

There is one puzzling angle to the destruction of the John F. Kennedy Library in Cairo. Namely, no apology -- from the Gyptian government. An apology is usually a matter of protocol - even when it isn't genuine. But American Ambassador Battle ran into a breach of diplomatic courtesy -- at the Cairo Foreign Office. No apology, no offer to pay damages -- no inquiry about injurics to the staff. Just a perfunctory expression of regret -- as the Ambassador was leaving.

Battle is said to be convinced -- that the Egyptian government knew it was going to happen -- because there were not enogh police -- in the area. And it took a fire engine forty-five minutes to arrive -- from a station less than a mile away -- when amob of African students, in an anti-American demonstration -- over the Congo stored into the grounds of the U.S. Embassy, setting the library on fire -- shouting and screaming with delight -- as it burned to the ground.

The building ~~that~~ cost half a million dollars -
is in smoking ruins tonight. More than twenty thousand
books - destroyed. The vandalism, so brutal - that some
Egyptians feel stunned by it. But not - apparently - the
Egyptian government.

As predicted, the rebels at Stanleyville made their last stand - on the left bank of the Congo River. But it wasn't much of a stand - because the white mercenaries and their Congolese troops crossed the river, and swept into that section of the city - before the rebels could build barricades.

The battle fierce - but brief. The rebels, killed or captured - except for those who fled into the jungle. No exultation - among the victors. They found twenty-eight hostages - in a church. All - dead. Victims of more savagery. Only eight - survivors.

Which seems to wind up the Stanleyville operation. The paratroopers and ground forces rescued - almost two thousand hostages, and tonight - are returning to base - as quickly as possible to prove as the Belgian Premier says - 'no desire to interfere in the internal' affairs of the Cong.' The action at Stanleyville - strictly limited; humanitarian.

TAYLOR

Officials in Washington are emphasizing this fact - about the Maxwell Taylor forthcoming conferences at the White House: - that they have no - "day-of-judgment aspects." In the words of one official - "no crisis decision will be made, nothing horrendous."

The reason for these remarks - its obvious. The return of the Ambassador to South Viet Nam - has been attended with a lot of rumors, including that phrase - "expansion of the war."

President Johnson feels the rumors - have gone far enough, and has ordered his officials to stop them - if possible. First of all, by denying all - apocalyptic interpretations, as if the fighting in South Viet Nam - might be widened into a major conflict.

Nothing to that - says Washington.

COLLISION

The Admiralty court that heads ~~the~~⁷ the case of the "Shalom" and the "Stolt Dageli" will have one obvious problem to consider:— Why did the ~~Israeli~~ Israeli liner give the wrong position - on the map? An error of - fifteen miles?

The American Coast Guard - reports the mistake, which had already been noted by - the captain of the "Santa Paula", ^{who} ~~he~~ raced to the spot mentioned by "Shalom's" radio, found nothing, and made a wide circle - until he reached the actual spot ~~on~~ of the collision.

EARTHQUAKE

*That latest Japanese earthquake has its center--
on the floor of the sea. In the depths of the Sea of
Japan. The crust of the earth, collapsing -- under
geological pressure. Sending a wave of tremors --
rolling ashore. Jolting Nigato City -- on the
Northern Coast, causing buildings to sway in Tokyo--
some two hundred miles to the South. Tokyo where
tremors of this kind come rather often.*

*No casualties -- no extensive damage -- except
whatever happened far down at the bottom of the Sea
of Japan.*

WEATHER

America's "white mantle" extends - from Lake Superior west to the State of Washington. Snow - lots of it - in every state across some two thousand miles; following the coldest cold snap of the season. Tough - on motorists. Good - for skiers. Colorado ski resorts, revelling in - new powder snow. A boom expected - over the weekend.

But on the southern plains - just the opposite. Warm air from the Gulf of Mexico. Texas temperatures - in the seventies.

The "weather line"- runs through Oklahoma. Oklahoma City, thermometer sixty two. At Macalester, one hundred miles to the north, only thirty-three.

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SHIRLEY MACLAINE

Shirley MacLaine - rescued - by a King.

Place - Bhutan, in the Himalayas. The movie star arrived in Bhutan - as a guest of the Acting Premier, with her, a group of friends - including a cousin of Queen Elizabeth. They had a great time climbing in the Himalayas, visiting Buddhist monasteries - and so on.

But, a Shirley MacLaine script - calls for a touch of the strange, the bizarre. She got it this time in the form of - a cryptic message. A warning from a Bhutanese official - to return at top speed.

But as they started back - they suddenly were surrounded by soldiers of the Bhutan army. And - made prisoner. Shirley protested that she was - a guest of the Acting Premier. Replied the officer in charge - "he's out now."

Finally, she persuaded her captors to send a message to Jigme Dorji Wangchuk. And the Bhutanese monarch responded with a royal order -- for the prisoners to be released. Allowed to go on - to India. At the request of Wangchuk... Dick...

HUNTERS

Now, let's take a look at the damage - in and around Cody Wyoming. It comes to - half a million dollars. The result of drought - you say? Or perhaps - tornadoes?

Ah, no - nothing as impersonal as that. The damage was done - during the hunting season. The men who went out after big horn sheep and grizzly bear - too often bagged horses and cows. For example, the Pitchfork Ranch near Cody - lost four head of cattle, and two quarter horses.

Hunters even destroyed property. Cutting barbed wire - and so on. Others left gates open - an invitation to livestock to wander away. Water - was contaminated. Litter scattered around.

An expensive hunting season - in Wyoming, to the tune of five hundred thousand dollars says the dispatch from Cody.