

ALASKA L.T.-P.+Q. Fri. Mar. 27-'53,

News from Alaska tells of a patrol of Soviet Russians pushing across the ice from the Diomed Islands in Bering Strait. They were turned back -- and by ~~whom~~ whom? That's the interesting part of it -- an Eskimo scout patrol. Probably the incident is of no importance. But it is interesting -- the eskimo, in the service of the U.S. intercepting the Soviet party moving across the ice toward Alaska. The gas -- called Vegas, ~~which caused~~ as if it might be used for -- Las Vegas. The were likely, because the other summit is called Reno. ~~Some~~ ~~as if~~ ~~some~~ soldiers from ~~Marine~~ ^{mount} have been around those parts.

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KOREA-MARINES

The U.S. Marines have recaptured the principal position they lost last night. The hill they call Vegas. They stormed up the slopes and wiped out the Reds in a stubborn battle.

This, in the Bunker Hill sector, on an invasion route to Seoul.

The Chinese made a whole series of ~~xxxxx~~ assaults, and drove the leathernecks off two hills. The one -- called Vegas, ~~xxxxxx~~ which sounds as if it might be named for -- Las Vegas. The more likely, because the other summit is called, Reno. ~~Sounds as if~~ Some soldiers from Nevada ^{must} have been around those parts.

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but they made it. ^PThe assault commander of the
Marines sent back a radio message: "We're on top".
To which he added the old slogan of the leathernecks:
"The situation is well in hand."

FOLLOW KOREA MARINES

The latest, the Marines have been driven back from the hill called Vegas.

KOREA-PATROL

A strange exploit of war ^{is} ~~was~~ reported from the sector of Old Baldy, the strategic hill captured by the Reds -- and held by them in days of bitter fighting. American counter attacks -- repelled;

But now we are told of a patrol starting out from our lines making its way to the summit of Old Baldy, the heart of the enemy position. ^R The patrol was a mere ten man affair, eight Americans and two South Koreans. ~~At~~ At night, they made their way through a system of trenches looking warily for the enemy. But they didn't find any, ~~Reds~~, as they crept on and on -- up the slope of Old Baldy. The strategic hill seemed deserted.

The commander of the patrol was a young officer, Steven Boyle of Newark, New Jersey, who had been promoted to First Lieutenant only yesterday. He says: "Our job was to get into a fire fight." Which in G I parlance is -- a battle with small arms. ^{He goes on,} "We crawled all the way over the crest" and it was not until we got to the reverse slope that we found

any Reds to fight."

They came upon a force of Chinese asleep, and blasted them with grenades and machine gun fire. Then the patrol of eight Americans and two South Koreans turned back and came home safely.

The only explanation would seem to be -- that the tremendous bombardment, artillery and air, that hit Old Baldy yesterday, had made the Reds get out, for the time being at least.

At the U N, Soviet Russia served notice today -- there will be no investigation of those crazy charges of germ warfare in Korea, unless Communist China and North Korea participate in the proceedings. The American delegation is pressing for an impartial inquiry -- to scotch, once and for all the vicious propaganda. But, if the Asiatic Reds are not let in, the Soviet will veto.

The Chinese Nationalists on Formosa disclaim all responsibility for the Chinese troops in Burma. This, in reply to the protest the Burmese government has placed before the U N. Today, a spokesman on Formosa said: "The Nationalist troops in Burma form no part of the armed forces of the Chinese Government. The Chinese Government exercises no control whatsoever over them." So states the spokesman for Chiang Kai Shek.

(The word is that the Nationalists,) ~~refusing to take any responsibility for the Nationalists in Burma~~ will reject a proposal made by Thailand, Siam. The Government at Bangkok announces that it will permit the Chinese troops to pass through Thailand -- if they wish to get out of Burma and go to Formosa. But -- they must be disarmed, ~~before they are permitted to pass into Siamese territory.~~ Bangkok says, further, that the plan could be carried out, only if ^{all} countries agreed, including Soviet Russia.

That might provide a solution of the
problem. But now we hear -- the Chiang Kai Shek
regime won't have it.)

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MOSCOW

News from Moscow tonight features the word -- amnesty. The Moscow government, under new Premier Malenkov, has ordered the release of thousands of prisoners -- though not political prisoners. The amnesty decree turns loose all convicts sentenced to five years or less, all pregnant women and mothers of small children, and elderly prisoners. They go free, regardless of the lengths of their terms.

It isn't clear what this may mean -- but we may note that, in past history, it has been the custom of despot^{ic}~~ic~~ governments to decree an amnesty, when a new overlord takes power.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Red Czechoslovakia made a demand on the United States today -- insisting on the return of the Czech airliner that flew to western Germany, the American zone, last Monday. The Reds at Prague, also demands that we hand over what they call "the terrorists". That is, the crew of the plane which made the break through the Iron Curtain -- in a flight for ~~xx~~ freedom.

There is mention, ~~also~~, of the passengers, aboard the crowded airliner. Some of these have asked for political asylum. Others, want to return to their native country. There were twenty-nine ^{persons} aboard the plane, and it ~~isn't~~ doesn't seem quite clear how many want to go back.

The Senate, ~~late~~ this afternoon, confirmed the nomination of Charles E. Bohlen as Ambassador to Russia -- the vote -- seventy-four to thirteen. Which accorded closely with predictions made by Senator Taft of Ohio -- who said there would not be more than a dozen votes cast against the nomination backed so strongly by President Eisenhower.

But the debate was bitter to the end -- with Senator Dirksen of Illinois making a ~~xxx~~ last minute attack. He ^{had} ~~made~~ acid remarks ^{for those} ~~about~~ Republican Senators who criticized the Bohlen appointment, yet voted okay because Bohlen was the choice of the President.

