

CONVICTS

L.T. - Olds. Tuesday, 4/3/62

The hero of Santa Venetia, California - is Dukie the Boxer. The pooch who barked so long and so loudly - that Mrs. Dorothy Worley knew someone was in the woods. When a group of rather ~~rough looking~~ ^{rough looking} men appeared -- Mrs. Worley decided that she'd better call the sheriff. And that's how those five escaped convicts - were rounded up.

They broke out of San Quentin - yesterday. They might still be at large - if Mrs. Worley's boxer hadn't started barking at them.

ATOMIC

The latest American appeal to Khrushchev was issued - without much hope of an affirmative response. After all, the boss of the Kremlin - could have allowed some progress at the Geneva Conference. He could have given some hint - that he was interested in a cheat-proof atomic test ban. Since Khrushchev didn't do so then - it's taken for granted that he won't do so now.

Then - why today's appeal? First - to keep the record straight on who is preventing a test-ban. Secondly - to answer the neutralists in Geneva. They've been demanding more concessions from the West - than from the East. And we want them to know - that we're ready to sign a test-ban treaty tomorrow. With the sole and sane condition - that a genuine inspection system must be built into it. No more taking - Khrushchev's word.

BOXING

R One of the world's great sports is under fire tonight - as never before in its long history. I guess I don't have to tell you - the reason. The death of Benny "Kid" Paret has shaken boxing fans everywhere. And a lot of people - who never go near the ring. Paret, who hung on gamely for ten days - after the battering he took from Emile Griffith. But, the loser in the welterweight ~~kikak~~ title match - never emerged from his coma.

The point seems to be - that nobody can be blamed for the tragedy. Not the referee, the handlers, the managers - or the doctors. The real culprit, in the eyes of the critics - is boxing itself. They want the sport, that goes all the way back to the classical Greeks - outlawed.

CUBA

The mass trial in Havana is turning into - a blatant propaganda circus. Witnesses, departing from the indictment - to make scathing speeches about the United States. One unexpected point - the charge that American planes took part in last April's abortive invasion. Castro has never made such an allegation - even in six complaints at the U.N. But his puppets - came up with it today. Asserting that American aircraft caused many casualties - before they were driven off.

Meanwhile, Castro is having more trouble - with the rest of this hemisphere. Today, Ecuador became the fifteenth Latin-American nation - to ~~break~~ break diplomatic relations with Castro's Cuba. He now has formal ties with only four - Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico, and Uruguay.

INDIA

The Indian Parliament in New Delhi, to no one's surprise - has reelected Prime Minister Nehru. Today's vote being, the logical conclusion of - an elementary syllogism of democratic politics. The Congress Party of India won an overwhelming victory - in the last election. Nehru heads - the Congress Party. Ergo - Nehru returns as Prime Minister of India.

ASTRONAUT

The question of free houses for astronauts - has been settled. There was no law against the offer made by the Household Association of Houston, Texas. The offer of a twenty-four thousand dollar home - for each astronaut.

Not illegal - but what about the proprieties? How would it look? Today the Space Administration decided that acceptance would not be in the best interests of all concerned - and this evening the astronauts let it be known that they declined with thanks.

NEW ORLEANS

A United States district judge today ordered the city of New Orleans to take a giant step upward in its stairstep program of desegregating public schools. He ordered the first six grades to be opened to negroes as well as whites when the term begins next September. Under Louisiana's pupil placement act, which was in force until today, integration would have touched only the first three grades of selected, formerly all-white schools in New Orleans.

PROFITEERING

An investigator for a Senate Sub-Committee, charges - profiteering in our missile program. Robert Dunn, naming - Western Electric, Douglas Aircraft, and Consolidated Western Steel. Dunn accuses these firms of - "bookkeeping razzle-dazzle" - on contracts for the Nike anti-aircraft missile. Another phrase that came out in today's hearing - "pyramided profits." Meaning - profits on profits. The firms, alleged to have presented bills to the government - in which the final figure was arrived at, by totaling all the costs of all the sub-contracts. That final figure - one and a half billion dollars.

ALGERIA

The question is Algeria is - how long the patience of the Moslems will endure. It could be near the breaking-point -- after today's atrocities by the Right Wing underground. In particular, the ferocious atrocity of a band of OAS gunmen - invading a Moslem hospital in ~~Alga~~ Algiers. Turning machine guns - on helpless patients. The toll - ten dead, eight wounded. And it would have been much higher - if some patients hadn't managed to escape down corridors and through windows.

The shooting at the hospital is enough to make the Moslems look for - revenge. On the other hand, they know very well - that's just what the OAS wants. Renegade General Salan, hoping to provoke a Moslem rising - that will force the French army to intervene on the side of the Europeans.

The psychological and social tensions are becoming intolerable - as Algeria spirals down toward a possible blood bath of horrendous proportions.

SYRIA

The rebellion in northern Syria - appears to have been one of the shortest on record. It started yesterday - in Aleppo. Tonight - it's all over. The rebels of Aleppo - surrendering without a shot. Apparently the basic trouble was - that they couldn't agree on an objective. Some of the rebels, being for - reunion of Syria with Egypt. The rest, simply demanding - the return of Syria to civilian government. The end of the military junta - that seized power last week.

The upshot seems to be - continued military control in Damascus. But - without seven generals of the junta. They fled to Switzerland - and exile.

great nations.- finding out how closely they can work together in this momentous era of the Alliance for Progress. So far, the indications are - that they can work together very well indeed.

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GOULART

Washington has a
~~the~~ national guest tonight - who could be the most significant political figure in Latin-America. President Joao Goulart - of Brazil. Many of our experts in Washington consider Brazil - the key to the Alliance for Progress. Brazil, the biggest nation - facing some of the toughest problems. Hence, an index - to what probably will happen to the others.

That's why so much importance is attached to - the arrival of President Goulart on a state visit. All the formalities were in evidence today - as a matter of course. President Kennedy and Secretary of State Rusk - were at Andrews Air Force Base when the plane from Rio landed. As Goulart emerged, a marine band struck up the Brazilian national anthem - and twenty-one guns roared a salute.

Goulart walked down the ramp, smiling and waving, shook hands with President Kennedy and the rest of the welcoming delegation - and reviewed the honor guard. Then, the motorcade to the White House - with the two chief executives

PAPER

Anyone concerned about the amount of paper work in Congress - will be interested to know that even Congress - is concerned. Investigating - the contents of those multitudinous waste baskets on Capitol Hill. And hearing with some satisfaction - that it's not a dead loss.

According to House Doorkeeper Bill "Fishbait" Miller - the waste paper is collected every day. And sold - to a Washington contractor. More than thirteen million pounds - in the past five years. Worth - ninety-two thousand dollars. That much, returning to the Treasury - after members of the House get through scribbling, doodling, and drafting bills.

In the words of "Fishbait" Miller - "I am proud to say that we made some money for Uncle Sam."

This is all and - in the words of Lowell Thomas, So Long until tomorrow.