

SUEZ

L.T. Deleo. Mon. Apr. 8 - '54.

At the southern entrance of the Suez Canal, today, two German salvage vessels - dragged out a sunken ship. With stout cables attached, they pulled the wreck through the canal to the nearby "great bitter lakes"; Where they dumped - the last obstacle in the clearing of the ~~Suez~~ Canal.

So now, the usual convoys can get through, and all that remains - is a lot of ~~the~~ bitter argument.

First and foremost - will Israel be allowed to use the canal? The Egyptians are saying - no. The Israelis retorting - ~~that~~ that they'll send a ship through Suez.

A Cairo newspaper, today, said - that such a vessel would be destroyed. The Israelis replying - that this would be considered an "act of war."

The talk - belligerent. And, there's unofficial word in Cairo - that Egypt is going on a war footing. Army reserves - to be called up shortly.

Meanwhile, the Israelis are rejoicing over the arrival of an American oil tanker - which arrived at the port of Elath, after navigating through the controversial Gulf of Aqaba.

GAZA

The United Nations has made a proposal - to set up a barbed wire fence along the border of the Gaza Strip.

A barricade forty-two miles long - to stop raids by Arab infiltrators. Israel - immediately accepting. Egypt reported - willing.

So it ~~isn't~~ looks like - the adoption of a major project for eliminating one constant cause of quarrel.

ARABIA

The State Department in Washington announces - an extension of the lease on the big American air base at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. We stay there five years more - with our fleet of long range bombers, capable of atomic attack. The lease - renewed until Nineteen Sixty-Two.

A general agreement was reached in talks between President Eisenhower and King Saud - when the Saudi Arabian monarch was in Washington, earlier this year. Now - the signing of the formal documents.

In return for the lease, the United States will undertake new training programs - for the Saudi Arabian Air Force and Navy. In addition to which - we will continue to sell military supplies to the Arabian kingdom. Including, possibly - some jet aircraft for training. But that may not be for some time.

The Air Base agreement, ~~now~~ now extended, continues a highly controversial provision. Under which - Saudi Arabia bars the entrance ~~to~~ of Americans of the Jewish religion.

The government in Washington doesn't like this, and has told the Saudi Arabians - the United States cannot condone any such policy of Jewish exclusion.

To which the Arabs replied - that the question depends on the relations that exist between Israel and the Arabs. Indicating - that the proviso barring the entrance of Jewish-Americans into Saudi Arabia may be revised, if Israel Arab tensions are eased.

IRAN

In Iran, officials express doubt about one item in the confession of Amad Shah. Who admits - that he, himself, murdered Mrs. Anita Carroll. Wife - of one of the two American aid officials killed in ~~a~~^{the} bandit ambush.

Amad Shah - brother of the ~~the~~ brigand leader, Dad Shah. Who, he says, was killed in a skirmish with Iranian pursuers, April Third. That's the part the Iranians mistrust. Pointing out - that Amad Shah could be trying to trick the authorities into dropping their search for the leader, Dad Shah.

In any case, Amad Shah and other bandits were captured by Pakistan security forces - after fleeing across the border from Iran.

INDONESIA

The President of Indonesia has taken measures to put his "guided democracy" scheme into operation. Sukarno, today - naming an emergency cabinet to set up a kind of totalitarian government. Abandoning western-type democracy. The twenty three man cabinet includes three ministers, considered Communists, or fellow travelers, at least.

(This cabinet will begin by naming a "national council." Which council will "advise" President Sukarno and his Ministers - in the business of government. Authority - to be taken away from the western-type parliament, elected by various political parties. The "guided democracy" - a one party scheme.)

All of which takes place in the middle of a crisis - that seems to be tearing the new nation of Indonesia into fragments. For weeks we've been hearing about revolts on the great islands of Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes. Where, at the moment, rebels are in control - defying the central government

based on Java.

To make matters worse, today's formation of the cabinet for "guided democracy" coincides - with reports of outbreaks on the home island of Java, itself. Rebels, machine-gunning a police barracks at a town sixty miles east of the capital city of Jakarta. Seven policemen killed - in the first flare of revolt on Java.

HUNGARY

Red Hungary - having its first showcase trial since the Hungarian revolt. Previously, freedom fighters have been doomed in secret proceedings. Now - a public trial, with crowds in attendance.

Today, three freedom fighters - condemned. One of them - a young woman.

The charge - that they killed a wounded member of the hated secret police. The young woman, a medical student - confessing. Three death sentences - while eight other defendants were given terms in prison.

All - growing out of the Hungarian revolt, last year.

