-western placards. No violence,
however - though matters are tense in Jordan.

Elaborate military precautions - taken against
possible outbreaks, which might hurl King Hussein from his
throne. Roadblocks - across the highways. King Hussein - said
to be rounding up Communists, placing them under close arrest.

Throughout the Middle East, there's talk - that
the Kingdom of Jordan might break up. With other Arab countries
grabbing parts of it. Israel -- too.

If Jordan should be partitioned, the Israelis would
hope to get Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jericho.
~~demand their share.~~ Which might precipitate a large
scale war - in the Middle East.

AQABA

Saudi Arabia - will bar the ships of Israel ~~in~~
from the Gulf of Aqaba. So stated in a note proclaiming
the intention of Saudi Arabia "to all the countries of the
world." That nation claiming - that the Strait of Tiran
is part of the territorial waters of Saudi Arabia. Which
claim is contested by other countries. But the declaration, *just*
made public, insists - that Israeli ships will be ~~pre~~ prevented
from passing through the Gulf. With reports - that artillery
will be used to enforce this.

IRAN - BANDIT

Here is the story told by Ahmed Shah - the Iranian bandit who admits he shot and killed Mrs. Anita Carroll, wife of one of the two American aid officials, who perished in an ambush, March twenty-fourth.

Today, two American reporters interviewed Ahmed Shah - at the village of Turbat. Inside Pakistan - near the Iranian border. Turbat - a mere collection of mud huts. Ahmed Shah - a scrawny, tattered brigand, ~~like~~ a desert rat of the Asiatic wilderness. In the background - eighteen women and children of his outlaw tribe. The women, with dirty veils over their faces - weeping and chanting lamentations.

Ahmed Shah said the outlaw tribe, headed by his elder brother, Dad Shah - had received word that a patrol of Iranian police would proceed through Iran Shah Pass. So the gang set an ambush, hiding behind rocks. Waiting - for what they thought would be a police automobile. When a car appeared

they riddled it with bullets. The bandits thinking - everybody in the automobile had been killed.

Then, suddenly, a figure jumped out of the car - and ran. "I dropped to the ground and fired" related Ahmed Shah.

The fleeing figure fell - other bandits shooting at the body.

"We sent a man forward" says Ahmed Shah, and "he came back and told us - we had killed a woman."

The reporters reminded him - that the body of Mrs. Carroll had been found all of ten miles from the scene of the ambush. He didn't answer that - merely thrugged his shoulders.

He insisted that the outlaws never knew there were foreigners in the car they attacked. Saying - they would never have shot foreigners. But - would have kidnapped them for ransom. Which indeed is what has been going on in that wild part of Asia for thousands of years. I

spent some time with tribesmen along the Afghan-Pakistan frontier years ago and can vouch for that. A region where no man obeys any law.

After telling his story the brigand said: -

"In the name of Allah, shoot me now!"

The veiled women moaned with lamentation, as he pleaded: "Shoot me now, rather than hand me to the Iranians. In the name of Allah, don't send me back to a slow death in Iran."

He insisted that his brother, the tribal chief Dad Shah, was killed some days ago in a skirmish with Iranian police, but that is not believed. So the grim hunt goes on - for Dad Shah, chief of the bad men in the desolate wilderness of Baluchistan.

SINGAPORE

And now - the State of Singapore. The newest addition - to the political entities on this earth.

In London, today, ~~the~~ documents were signed - granting self government to that historic city, which lies at the crossroads of southern Asia. Singapore - to elect its own ruler, who will act as a direct representative of Queen Elizabeth the Second. Head - of the State of Singapore.

QUEEN


Elizabeth returned home, today, after a night of Parisian extravaganza - in the Louvre. Where the French government staged a dinner and champagne party, attended by three thousand - amid the priceless ~~pan~~ masterpieces of art. Empty champagne glasses, littering the pedestal on which the Venus De Milo stands. Cigarette ashes and cigar butts - dumped into antique ^{Greecian}/~~gracian~~ vases. The party - lasting until dawn.

However, Her Majesty and the Duke could not have stuck it out until the break of day. Because they looked bright and ~~re~~ fresh when they arrived at the London airport. As if they'd had - a good night of sleep - and not too much of that /champagne.

EISENHOWER BUDGET

President Eisenhower, today, recommended a cut of ~~two-hundred-and-fifty-four~~ million dollars - from the budget. That much to be trimmed out of the agriculture appropriation. The President explaining to Congress - that the farmers are not signing up as fast as expected in the soil bank. Therefore, not so much money ~~is~~ needed for that agricultural program.

This coincides with increasing talk in Congress - about a possible tax cut. The Democrats ~~are~~ indicating a cautious hope. Today, Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts G O P leader in the House, declared - the Republicans will join the Democrats, if a sound way can be seen to reduce taxation.



ADD EISENHOWER BUDGET

Tonight, Republican Congressman Simpson of Pennsylvania a member of the House, Ways and Means Committee, introduced a bill to reduce taxation to the tune of five billion dollars. ~~By~~ By cutting -personal income and business taxes.

POST OFFICE

On Saturday, you're not likely to have a mail delivery. Postmaster General Summerfield announcing, today - that the cut in mail service will go into effect on Saturday. Unless - Congress votes the extra appropriation of ~~■~~ forty-seven million dollars. Which - the Post Office Department needs.

So what's the likelihood of Congress voting the money - by Saturday? Very little. The House has adjourned until Monday. The Appropriations Committee might act before then. But the Postmaster General says - a committee vote will not be enough.

Mail service to be curtailed, and stay curtailed - until Congress puts up the forty-seven million, and the President signs the bill.

