

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(Reports grow more insistent - that a Hydrogen Bomb
was exploded at Eniwetok Atoll.) The indication was given in the
Los Angeles Examiner on Saturday - and the Atomic Energy
Commission would neither confirm nor deny. Tonight we have it
again in a newspaper at Lima, Ohio.

(Today the Lima/^{Ohio}News printed a letter said to have
been written by a man who witnessed a stupendous blast at
Eniwetok, a blast so powerful - that it annihilated an island.)
The writer says that although more than thirty miles away from
the blast, here's what he said:

"A flame about two miles wide was shooting five miles
in the air. Then," he writes, "we saw thousands of tons of earth
being thrown straight into the sky. After which a cloud began
to form, about a mile wide at the bottom, at least twenty miles
wide at the top." And he adds: "The captain told us that it went

at least fifteen miles straight up into the sky."

But, according to this letter, the astounding thing was the island on which the blast had been touched off.

"It started to burn," the story relates, "and it burned a brilliant red. The island - the whole island - burned for about six hours, gradually becoming smaller. Within six hours, the island that had once been palm trees and coconuts - vanished. A mile-wide island had actually disappeared."

Such is the description printed today - allegedly by a man who had witnessed what could only have been a Hydrogen Bomb explosion, if the story be true.

TRYGVE LIE

At the U.N., Trygve Lie resigns as the Secretary General of the world organization. This - in a surprise announcement today. His term has still a year to run, but he steps out in advance - because he has been opposed, for the last couple of years, by Soviet Russia and the Red satellites.

The U.N. was taken by surprise, and has only vague speculation about a successor. One candidate mentioned is *the* ~~popular~~ General Carlos Romulo, Philippine Ambassador to the United States, and head of an important U.N. committee.

Follow TRYGVE LIE

At the United Nations tonight, France spoke up
^{ON} /the question of the French North African colonies - and
~~didn't use any~~ ^{not in} feeble diplomatic language. French
Foreign Minister Schuman told ^{that} General Assembly - that
France will not let herself be ousted from Tunisia and
Morocco. Bluntly, forcefully, the Foreign Minister
from Paris declared that North Africa needs to be run by
France, and ^{he added} ~~stated~~ that the United Nations has no
jurisdiction. This colonial question was brought up by
thirteen Arab and Asian states, but France is in no
mood to concede anything.

~~Note to Mr. Thomas~~

~~The best story to drop would be Korea~~

INDO-CHINA

Indo-China reports a paratrooper offensive that captured a huge ammunition depot. ~~To~~ Two battalions of French soldiers of the sky landed behind enemy lines to the north of Hanoi. There, at an important highway junction, they seized an area a thousand yards long, five hundred yards wide, heaped with Howitzer shells and mortar ammunition - a veritable mountain of war supplies. The paratroop landing took the Reds completely by surprise, and a force of tanks cut through to join the aerial invasion. After seizing the huge munitions dump, the combined forces made slashing attacks against enemy communications and supply routes.

SOUTH AFRICA

(In South Africa, a general strike by native workers, adds to the tenseness - following a weekend of savage rioting. The Negro population in outbreaks - against the racial policy of the South African government. At the cities of Kimberley and East London - twenty-two killed and one hundred and eight injured, when the police opened fire.) They were being stoned by mobs - enraged by the racial segregation. ~~What the South African Boers call~~ ~~apartheid~~. What the South African Boers call - apartheid.

Today, the violence was under control. But at the harbor ~~in~~ of Port Elizabeth, this morning, fifteen thousand native workers refused to go to their jobs - a general strike making the situation all the more tense.

WEIZMANN

(A dispatch from Tel Aviv tells of the last words
of
~~Chaim Weizmann~~ Chaim Weizmann, President of the state of
Israel.) The seventy-seven year old leader of Zionism was
unconscious for ~~the~~ most of the week. Coming out of his coma,
at occasional intervals. The last time he became conscious,
he asked his physician - about the presidential election in the
United States. (He was told - that General Eisenhower had won.
Hearing this, Dr. Chaim Weizmann whispered: "He is a fine ^{max."} ~~leader~~.)
Then - lapsed back into unconsciousness, from which he never
emerged again.) His last words - in praise of the American
President-elect, whom he had known well in the tense days of
the Second World War.

The word is that the new President is likely to be
Phineas Rosen, a member of the party headed by Premier
Ben-Gurion. He - to be backed by the majority party, the
Mapai, in an election, which must be held within thirty days.
To choose - a new President of Israel.

MURRAY

Today (President-elect Eisenhower joined ~~the~~ other leaders of this nation in paying tribute to Philip Murray, President of the C.I.O., who died in San Francisco this weekend.) Succumbing, unexpectedly, to heart failure. At his vacation headquarters in Georgia, General Ike said: "His tireless efforts on behalf of the working men and women of his organization have helped to obtain increased protection for millions of American workers."

Earlier news told of how President Truman had expressed his own sorrow over the passing of the immigrant from Scotland, who rose from the coal mines to the leadership of one of the great labor organizations of this country.

A successor to Philip Murray will be chosen by a C.I.O. convention, which will meet next week. The most likely candidates named are Walter Reuther, head of the Auto Workers, James B. Carey, the C.I.O. Secretary and Treasurer, and Allan Haywood, Executive Vice-President of the C.I.O.

