

DULLES

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

Our indestructible Secretary of State left the hospital, today - ready to start out on his diplomatic mission to Paris. At the Walter Reed Hospital, ^{he had} ~~had~~ been under treatment for intestinal inflammation, but the doctors advised him - that he ^{had} ~~had~~ recovered sufficiently to make the trip to Paris without endangering his health.

Secretary Dulles told the newsmen - he feels better now than he did a couple of years ago, when he recovered from an abdominal operation. The removal - of a cancerous growth. He felt fine then, and he feels better now. So he's continuing - his endless diplomatic travels.

From the hospital, he went to the White House, where he conferred with President Eisenhower - on the negotiations to be conducted in Paris with the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, and West Germany. Discussions - of the ^{Berlin} ~~burning~~ crisis, which the Soviets are drumming up in such a loud way.

Upon leaving the White House, Secretary Dulles told newsmen - that, if the Western Allies continue to stand firm

against hostile threats, "peace will prevail." At the same time, he intimated that the Western powers will not consider the Moscow scheme of turning West Berlin into a "free city". Which would leave West Berlin - at the mercy of the Communists.

Meanwhile, Deputy Under-Secretary of State Robert Murphy was giving an opinion - that the Soviets are whipping up the Berlin crisis to counteract an anti-Communist wave in Western Europe. He pointed out - that non-Communist Left Wing elements in France, Britain, and Germany are turning to collaboration with more conservative groups.

GENEVA

Progress continues at the Geneva conference - where Britain, France, and the United States are negotiating for a ban on atomic testing. Today, East and West agreed on a British proposal - for setting up a control organization. The purpose of which would be - to police a nuclear test ban.

U.N.

The U.N. General Assembly, today, voted a new condemnation - of Soviet oppression in Hungary. The vote - fifty-four to ten. Only Communist countries voted against the resolution. Fifteen delegations - abstaining.

RUSSIAN NOVELIST

The news brings a statement ^{from} ~~of~~ a Russian novelist -
defected
who ~~came over~~ to the West last ~~was~~ month. Alexander
~~Shchegolev~~
Tscheyashvili, who won the Stalin Prize ^{for Literature} in Nineteen Fifty-One -
for his book "Lelo".

On November Twenty-sixth, a Congress of Communist
writers was held in East Berlin. Alexander Tscheyashvili,
attending, took advantage of the opportunity, and fled to West
Berlin as a political refugee. Today, issuing a statement
through the American Welfare Organization in Frankfurt. In
which he states: "My literary task, as I see it, is to bring
the intellectuals of East and West closer together."

So that, now, will be the endeavor - of the fugitive
winner of the Stalin Prize for Literature.

TIBET - ROCKETS

American rocket scientists are sizing up the news - ^{Page 1} that Soviet Russia is establishing rocket launching bases in Tibet. Up there on the roof-of-the-world -- at altitudes from fifteen to twenty thousand feet. It sounds ominous - the notion of Soviet missiles beginning their flight from bases three or four miles high.

However, American experts don't think it will mean so much - in military terms. It would be an advantage, of course, to launch intercontinental rockets from a high altitude, but the Himalayan land of Tibet is a long way from the principal targets the Russians might want to hit.

However it is recognized that bases in Tibet would give them an edge - in ~~setting up~~ sending up space missiles - like moon rockets, for example. Since they'd avoid the drag of three or four miles of dense atmosphere - at the lower levels.

ARSON

The police at Flint, Michigan, have arrested Jack Thompson, an official in the Teamsters Union - in connection with the "human torch" case. A mysterious affair - back in August.

The "human torch" was Frank Kierdorf, an official of the Teamsters - who appeared at a hospital in Pontiac. He was badly burned, and told a weird story - of having been seized by two men. Who doused him with gasoline.- and set him on fire. Kierdorf died, several days later.

The story was doubted, and the real truth appears to be that the "human torch" was the victim in an arson plot that went awry. Teamster Official ~~Jack~~ Jack Thompson, arrested today - is charged with having been in the plot with Kierdorf.