(The thirteen Senators voting against included two Democrats -- Johnson of Colorado and McCarran of Nevada.)

The result is a decided victory for the White House -- in the first clash between President Eisenhower and Republican opposition in Congress, small but angry.

ROBERTS

The resignation of Republican national chairman C. Wesley Roberts is approved of by prominent Republican leaders. Tonight Alf Landon the Nineteen Thirty-Six Republican candidate, says that ~~xx~~ Roberts should have stepped out "a long time ago". The National Chairman was charged with lobbying activities, and Landon declares: "the ^{influence} ~~influence~~ of the national chairman for good or for evil demands a man of the highest character and stature.

VOLCANO

Thundering disaster and firey peril --
at a remote island in the waters off Southern Asia.
The government of Indonesia has received an urgent
appeal for help -- following a tremendous volcanic
eruption on the island of Sumba. ^P That's near Bali,
famous for dances and those Balinese beauties. A
message from Bali states that on Tuesday ^{the} ~~a~~ mountain
exploded. The volcano Sang Yang. Two thousand
inhabitants of nearby villages fled to the seashore,
where they remained huddled and helpless. Sang Yang
~~burst~~ ^{lurking} a torrent of volcanic debris and a flood of
molten lava, threatening to engulf the entire island
of Sumba.

~~xxxx~~ Today's dispatch from those distant
latitudes tell of a fleet of boats on their way,
sent by the Indonesian Navy -- to take off the
refugees from the terror of ~~Sang Yang on the island~~
~~of Sumba~~ the fire mountain. Sang Yang singing
a tune of volcanic thunder.

PLANE

A big plane crashed into the Pacific Ocean today, three hundred miles West of San Francisco. The story is no tragedy. Instead, it provides an example of quick efficient rescue.

The plane was an airline transport chartered by the Army on the air lift to Korea. Three airmen aboard -- and one military courier. Cargo -- military supplies.

Over the ocean an engine conked out, then another -- and the big plane had to ditch. The four men got out in rubber life rafts and drifted on the ocean. They had flashed distress signals, before ditching -- and it was ^{not} long before the Coast Guard plane came over, ^{and spotted} ~~scouting for~~ them. (The ~~plane reported the four men on life rafts looked okay. The weather good -- but if there were any signs of a storm, the Coast Guardsmen would land on the sea and pick up the castaways. Their plane -- an amphibian. But a check showed that~~ the Swedish motor ship BATAAN was ~~xxx~~ navigating fifteen miles

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away, and was asked, by radio, to go to the rescue.
Which the Swedish vessel did, and picked up the four
castaways -- without any trouble.

STOLEN PLANE

Southern California had a wild and woolly episode of aviation today, which ended -- after hours of dramatic suspense. The plane landing -- at San Diego. It began at the Gardena airport, south of Los Angeles, when Roland Sperry stole a small plane and started out on a crazy career. When he took off, another plane tried to intercept him -- and he flew right at it. Which made the other plane go away in a hurry. Then the pilot of the stolen plane ^(flew) ~~fixing~~ around aimlessly, and phoned the field by radio that his intention was suicide. He said he'd go on flying until his fuel was exhausted -- then he'd crash.

It turns out that Ronald Sperry is a former Flying Tiger who campaigned with Chennault in China. Returning, ^{he was} ~~as~~ an aviation instructor, then ^(became) ~~manager~~ the manager of a van and storage company in Los Angeles. His trouble -- romantic. He left behind a note addressed to "Dear Isabel" saying -- he was going to end it all. ^H Well, the dramatics went on

and on -- as the flying field authorities talked by radio, trying to persuade the pilot to land. A friend of his joined the appeal, and finally got him to agree that he'd fly down to Mexico and land at Ensenada. The plane headed south, but ~~xxxx~~ stopped short of Mexico -- landing at San Diego. The pilot coming down at a flying field there -- instead of ending it all for love.

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NEW ENGLAND

New England is having an epidemic of raging floods. The skies have been pouring rain and the snows in the mountains are melting fast. With all that water ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ draining into rivers ^{these} ~~that~~ have burst their banks -- inundating highways and railroad lines and isolating ~~the~~ at least a dozen communities. ~~Police~~ ^{Police} firemen, civilian defense workers and volunteers are on the rescue job -- getting ~~the~~ people out by boat. The Coast Guards, brought from the sea coast, are using amphibious ducks.

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the boom burst -- and the logs, three million feet of them, went hurtling down stream on the crest of the flood. ~~That~~ Too bad if anything tries to stop that combination -- deluge of water and logs.

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COLLEGE

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Oklahoma A. and M from its list of colleges eligible to compete in athletic games.

The controversy produced an uproar in the Oklahoma legislature, where the lawmakers rose in defense of the college, ~~↔~~ ^{They} they passed a resolution criticizing the NCA and voted to send a delegation to the Association in Chicago to argue the matter.

However, ^{They} ~~the Oklahoma legislature~~ changed their minds on that when Speaker James C. Nance reminded them that the NCA people might consider them a "bunch of politicians."

So, instead, Oklahoma A and M ~~promise~~ ^{promises} to reform, athletically speaking, and ~~xx~~ give more attention to the lofty realms of scholarship.

STORE

At Tyler, Texas, Martin's Department store had its grand opening -- and it was more than grand. The new department store advertised -- valuable gifts to the first fifty women and first fifty men who passed through its doors. They felt it would attract the customers -- and it sure did.

The crowd -- big and unruly. They stormed the place -- to get those valuable gifts. They smashed a door, and broke four plate glass display windows. The ~~xxx~~ police had to be called to protect employees and proprietor -- who were trying to keep the new department store from being wrecked entirely.

It sure was -- a grand opening. *and that leaves an opening for you, Nelson.*