TAFT

Plenty of people, after the landslide, have been asking - would Senator Taft have won, had he been the Republican candidate? Taft, himself, thinks - yes. This is disclosed by the magazine U.S. News^s and World Report, which prints an interview with the Senator. "I think I would have won," says he. "I might not have won by as large a majority, but I think I'd have won just about as many states."

But that opinion is not unanimous among Republican leaders. The magazine also publishes an interview with Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts, Republican leader in the House of Representatives. He says: "I'm inclined to think that Eisenhower is the only man we could have won with this year - although you can't know."

Well, it's one of those topics that could be debated for hours - if you like a political argument.

SENATOR BYRD

Senator Byrd of Virginia gives an opinion on an important question - what attitude will the Southern Democrats take toward the administration of President Eisenhower? Byrd says enough Democrats from Dixieland will join the Republicans to give the General a "clear majority." On - what the Virginian calls - "sound measures."

That's important, considering the narrow margins the G.O.P. has in the new Congress. In the Senate - forty-eight Republicans, forty-seven Democrats, one Independent.

Actually, Senator Byrd indicates that there won't be much change. Congress, for a couple of years, has been dominated by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats - and he expects that to go on.

SENATE

It looks as if (Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas will be the leader of the Democrats in the new Senate. Succeeding - Senator McFarland of Arizona, who was defeated for reelection.) The post could have gone to Senator Russell of Georgia, if he had wanted it. But Russell, today, threw his own support to Johnson of Texas.

STEVENSON

A committee has been formed to have Governor Adlai Stevenson appear regularly on television and radio - in discussions of political affairs. Their purpose is to raise funds for radio T.V. time.

The group calls itself "The Stevenson Speaks Committee", and today the Chairman described the retiring Illinois Governor as - "the one man qualified to speak reasonably and sensibly, not only in behalf of a 'loyal opposition' but for millions of Americans of whatever persuasion."

In London, the suggestion is that Governor Stevenson be named - Ambassador to ^{Britain.} ~~London~~ The newspaper, Daily Mirror, says that Governor Dewey of New York, or John Foster Dulles, would be fine for the London post. But - they're not rich enough. The London paper adding - "Stevenson, with his thirty-three thousand, six hundred dollars a year from investments, would be able to afford to eat in London."

SUPREME COURT

(The Supreme Court hands down a ruling - that, in the South, "Jim Crow" railroad cars are unconstitutional.) The high tribunal upholds a decision of ~~the~~^a lower court that railroads may no longer forbid Negroes to travel along with white passengers in the same cars. This, presumably, would also apply to transportation by bus.

All of which would seem to make an end to one of the prominent forms of racial segregation in the South - separate travel facilities for Whites and Negroes. However, it is believed that it will take several years, with more litigation, before Jim Crow passenger cars have been removed altogether from Southern railroads.

CHICAGO-UNION

In Chicago, the authorities are investigating the Chicago Truck Drivers Union - and no wonder! That labor organization is independent of the Teamsters' Union of the A.F. of L. - and has quite a record. Culminating - in a murder yesterday.

Anthony Baldino, business agent of Local Seven Hundred and Five, was taken for a ride. Shot to death - gangland style. A year ago, two sticks of dynamite blew up the front of his automobile, as he was driving. But he escaped - that time.

The founder of the Chicago Truck Drivers Union, Michael Galvin, was murdered by gunmen back in Nineteen Thirty-Six. Two years ago, the Union President, Steve Slohor, was shot at four times - but the would-be assassins missed. In addition, there have been ten bombings of the homes of Union officials. All - presenting a picture of underworld gangsters, murderously active in labor affairs.

RITA HAYWORTH

In Paris today, they were all set for a headline legal ceremony - when, at the last minute, it was called off. The divorce arrangement - between Film Actress Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan.

In a sumptuous lawyer's office on the Champ Elysees, the attorneys for the two sides had the documents ready to sign. Calling for the settlement of a million dollars on the daughter of the couple, Yasmin. Moreover - ~~that~~ the girl was to be reared a Moslem. But Aly's attorney was called to the telephone - Aly on the wire. He returned, announcing - it was all off. Aly - refusing to go through with it. Whereupon Rita's lawyer, Bartley Crum of the U.S.A., got the actress on the telephone, and told her. He called her at Madrid - she being in Spain.

It isn't clear why Aly changed his mind. But the supposition is that it all emanates from his father, the Aga Khan - who would have to put up the money. We hear that Aly has little cash of his own - he having already provided three million for sons of his, by a previous marriage. Part of the

settlement - when Aly became free to marry the Hollywood movie star.

Well, the Aga Khan is the fabulously wealthy head of a religious sect of Islam - and matrimonial matters would seem to be simpler among the Mohammedans. With Aly learning what many another has discovered. A romance, Hollywood style, can be expensive.

PIZZA

At the city of Bari, Italy, Sebastino Lepore

(last syllable ~~px~~ is pronounced), is in jail tonight - charged with attempting a murder in the most atrocious fashion.

(peetsa)

~~He was a man.~~ All because of - the pizza.

It seems that Sebastino went into a restaurant, and ordered a portion of that savory sort of South Italian pie - featuring tomatoes, cheese, and what-not. But, when he got the pizza and tried to eat it, it was so bad that - what did he do? He rushed out to the kitchen - to kill the cook.

But how? That's the horrendous part of it. He tried to stuff the cook in his own oven, ^{Nelson.} Trying to make a pizza out of him.