

GREECE *L.T. Deleo, Mon. July 9-36.*

A cataclysm, today, struck - the Isles of Greece.

The Cyclades (pronounce the "es"), in the Aegean. Earthquake - and volcanic fire. ~~wreaking~~ havoc - far and wide among those islands of the classic legend.

This violence of Nature was concentrated at the small island of Thira. Twelve miles long and three miles wide - with a volcano, Mount Elias, in the middle. Facing the sea - the multi-colored cliffs of Thira. Brilliant walls of stone - rising out of the sea. Streaked horizontally, with black lava, yellow pumice, and other volcanic strata of red, purple and green. At least, those were the cliffs of Thira - before today's catastrophe.

This morning - a shattering earthquake. Followed - by a series of other tremors. And two thousand foot Mt. Elias burst into eruption - bel<sup>ch</sup>ging fire, smoke and lava. Half of the houses on the island - flattened by the first shock. Sixty persons killed or missing - at last reports. The colored cliffs of Thira - hurled into the sea. With a roar of tumbling rock -

and huge clouds of dust.

The combination of earthquake and volcanic eruption launched a huge tidal wave. A thirteen foot wall of water - rushing on the shores of other nearby islands of the Cyclades. *Rolling on - for a*  
~~The tidal waves~~ *one* hundred and forty miles west - to the mainland of Greece. One hundred and twenty miles east - to the coast of Turkey. Smashing seaports - crushing fishing boats and docks. *P* All available units of the Greek Navy and Air Force - sent on missions of rescue.)

King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece - hurrying to the island of Thira on a destroyer. British and American warships in the Mediterranean - ready to give aid, if necessary. U.S. Ambassador to Greece, Cavendish Cannon, offering an air drop of American food for the ten thousand people of Thira.

The Information Officer of the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Theodore Jaeckell, flew over the island - and beheld a fantasy. The sea - a foaming white. *He* ~~Theodore Jaeckell~~ *A* relates: "I saw a small islet in the harbor of Thira - that looked as if it had

just arisen from the waves. It was covered with lava. The 'cliffs'" - he adds, "were still collapsing into the sea."

A pillar of smoke - pouring out of Mt. Elias. The chief town on the island - completely destroyed. Islanders crowded in the fields - afraid to return to buildings that are still standing.

Tonight, one can only exclaim with the Poet Byron -

"The Isles of Greece, the Isles of Greece." <sup>This time in</sup> <sup>voice.</sup> ~~has~~ a mournful ~~tone~~

~~of voice.~~

British Prime Minister Eden sent a reply, today, to a letter from Soviet Premier Bulganin. The first of a number of replies - that Bulganin will get.

A month ago, the Moscow Premier wrote letters to the governments of Western countries. Telling them, officially, of the cut in Soviet military manpower. A reduction - of one million, two hundred thousand men. This was in the news at the time. Bulganin - making it formal in a series of communications.

So what does the British Prime Minister now tell him? "Helpful", says Eden. "But - not enough to inspire international confidence."

"To promote such confidence," he states, "it is essential - that disarmament should take place under an international agreement, which provides for effective control and inspection." In other words, safeguards against a surprise atomic blow.

Other Western countries, including the United States, will answer the Bulganin letter, in much the same terms, we hear.

NIXON

Vice-President Nixon was in quite an argument with Premier Nehru of India. At Karachi, Pakistan, today - the Vice-President answered a scolding, in which Nehru criticized both Nixon and Secretary of State Dulles, for the way they've been talking about "neutralism". Nehru said that statements by Nixon were - "not democratic".

So the Vice-President replies that any country which accepts economic aid from the Reds runs the risk, in Nixon's words - "of getting a rope tied ~~xxx~~ around its neck."

## FOREIGN AID

President Eisenhower, today, made another appeal to Congress - in behalf of his Foreign Aid program. Urging - that heavy slashes would be against the ~~interests~~ interests of this country, and the free world. The President has given Congress that same argument so often, it's beginning to sound like - a refrain.

Actually, a bill, satisfactory to the White House, has been passed. ~~Or as good as passed. The Senate and the House have agreed on a four billion dollar figure. The House - giving an okay today. And prompt approval by the Senate - is expected.~~ So what's the trouble?

Well, it's a question of putting up - the actual cash. The House Appropriations Committee drafted a measure, today - which would allocate three and a quarter billions. That much - of the four billions. So, if they okay Foreign Aid, and then put up only part of the money - it's the equivalent of a slash. That's what the President is up against now.

Tomorrow at Gettysburg, President Eisenhower will meet with Republican Congressional leaders - to discuss the fate of his legislative program, in the closing days of Congress.

## RADAR

The federal government announces - an air control radar network. A radar system - which would help to prevent crashes like the disaster in the Grand Canyon, recently.

Charles Lowen, Chief of the Civil Aeronautics

Administration, told a Congressional Sub-Committee - there'll be control towers with "radar eyes". Which will keep track of high flying commercial and military planes all over the nation. There'll be, what he called - "continuous surveillance". Which will keep a check - on all planes along the sky-ways.

This new radar safety plan is already under construction. The first units - to go into operation within twelve months.



## DEMOCRATS

The Democrats tonight picked their keynoter - Govefnor Frank Clement of Tennessee. The choice was announced by National Chairman Butler after a committee meeting in Chicago. Governor Clement is a backer of Adlai Stevenson and his choice as keynoter is regarded as a boost for Stevenson.

KIDNAP

The New York authorities declare, they'll throw the book at two men - arrested today. Maximum penalties - for Robert Giebler and Thomas Rowell, twenty-six and twenty-four years old. Who, perpetrating a cruel hoax, - tried to collect ransom money in the Weinberger kidnap case.