They say the two were on a job of burning out a cleaning establishment at Flint. They got into the place, and were pouring an inflammable fluid - which was ignited accidentally by a spark of an electric water heater. Kierdorf -

caught by the flames.

They say he was taken away in a station wagon - and
dropped, in front of ^{the} ~~●~~ hospital, where he sought treatment.
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TIBET

A strange story about the lofty land of Tibet comes from a German missionary priest, who spent thirteen years on the roof-of-the-world. Now back in Germany - telling of Tibetan lamas ~~priests~~ who live nude amid the icy heights of the Himalayas. Wearing no clothes whatever - in temperatures below zero.

He says - these "naked lamas" appear to be insensitive to cold. "In a way which we could not understand," he declares, "they're immune from the influences of nature."

Inevitably, the suggestion is - that these lamas of the ice may account for the stories of the "abominable snowman". But the German missionary does not say that this may be the case.

INDONESIA

An American freighter had a rough time at a harbor in Indonesia. The crew of S.S. President Fillmore - charging that their vessel was raked with machinegun and rifle fire, and eight sailors were held as prisoners.

It happened at the Sumatran port of Pelawan - where a couple of sailors, apparently, got into a fight at a waterfront bar. Which resulted in the seizure of eight members of the crew by the local police. Who thereupon - blazed away at the American ship. No casualties - but it was a terrorizing experience for the crew.

Over in Africa, a legend has been demolished. Tales - of the survival of a prehistoric bird. The pterodactyl - which had wings like a bat.

Back in Nineteen Twenty-Three, Frank Melland, traveler and author, was in Rhodesia, where the tribal people told him of a terrifying bird. The "kongmato", deep in the swamps. Describing it in such a way / that Melland showed them a picture of the prehistoric pterodactyl. And they said - "that's it."

The end of the legend comes - / in the course of a hydroelectric project along the Zambesi River. Where, in the swamps ~~swamps~~ they identified the mysterious bird. A rare one - the "whale-headed" stork. Now found for the first time / along the Zambesi. The "whale-headed" stork stands more than four feet tall. And ~~in~~ in flight, it gives the impression of having wings like a bat. - Rare and unusual but it's

no pterodactyl - what do you say, Doc?

COSTELLO

It's always interesting to know - how a successful man got his first start. Take the case of Frank Costello, sometimes called - the Prime Minister of the Underworld. In New York, legal proceedings are on to deprive the big-shot of citizenship - and a witness, today, testified that he put Costello into business, back in the prohibition era.

Emanuel Kessler, a bootlegger of that period, said he engaged Frank Costello and his brother Ed - for a trucking job on Long Island. The transportation - of thousands of cases of whiskey, that came in by boat. The liquor - stored in an old Long Island mansion.

Today, Kessler testified that prohibition agents raided the mansion - seizing two hundred and thirty thousand dollars' worth of bootleg. But, somehow, the liquor wound up - in the possession of Frank Costello. Quite a mystery - but the prohibition agents took it, and Frank got it.

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~~Quite a~~ way - to start a successful career.

O'HENRY

Here's an O. Henry story - without a surprise ending.

Nor is the ending - particularly happy. President Eisenhower says - he cannot, legally, issue a posthumous pardon to that famous author, who died in Nineteen Ten.

As is well known, O. Henry began his career as a bank teller, William Sidney Porter. Who was convicted of embezzling eight hundred and fifty-four dollars - from ~~the~~ ^a bank at Austin, Texas. And served - a prison sentence. After his release, he went on to ~~winning~~ ^{win} renown as a story writer, under the pseudonym of O'Henry.

Recently, the Texas Heritage Foundation asked President Eisenhower to grant a pardon - and remove, officially, the stigma from the writer's name. But the President replies - that, while he'd like to do it, he has no power to issue posthumous pardons.

That's no surprise. In fact, either way - it would not have been a surprise ending. Not the kind - for which

O'Henry was famous.

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