AIRPLANES

President Eisenhower called on Congress, today - to set up an "airways modernization board". To devise a new traffic system for the sky - and solve the growing problem of collisions in the air.

The President - acting on a report from investigators, *a report that* ~~which~~ states: "We have counted, with the aid of radar, as many ~~as~~ as two-hundred-and-twenty aircraft flying, at one time, in the vicinity of a major city.

MILITARY LANDS

The House of Representatives, today, passed a bill - forbidding the armed forces to take over public lands, without ~~the~~ approval of Congress. In the debate there was plenty of denunciation - of military land grabbing. The armed forces - in control of huge areas.

Hitherto, they've been able to acquire public land^s - with the approval of the Department of the Interior and the President. Hereafter, Congress will have to say yes - in any case involving more than five thousand acres.

Uproar in Washington - over the Army invitation to members of Congress, with a suggestion - that they might attend the Kentucky Derby. It's admitted, that it would be a good thing for legislators to witness the military maneuvers at Fort Knox, Kentucky. But - why the horse race? The Army invitation having suggested - that the lawmakers might want to ~~say~~ stay over for the derby. In which case they could have lodging and meals at nearby Fort Knox.

Congressman ~~Mc~~Mahon of Texas, Chairman of the house military appropriations sub-committee, says - it could possibly cost the Army one hundred million dollars in reduced appropriations. Because - of public revulsion against reckless military spending."

Congressman Van Zandt of Pennsylvania adds:

"The people will get the ~~is~~ idea the whole thing is a military junket."

All of which brings a quick denial from the Army.

Secretary Brucker saying: "This is not a free trip to go to the Derby at the expense of the taxpayers." The Army Secretary adding - that he didn't even know the Kentucky Derby was being held the same weekend as the military demonstration.

GAS

In this atomic age, we go back - to World War One.
When they had no hydrogen bombs - but did use poison gas.
The terror of which was vivid - when the Germans first released
rolling greenish clouds of chlorine.

Today at Elwood City, Pennsylvania - a gas attack
of the same sort. Chlorine - pouring out of a tank at a
chemical company which manufactures a washing-bleach. ~~At green~~
- this morning -
A greenish cloud [^] - rolling along in a residential area, ~~this~~
~~morning~~. People gasping - people choking. Firemen in gas
masks - rushing from home to home, getting residents out of
the danger area. No serious casualties, luckily - until the
gas ~~is~~ attack was over.

At the ~~is~~ chemical factory, one of the owners, Daniel
Pelloni, climbed to the top of the chlorine tank. Where a
faulty valve - was releasing the poison gas. His hands were
burned severely by the chemical - as he closed the valve
with a ~~XXXXX~~ wrench. After which - fire hoses sprayed water

to dissipate the greenish clouds along the ground. And lime was distributed - spread along the ground, absorbing the chlorine.

Which ended the return of World War One - to Elwood City, Pennsylvania.

JET PLANE

Here's one for the book - of remarkable escapes.

This one, ultra-modern -- jet plane era.

At Eglin Air Base, Florida, a jet fighter was on a routine flight, when the engine failed. The pilot, Captain G.B. Lyle of Venice, California, had to make an emergency landing. The plane - crashing near an auxiliary field, And - catching fire. Captain Lyle - able to get out with little trouble.

But what about the other man in the jet? The radar observer - Lieutenant Robert Douglas of Pottsville, Iowa? His escape hatch was jammed. The plexi glass top of the radar canopy - wouldn't/open. So there he was - trapped in the blazing plane.

There was one hope - the automatic ejector. The device to hurl an airman out of a jet plane - while in flight. Ejecting him - seat and all. So Lieutenant Douglas could only - try that. Although the plane - was on the ground.

He pressed the necessary button, and the ejector - worked. Throwing him high in the air - straight up.

Then, down he came - landing on a wing of ^{the} blazing
aircraft. Injured - and back in the fire. But he was able to
crawl near enough to the edge of the wing - so that a couple of
enlisted men could reach him. And - pull him to safety.

^{Bob}
Lieutenant Douglas - incurring fractures and burns.
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But alive - after a classic of ultra-modern escape.

BOY

At Garden Grove, California, the doctor says - the five year old boy went into "hibernation." Which saved his life - because he hibernated like an animal. Like a bear - in winter.

The child, Theo de Hoog, was playing around - and climbed into the family deep freezer. Locking himself in - and the temperature was below zero.

An hour later, his mother went to the deep freezer to get supplies for dinner, and found the boy. By all expectation - he should have been frozen, completely. But, he was - fast asleep.

She called a physician, Dr. Walter Ralton. Who, today, said: "This is the most interesting case I've ever handled. Hibernation - saved the life of the boy."

The doctor explains that the zero temperature inside the deep freezer lowered the child's metabolism so fast - he went to sleep before he could struggle much. His body temperature sinking - in a process like that of an animal which

hibernates for the winter.

The five year old - incurring frostbite, ^{Henry,} But,

otherwise - okay.

END

Looking back over my broadcast notes, for a year ago today, I see that I made mention of the way a theatre audience responded - to a flashing thriller. The Darjeeling train ride - in the Seven Wonders of the World. It was opening night - the premiere for that new Cinerama production.

Now - the first anniversary. The Seven Wonders of the World completing one year on Broadway. And there's no telling - how much longer it will run. At the theatre, for the matinee, I found the sign - sold out.

My first Broadway experience was with "This Is Cinerama" - which ran for two years and four months. Seven Wonders - adding another year, with more to go. And we are right now completing a third, "Search for Paradise." I hope you have all found your Paradise on Earth -

And so long until tomorrow -