The original kidnap extortion note, left at the Westbury, Long Island, home - demanded a ransom of two thousand dollars. Then, over the weekend, the news related that the ~~kidnap~~ kidnaper had raised the price - to five thousand. Now, it turns out that the five thousand dollar figure was named by the two frauds - posing as the abductors, in a series of telephone calls.

<sup>They</sup> ~~It~~ led the distracted mother, twice last night, on a fool's errand. Mrs. Betty Weinberger - waiting on one occasion for seventy minutes, with five thousand dollars - she hoped to pay. In one of their telephone calls, they told her that the baby would be left at a Catholic Church. Mere torture - for the unhappy mother. <sup>P</sup> Their intention was to get the money - but, each time, they were frightened at the last minute - and failed to keep the appointment.

The two were arrested, thanks to tips from a man in a tavern - who heard them talking. And - from a girl telephone operator. Who, while asking for an extra five cents for three more minutes of telephone conversation - overheard suspicious talk.

The authorities declare - the two can get, each, twenty-five years in prison.

GENERAL MOTORS

General Motors, today, repeats its own defense -  
against the suit filed by the Department of Justice, charging -  
monopoly. Because the Company manufactures most of the buses  
in this country. G.M. says - they simply turn out good buses.  
Which is <sup>the</sup> reason - why they sell so many.

## EMPLOYMENT

The government reports - a record breaking figure for the middle of last month. The highest ever - for employment in this country. More than sixty-six million, five hundred thousand Americans - on the job. (This - in spite of some degree of slack in the automobile industry. Other lines of business - more than making this up. The employment figure for mid-June is more than a million higher than the previous record - set in August of last year.)

Mid-June, of course, means - before the steel strike. Which has idled six hundred and fifty thousand workers - and more than fifty thousand others, laid off because of the walk-out.

## AIR ACCIDENT

A weird accident aboard an airliner - today. A Trans-Canada passenger plane, a turbo-prop, flying over Michigan - when a propeller tore loose. Ripped through the cabinet of the plane, killing a passenger and injuring five others. Then the airliner, with ~~one~~<sup>two</sup> crippled engines - made a safe landing at Windsor.

## DOCTORS

At Brighton, over in England, it looked as if the whole place was on fire. The big hall - where the British Medical Convention was meeting. A whole host of doctors - in session, day after day.

When the Medical Convention began last week, the rule was - no smoking. Physicians have been blaming tobacco for lung cancer and other diseases. The "No Smoking" rule - quite illogical, it would seem. What's good for the patient, ought to be good for the doctor.

Well, those medicos fretted and growled, day after day. Not a puff of cigarette, cigar or pipe, as they listened to the reading of scientific papers. Some, no doubt - about the evils of smoking.

Today, the discontent was so keen - the rule was temporarily suspended. So what happened? In brief minutes, the place was so full of tobacco smoke - the chairman had to call a halt, and impose the rule again. Otherwise, the whole Medical Convention might have been suffocated.

NEW YORK STATE

Here's a dispatch illustrating - how strangely some things can come to light. Secrets coming out into the open - in remarkable fashion.

The secret, in this case, concerns Miss New York State - selected to compete ~~with Miss~~ <sup>in</sup> California for the title of Miss Universe. Miss plus Miss equals Mrs. That would seem to be the mathematics. Because Miss New York State turns out to be - Mrs. Kay Grundy. Married, with a ten month old baby.

(Mrs. Grundy says, however, that there's nothing in the rules to keep a wife and mother from competing in a contest for Miss Universe.)

But - how did her secret get out? Last night, Miss New York State fled, bare-footed, from her apartment. Her husband - in hot pursuit with a six inch dagger of antique design. She told the police that hubby beat her up. But asked the cops - not to do anything about it. <sup>P</sup> So that's the way - the secret came out. *Hubby with his dagger, missed Miss N.Y. state who turns out to be Mrs. Grundy.*



## ORGAN

In Chicago, Bill McMains is all set - for the biggest job in the tuneful realm of music. The most grueling grind - in the production of notes and chords. Bill - the official organist for the ~~the~~ two National Conventions. He will play the organ between speeches and roll calls, whenever music is required - all through the proceedings of the Democrats and the Republicans.

Bill McMains was the official organist in Nineteen Fifty-Two, when he played - more than two thousand numbers during two hundred hours. During the two conventions, he had the largest listening audience, by radio and television - that any musician has ever had.

Musically speaking, Bill has no political preferences. "I'm impartial," he says. "I play just as loud for the Democrats as I do for the Republicans." He sure does play loud - as you will know, if you attended the conventions four years ago.

( Actually, Bill is not selected by the political parties. He works for the Conn Organ Corporation, which furnishes

the electronic organs. Installing them with tons of amplifying equipment - at the Stockyards in Chicago and the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Names, by the way - that should inspire music. But Bill says he's not picked for inspiration. Claiming - that the organ company hires him for his endurance.)

(~~The Convention organist can have his problems - and make his mistakes. A previous musician, for example, had to make the organ boom - to whoop things up for the Georgia delegation. Which was having - a snake dance demonstration. So what did he play? "Marching Through Georgia", that Yankee anthem, anathema to Confederate ears!~~)

At the Nineteen Fifty-Two G.O.P. Convention, Bill made a faux pas - after a speech by Senator Margaret Chase Smith. A stately lady - with nothing frivolous or silly about her. When she was done, Bill gave with the organ music: "Oh, You Beautiful Doll, You Great, Big Beautiful Doll!"

Henry, Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith responded - with an icy stare.  
— when Bill made the convention hall ring with "Oh you Great Big Beautiful Doll."