DISARMAMENT

The United States~~/~~proposed a new disarmament measure, today. In London, U.S. delegate Harold Stassen told a disarmament conference - that the United States is in favor of a program that would scrap twenty five percent of the non-atomic weapons of the major powers. Under - the supervision of the U N.

One condition - that the five major powers, including Soviet Russia, would agree to place ten percent of their conventional weapons in "disarmament depots", under U N guard. And - reduce their military manpower. This- to be agreed on as a preliminary to the larger program.

ATOMIC

Soviet Russia conducted another test of atomic weapons - on Saturday. So announced by the Atomic Energy Commission - in Washington, today. Previously, the announcement had been - that the Russians had staged a nuclear explosion on Wednesday. So there were two - in three days.

In Tokyo, Japanese officials declare - that radio active rain fell in Japan. Caused - by an atomic test, somewhere, "recently". The Russian explosions - reflected by atomic rain in Japan.

(This was the Twentieth American announcement of Soviet Nuclear explosions, since September of Nineteen Forty Nine. Sometimes the announcements referred to "a series of explosions" rather than to individual shots. The Russians believed to have fired forty ~~shots~~ in all.)

1 The United States - exploding nearly twice as many. The count being- seventy-five ~~shots~~ in American atomic tests.)

QUEEN

Paris in festive mood, today - as only Paris can be, when there's an occasion to celebrate. Two hundred and fifty thousand people jammed along the Champs Elysee - as Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh drove by. British Union Jacks - everywhere. On top of the Eiffel Tower - a huge British flag flying. Paris ~~is~~ ringing with the shout - long live the Queen! The weather collaborating - warm and bright. The romantic ideal - of April in Paris.

At the New England Baptist Hospital, in Boston, the word is - that Sir Anthony Eden passed a "good night" sleeping well. Today - a series of medical examination^s, to study his conditions.

There ^{has} been a good deal of speculation about the nature of the malady that afflicts the former British Prime Minister. (He retired from office, shortly after the failure of his own Suez Canal policy. The reason given - ill health. He had undergone abdominal surgery several years before - and there had been a recurrence of his illness.)

Today, the United Press gives a report obtained from what are called "highest medical authorities." Which would seem to settle - the rumors. Sir Anthony - suffering, actually, from two maladies. A liver condition with complications - and an ^(intestinal) ~~intestional~~ inflammation, with complications of its own.

The ~~report~~ report says - the former Prime Minister

is not dangerously ill. The odds for his recovery - described as favorable. All that - now depending on today's medical examination at the Boston Hospital.

UNION

The auto workers union, today, voted - a measure, without precedent, to guard against abuses. Such, for example, as were disclosed in the Senate Racketeering Investigation. They^are setting up a board - to ~~pi~~ police the auto workers union against violations of the AFL-CIO ethical practices code. A group - of seven prominent citizens, with no union affiliation whatever.

Today, union President Walter Reuther declared - "this is no window dressing." He ^{he+}said, "it will be a board with broad powers and responsibilities. This is the ~~mix~~ real thing - with no ifs, ands, but or loopholes," said Reuther.

The following seven have agreed to serve: Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit, Dr. Clark Kerr, Chancellor of the University of California, Dr. Edwin Witte of the ~~M~~ University of Wisconsin, Judge Wade McCree of the Detroit Circuit Court, Monsignor George Higgins of the Roman Catholic Welfare Conference of Washington, D.C., and Methodist Bishop Bromley

Oxman, former President of the World Council of Churches.

Quite a group - to sit as a board of public review of
a union.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court granted another stay of execution, today - for convict-author Caryl Chessman. Who has been under death sentence in California - for nine years. During which time he ~~has~~ has written three books - one of them, a best seller. Time after time, Chessman has ~~won~~ won a stay of execution. Appealing to the Supreme Court - nine times.

His latest appeal - based on a technicality concerning his trial. The high tribunal - agreeing to grant him another hearing.

WEATHER

The Weather Bureau says - ~~hexes~~ we haven't had such a stormy beginning of spring ~~ink~~ in twenty years. Today - bringing the third major tempest. Heavy snows - all the way from the Middle West to New York. Torrential rains - where it wasn't snowing. Rivers rising in flood. The deluge - threatening in various parts of the Middle West and South.

All - attended by a new crop of tornadoes, ripping through southern states. Here's a graphic description from Mrs. A. G. Livingston of Cullman, Alabama.

"We heard a terrible whistling noise, and I saw a funnel cloud moving out of the West. There were four others in the house," she relates, "and we ran for the basement. But - had to stop in the kitchen. We kneeled down, weren't hurt. But it blew our whole house away."

