

L.T.-DELCO. MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1957

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

This week it's my turn to pinch hit for L.T. --
who's off again on another expedition -- getting more material
for his T.V. series, "High Adventure", to begin next month.
This time he's roaming around Africa -- should be, today, in
Timbuktu! - fabulous town of mud-brick buildings, storks,
camels and veiled warriors -- on the edge of the Sahara Desert.

Now to the Middle East!

SYRIA

Syria has accepted an offer of mediation - by King Saud of Saudi Arabia. Who has intervened in the crisis - caused by Syrian-Soviet accusations. The talk - that an attack on Syria is planned by Turkey, at the instigation of the United States. Which is denied, of course, by the Turks, and by our own government.

Earlier in the day, the Syrians denied that they had accepted mediation by His Majesty, Saud 'al Saud. But now - confirm this. With added word that the Chief-of-Staff of the Syrian army is flying from Damascus to Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian capital, to confer - with the King.

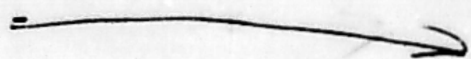
Reports are that the Turkish government, also, has accepted the mediation offer - although this is not yet officially confirmed.

Apparently, there's to be a sort of peace conference - to terminate a noisy war of words. Mere propaganda blasting, thus far, but plenty dangerous.

~~Saudi Arabia, where they will meet with Turkish representatives -
with King Saud and his diplomatic officials playing the part of
peace-makers.~~

Today, in London, the British government sent messages to the members of the British Commonwealth. Saying - that the danger of a Mid-Eastern war has diminished. Britain, particularly, dismisses the possibility of a Turkish attack on Syria. Informing other governments, we hear - that the Turks have only one division of troops on the Syrian frontier. Not three divisions and eight hundred tanks - as the Syrians have been claiming.

On the Soviet side, the propaganda barrage continues - but with less violence., ~~xxxx~~ The Moscow Radio still keeps up the ^{talk} ~~attack~~ about a Turkish-American attack on Syria. But this has become quieter - with less of the "Sputnik" rocket-rattling brand of noise.

The latest word is that - 

AND SYRIA

The President of the United Nations, Sir Leslie Munro,
of New Zealand, tonight ^{has} summoned the General Assembly for a
meeting tomorrow. To begin debate -- on the Syrian-Soviet charges
~~put~~ against Turkey and the United States.

SPY

In London - a lot of disillusion about a headline case of a Communist official deserting the Reds - and coming over to the side of liberty. In July, there was quite a stir - when a private secretary at the Hungarian Legation made an appeal for political asylum - which was granted. After which - he played the part of an anti-Communist refugee. But now - he has gone back to Red Hungary.

Today the London Daily Herald reported - he was a spy. *Just* Pretending to desert Communism - to do a job of espionage.

INDONESIA

From far off Indonesia - news of more trouble on the jungled island of Celebes. A pitched battle - between government soldiers and rebels of the "Darul Islam". Which is a fanatic Moslem faction - demanding a regime strictly religious, and according to the Koran. The ^P"Darul Islam" insurgents keep Celebes in a state of chronic warfare. Their latest effort - an attack on an Indonesian army garrison. Which they besieged - only to be beaten off when government reinforcements arrived. ^PLast week, the ~~news~~ ~~report was, the~~ Indonesian army reported a clash with "Darul Islam" in the jungles of Borneo. The Moslem fanatics making trouble - on one island after another.

TRAIN WRECK

Near the border of Turkey and Greece, today, rescue workers were digging into the smoldering wreckage - of a railway disaster. A collision, - when the Orient Express, bound from Istanbul to Paris - ran into a local train. Eighty-one persons killed - one hundred and twenty injured. Passenger cars - hurled and broken into shattered wreckage. Fires ~~was~~ breaking out - in the debris. Tragic accident, befalling - a once famous train.

Time was - when the Orient Express was the plush train of Europe. Far famed - for luxurious travel by 5 millionaires and international spies. Fiction writers placed their tales of intrigue and espionage - aboard the Orient Express.

That was before the Second World War - and the closing down of the Iron Curtain. Which cut across the railroad between Istanbul and Paris. Recently, however, that barrier was opened--~~and~~ the famous train ~~was~~ running again.

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But now - under depressing circumstances. Unable to compete
for the luxury trade.
with air travel - ~~XXXXX a shabby relic of its former glory~~ The Orient
Express - a shabby relic of its former glory. Now a train
wreck disaster - in what once was a romance of railroading.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court struck another blow, today---at racial segregation in Southern schools. Rejecting an appeal from a court order - calling for the desegregation of public schools at Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia. ^PThe Virginia legislature passed a "pupil placement act" - for the purpose of getting around school integration. Which was pronounced unconstitutional - by a local federal court. Virginia then made an appeal to the high tribunal. But the Supreme Court rejects the appeal - and, in effect, ordered Negro pupils to be admitted into schools at Norfolk and Newport News.

Other Southern states have adopted similar "pupil placement" laws, and regarded the Virginia appeal - as a test case of their own status. Today's decision leaving them, apparently, with little hope, if they ^{should} go to the Supreme Court.

