

SAN FRANCISCO

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Dallas Townsend

A tense drama was enacted today in California; ending in a burst of gunfire - at a remote corner of the San Francisco Airport.

The man who started it all - later identified as Don Irwin of Reseda, California; a former mental patient who pulled a gun and commandeered a Boeing-Oh-Seven - shortly after take-off from Los Angeles. Irwin ordering the pilot to fly to North Korea.

Luckily though - the would-be hijacker was persuaded that the ship needed refueling. One of the stewardesses also managed to alert Brinks security guard Robert Denisco - who was traveling as a passenger. When the opportunity finally presented itself - Denisco dropping Irwin with a single shot. The wounded man - later listed in serious condition. Officials discovering - his gun was only a blank "starter's pistol." He has been charged with air piracy - a crime which carries a penalty of twenty years to death upon completion.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East, Arab air pirates today spelled out for the first time - the price they're asking from Israel for the release of those fifty-four remaining hijack hostages. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - demanding freedom for two Algerians, one Swiss and ten Lebanese now held in Israeli jails and an unspecified number of Palestinians. Adding that it will insist on these demands - "whatever happens." These - in addition to the seven commandoes now held in Western Europe.

The guerilla group further asserting it will "treat Americans with the same status as Israelis" - despite President Nixon's warning yesterday. A guerilla spokesman saying: "The United States is our enemy - just the same as Israel."

Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban later declaring - his government opposes freeing of Arab guerillas from its jails to meet the ~~demands~~ demands of the terrorists holding the hijack hostages in Jordan. Eban called it an "abhorrent

idea." But while against submitting to blackmail, he added, Israel would not stand in the way if Britain, West Germany and Switzerland meet the guerilla demands for release of seven commandoes now ~~being~~ held by those governments.

CAIRO

Egypt's Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad said in Cairo that the U.S. has ended its peace initiative in the Middle East because - in Riad's words - the U.S. has returned to its traditional policy of support for Israel. However, he said, this does not mean that Egypt will withdraw from its obligations to discuss prospects for peace - or to abide by the Suez Canal cease fire - a ceasefire that Israel charges Egypt has repeatedly violated.

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House - an announcement ~~today~~ that President Nixon is planning another trip to Europe, starting September Twenty-Seventh. The President's ~~eight-day~~ tour expected to include an audience with Pope Paul - also, an inspection of U.S. military bases in the Mediterranean - as well as brief visits to England, Spain and Communist Yugoslavia. The White House saying: "This trip will afford the President - an opportunity to undertake a full exchange of views;" and thus, ^{we hope} ~~hopefully~~, "strengthen the structure for peace - and give impetus to the President's efforts to bring about an era of negotiations."

~~The White House again~~ ^{the} President ~~Nixon~~ today

proposed a major overhaul - of the U.S. foreign aid program.

This - said he - in an effort to shore up the so-called

"Nixon Doctrine" - by assuring regular military and economic

assistance to developing nations. The President observing

that "foreign aid must be seen for what it is - not a burden,

but an opportunity to help others to fulfill their aspirations -

for justice, dignity and a better life." And he added that

peace can be "achieved and maintained" abroad - even as

here at home - only with "vigorous efforts to meet the needs

of the less fortunate."

AUTO WORKERS

The United Auto workers went on strike today against General Motors - and the walkout is expected to last until next Tuesday at the very earliest. That is the date set for the union's next negotiating session with the country's number one auto maker. They will meet tomorrow, informally to discuss procedural matters not related to the actual bargaining.

A Federal court order early today failed to halt a walkout by four unions against three railroads. Many strikers said they would not return to work until they received official notice of the order. Notice was later sent out by the unions, and most of the men have gone back on the job. Federal Judge Harold Corcoran set September Twenty-Third for a hearing.

We'll hear tonight's report from Lowell Thomas after this message.

SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE "NOISE POLLUTION"

NOISE POLLUTION

11/10/77

Here now - as promised - another special report
from Lowell Thomas. Subject tonight: Noise pollution.
Lowell...

from the American Psychological Association about an

experiment in a field that perhaps you've heard of

noise pollution. The test group in the experiment - a volunteer

group of "city dwellers" - women - lived in a noisy

city. They were all married and had children. They were

all in the same age group - between 30 and 40 years old.

They were all in the same profession - they were all

teachers. They were all in the same city - New York City.

They were all in the same school - the same school.

They were all in the same class - the same class.

They were all in the same room - the same room.

They were all in the same building - the same building.

Well, that's difficult to understand, isn't it?

At any rate, it's a very interesting story.

NOISE POLLUTION

1:15

Hello Everybody:

We're all hearing, in fact we're bombarded about the subject of pollution these days. Now comes a report from the American Psychological Association about an experiment in a field that perhaps you've heard of - noise pollution. The test group in the experiment - a volunteer force of a hundred and thirty human "guinea pigs" men and women who were bombarded with excessive ~~low~~ noise via earphones - bombarded to the point where they were even unable to hear ~~even~~ their own voices, whereupon they were asked to interpret verbally - a series of ink blots, suggestive of pictures and so on and so on.

Leading researchers conclude that people listen to their own voices ~~and~~ not only to control ~~modulate~~ modulation but also to regulate ^{the} the meaning of their own vocal production. Well, that's difficult to understand for me.

At any rate this is said to help explain at least in part

*the wild impulsive on-stage behavior of certain noisy
rock music groups. Have you encountered them? They
may act that way we are told because quite literally they
can't even hear themselves think.*

Solong..... ..