Way ~~is~~ down south in Dixie - in the tornado season.

WEATHER (insert)

After the words, "From the Middle West to New York".

In Bertoud Pass, Colorado, an avalanche today
buried a truck - with two men in it. And - a passenger car.

The number of people in it - unknown. The avalanche - a
hundred yards wide, thundered down ^{on} ~~into~~ U.S. Highway Forty.

Truck and auto - disappearing under the ^{white cascade} ~~huge mass of snow~~.

Rescue equipment- hurried to the scene.

ROBBERY

Today's dispatch from Kingston, Ontario, uses the words - "one of the most daring robberies in Canada's history." To which this reporter would add:- why? ~~why~~ just Canada? I'd call it - ~~just~~ about the most daring robbery anywhere.

At Kingston, one of the principal stores in town is - Loblaw's ~~grocery~~ *Grocerama*. So, picture the scene in the store at night. Branch Manager Harold Gilroy - opening the safe. Beside him - a bandit. The robber - having ~~just~~ abducted Gilroy from his home. Forcing him - to come to the store and open the safe. So there they were - taking ~~just~~ twenty bags of money out of the safe.

At that moment, a police car drew up in front of the store. Two detectives, James Sheridan and Vil Kellen, getting out - and looking through the plate glass window.

The bandit saw them, and gave Gilroy a quick command. Which Gilroy obeyed - under the concealed threat of ^{the robber's gun} ~~of~~.

He ~~just~~ waved his hand in a greeting to the two detectives *who were friends of his.*

~~friends of his~~

Then the bandit ordered him to explain to the two detectives - that they were taking the bags of money to the bank. Which Gilroy did.

The two detectives said - they'd escort them to the bank, with all that money. And - that happened. The bags of cash loaded into Gilroy's car - and they drove to the bank. The police car - following.

But the bank was closed, and Gilroy, prompted by the bandit - told the two detectives - he'd have to take the money back to the store. The obliging policemen saying - they'd escort them back to the store.

When they got there - the two detectives thought - everything was okay, so they drove away. After which - the robber made off with the money in Gilroy's car.

I bet ~~him~~ that robber had frazzled nerves - after all those complications with ^{those two} ~~a couple of~~ obliging detectives.

Governor Meyner of New Jersey - often speaks to Mrs. Meyner. Which is a common custom - among husbands and wives. When he does, he realizes - he's talking into a ~~xx~~ pair of prize-winning ears.

Today, the Society of American caricaturists ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ announced an award - for the "perfect female face." The winner - Mrs. Meyner. Well, we know that, a few months ago, the New Jersey Governor married - a good looking bridge. Those artists - now making it official. Hailing Mrs. Meyner as having - the "perfect female face."

As we know,
~~well,~~ it's the habit of caricaturists - to analyze human features. So they analyzed Mrs. Meyner's, and find one feature - super-perfect. Her ears - which are described by Joseph Kaliff, Director of the Society, in the following words: "Delicate and small, they invite you to whisper your innermost secrets into them."

Spoken like an artist! - And, even a governor,
I suppose, may "whisper innermost secrets."

And now Henry, into your shell - like ear may I
whisper - that - you are not on your ear - you are on
the air.

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ANNOUNCER:- And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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A year ago today, the news was telling about financial conditions in Chile. The government - ending controls on foreign exchange. The Chilean peso had been fixed at three hundred to the dollar. The figure rising - immediately - to five hundred to the dollar. Inflation - which has been the condition ever since. One reason - for the wild outbreak last week. And it all started a year ago today.

And so long until tomorrow.

AWARD L.T.-Delco Tues. Apr. 9 - '57.

HENRY: We have a guest with us tonight, Lowell. She's Ann Mosher, editor of TV RADIO MIRROR Magazine, and she's here with a pleasant surprise for you., < 4 2 2 2

L.T.: Welcome, Miss Mosher, just for variety how about doing my broadcast for me?

ANN: Thank you, Mr. Lowell Thomas. I'd be delighted. But I've been sent here on a special assignment. To tell you that in TV RADIO MIRROR'S Tenth Annual nationwide reader poll, you once again have been named the nation's favorite newscaster. And I hope you remember that this brings to a total of five the number of gold medals TV RADIO MIRROR has awarded you. Now this one - with our warmest congratulations. May I add that your listeners will find the complete gold medal story in the current issue of TV RADIO MIRROR, now at newsstands.

L.T.: Miss Mosher - you are a most welcome guest. My thanks and a low bow to you, to TV RADIO MIRROR - and to your readers who have again voted me this top honor.