

ARMY

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Zanzibar)

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President Eisenhower, this afternoon, ordered a compromise - in the quarrel between the Army and the new Civilian Space Agency. The Army - to keep control of its missile program of space experts. ^{But} The scientists to devote most of their time - to projects run by the Space Agency.

Sounds like a presidential display of the wisdom of Solomon. The Space Agency - having asked for the transfer of twenty-one hundred Army scientists, headed by rocket expert, Dr. Werner von Braun. The Army objected, not wanting to give them up. So now they'll remain on the Army payroll (- but work for the Space Agency. Solomonian, indeed.

At the same time, President Eisenhower transferred the Army jet propulsion laboratory at Pasadena, California and put it in control of the civilian organization.

The general idea is - for the Space Agency to use the scientific facilities of the Army Missile Command.

SPACE

One a month - during the Year of Nineteen Fifty-Nine.

That's the ^{program}~~program~~ - for the launching of American satellites.

Which may include a man-made moon weighing five thousand pounds.

Nearly twice the size of Soviet Sputnik number three. Weighing -
three thousand pounds.

The Space Agency of the Defense Department announces
the new satellite program, and says - animals will be put into
orbits. Mice and monkeys - with a view to bringing them safely
back to earth. All, with a future view to putting a human space
traveler into an artificial satellite.

GENEVA

The deadlock continues in Geneva - in spite of a new American proposal, today. The United States presenting - a control system to prevent surprise atomic attacks. A technical outline, in detail - for an elaborate warning network.

This ^{was} ~~is~~ backed by our Western allies - and immediately rejected by the Russians. ^{Who demanded,} ~~Demanding~~, instead - a ban on ~~atomic~~ all atomic weapons.

ISRAEL

Israel reports - a bombardment of Syrian cannon fire.

Blasting Israeli villages along the border. They say hostilities began, when Syrians fired across the frontier at Israeli shepherds. Killing - one. Whereupon Israeli police returned the gunfire - and the bombardment followed. The Syrians shelling the village of Hulata and other inhabited places in the same area.

EAST GERMANY

Communist East Germany gave a rubber stamp approval, today - to Soviet proposals for turning West Berlin into a "free demilitarized city." The East German Parliament voted "Ja", with applause. The resolution - unanimous. Endorsing - the "free city" scheme. And, at the same time - repeating the contention that all Berlin should, properly, be under Communist control.

LEBANON

The Premier of Lebanon says - he expects to get a check, tomorrow. A check - for ten million dollars. Signed - by ~~YME~~ your Uncle Sam.

Washington offered the Lebanese government economic aid, amounting to ^{that figure,} ~~ten million~~. Lebanon - accepting. So - "enclosed please find check for ten million." That's the general idea.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina had a sensational robbery, today.

Thieves - breaking into a National Guard armory. And making off - with enough weapons to outfit a small army. A large assortment - of pistols, rifles, and machine guns.

The authorities believe - the robbery was the doing of a gang engaged in selling contraband armament. For the use of revolutionaries - in foreign countries. Such as Cuba - for example.

KNUTSON

Congresswoman Coya Knutson declares she has an answer to the question - who wrote that letter? With its appeal - "Coya come home." Of course, her husband Andy signed it. But Mrs. Knutson has asserted all along that Andy didn't write it. Somebody else did, and it was handed to him to sign, which he did.

The Democratic Congresswoman declares the "Coya come home" letter was used in a conspiracy to defeat her for re-election in Minnesota. Where, in November, she lost out - to Republican Odin Langen. So she's ~~protesting~~ protesting to the House Elections Committee - and, today, supplemented the complaint. Saying - she now knows that the "home Coya" letter was written by an attorney who later played a prominent part in the successful campaign of her Republican opponent.

FIRE

This may sound like a list of Hollywood stars, but it's a report on a forest fire, sweeping like a flaming tempest in the Malibu sector. Where so many top flight movie actors - have sumptuous homes.

The palacial ranch house of Actor Lew Ayres went up in smoke. A valuable library of historic books - destroyed. The home of Bob Hope was threatened - forcing his brother Jim and family to flee. Actor Jackie Coogan cancelled a television show last night, remaining home at Malibu, helping to fight the fire that seemed ready to engulf his place.

The list of movie stars could be continued on and on. The whole ^{Malibu}~~motion picture~~ colony threatened - by the fiery storm sweeping through the Santa Monica Mountains.

At last reports, the wind was dying down - and fire fighters were hoping to soon bring the flames under control.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Here's another recorded report from Lowell Thomas -
on his way to the Indian Ocean. What does a traveler
think of - in a plane along the sky route?

L.T. - TENTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Flying over the Alps and then down the Apennines from one end of Italy to the other, my thoughts went back to World War Two, the days when many of my friends were fighting across those mountains. General Mark Clark said that our Tenth Mountain Division, sometimes referred to as the ski troops - was the finest, the best fighting outfit in the entire American Army.

If you remember anything about the Tenth Mountain Division you probably recall that it was said to have the highest I Q of any outfit, even higher than the Air Force, or any other organization.

The Tenth Mountain Division played a key role in smashing the Germans in Italy. Just about every man in the Tenth Mountain was of officer caliber, could have been an officer in some other part of our military establishment had it not been for his love of mountains.

972 members of the Tenth Mountain Division lost

their lives. How many were wounded, I don't know. At any rate, today the men of the Tenth Mountain are scattered from one end of America to the other. In fact, you will find them all over the world.

Just before I left New York by jet flight across the Atlantic, Minnie Dole, one of the Fathers of the Tenth Mountain, told me they are trying to locate all of the survivors. The boys of the Tenth did most of their training in the mountains of Colorado. 1959 is the centennial year for Colorado, and they would like to get the address of every survivor of the Tenth. So, if you were in that crack division, drop a line to Post Office Box Number One, in Colorado Springs. That will be enough, Post Office Box Number One. Or you can address it care of the Tenth Mountain Division Association, Post Office Box One, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

One of the highest passes in the Rockies is

Tennessee Pass, above Cooper Hill. There is going to be an important event on Tennessee Pass for the men of the Tenth Mountain Division. It will be to the memory of the 972 of the great fellows of that outfit who failed to come home.

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ROBBERY

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About mid-day, today, a nice old lady walked into e New York's First National City Bank, Thirty-fourth Street and Seventh Avenue. Small and slight, gray haired -- in her sixties, apparently. So mild and harmless - the guards at the bank didn't give her a second look. But the nice old lady was - a bank robber.

She went to the cashier's window, and handed a note over to the teller. Saying, if he didn't hand over all the five and ten dollar bills he had - she'd throw acid in his face. In her hand, a glass - containing a white liquid. Presumably - acid.

The teller handed over the money, three thousand with the glass of something in her hand. The teller dollars - and ~~she~~ she walked out pressed the burglar alarm.

But she was out, vanishing in the crowd - before anything could be done about it. The bank was crowded with customers, so nobody noticed anything amiss. Who'd ever have suspected the nice old lady - of being a bank robber!