STEEL

There's one business concern that has - eleven of the eighteen highest paid executives in this country. Bethlehem Steel - according to Senate investigators. Who add - that the top money for any big industrialist was earned by Eugene Grace, Chairman of the Board of Bethlehem. Last year, his income from the Company was - eight hundred and nine thousand dollars.

At a hearing today, Senator Kefauver of Tennessee asked questions about the payment of big salaries and bonuses. The President of Bethlehem Steel defended the system as one of "incentive payment". With top men spurred on - by the payment of bonuses.

The Senators are investigating the hike in the price of steel during the summer. Which Bethlehem officials defend as necessary - considering increasing costs.

QUEEN - GIFTS

London reports on an interesting question. Will Queen Elizabeth, returning to Britain, have to pay duty on gifts she receives in America? Which has a considerable ~~meaning~~ meaning - considering the value of one particular present.

*P*A mink coat, given to her by a group of American mink breeders.

London experts have a report on the fur, and say - the ~~Queen~~ skins are so fine and well matched, that it is hard to put a price on it. But the figure would be - high in the thousands of dollars.

The British duty on imported furs is one of the highest. Thirty per cent of the purchase price - and then fifty per cent on top of that. So Her Majesty would have to pay quite a few Pounds, if the duty were collected. *P*Legally, she doesn't have to - since taxes are collected by the Crown. In a technical sense, the Queen would be collecting the duty from herself. But, according to long tradition, members of the royal family pay customs on imports for their own personal use. Not, however, when it's a gift received on a tour of state.

That's considered "official", and is immune from taxation.

Queen Elizabeth certainly is on a tour of state over here, and that would seem to be that - no duties on the mink coat.

QUEEN

New York received Queen Elizabeth with a thundering ovation, today. Roaring cheers, bands playing - jubilant noise of every sort. So how did Her Britannic Majesty reply?

With exclamations - feminine exclamations of "Oh" and Ah".

Of course, the Queen made speeches too - brief addresses in reply to speeches of welcome. But the most amiable things quoted in the news dispatches were - those ~~the~~ exclamations.

The royal party arrived at Staten Island by train ~~xx~~ from Washington,- taking a ferry boat across to Manhattan. When they passed the Statue of Liberty, the Queen gazed and exclaimed: "Isn't that nice?"

9 The famous Manhattan skyline was straight ahead, and this time her exclamation was: "How exciting!"

Three helicopters buzzed overhead, and on the bay - a flotilla of fire-boats spouted huge ~~streams~~ ^{columns} of water. "My ~~goodness~~ goodness, my goodness, my goodness!" exclaimed the Queen.

But she had much more to exclaim about, if she

wasn't worn out when it was all through. A ticker-tape reception, ~~as they~~ ^{the party} the Queen and Prince Philip drove through the financial district, - With tens of thousands of people - lining Broadway. A ceremony at City Hall, then the Mayor's luncheon at the Waldorf - attended by seventeen hundred people. A trip to the United Nations - with three thousand people jamming around. All - followed by a ball, with forty-five hundred in attendance. The Queen, shaking a total of nearly three thousand hands. And - a dinner, given by the English-Speaking Union and the Pilgrims of America. Seven thousand people - attending that.

For a bit of spice, there were a few pickets with placards, protesting against the royal visit. Irish extremists - against all things British.

Tonight, when it's all over, I bet Her Britannic Majesty repeats that exclamation - "My goodness, my goodness, my goodness!" If she isn't too exhausted - to exclaim.

ROSSELLINI

In Paris, today, Italian Motion Picture Producer Roberto Rossellini got off an airliner - arriving from India. Newsmen surrounded him, immediately, - Asking questions - about reports that Rossellini would separate from his wife, Movie Actress Ingrid Bergman. Rumor having been - that Rossellini, in India, planned to marry an Indian woman, Sonali Das Gupta, wife of an Indian screen producer, When she - got a divorce.

Rossellini denied all this, and kept looking around. Finally saying: "My wife knows I am coming, and I would be very surprised - if she did ~~not~~ show up."

Then, trailed by the reporters, he walked around, looking for the blonde Ingrid Bergman. Going into the airport terminal - and looking there. But - ^{he didn't} ~~did he~~ see her. Not, that is, until one of the newsmen said - "There's your wife." And so it was - Ingrid Bergman, sitting in a corner, waiting.

Which made a properly sentimental ending - the two running to each other, and embracing.

"This," Rossellini told the reporters, is not a reconciliation - since there has never been any misunderstanding between us. It is only a happy reunion."

FRENCHMAN

Over in France, a restaurant owner, Louis Kloeckner, is in the soup - a more complicated soup than any he serves in his restaurant. Louis has been married for ten years, and has four children. At least, he thought he was married - though there's no doubt about the children. But now Louis finds that, legally - it was his father who got married. So his father is the husband of his wife - though not the father of the four children.

The mix-up is all because of an error - at the wedding in nineteen Forty-Seven. Instead of Louis' name, his father's name - Auguste Kloeckner, was entered on the legal records, as the bridegroom. The blunder - creating a tangle of mixed-up family relations. Seeming to figure - that Louis is the half-brother of his own children.

The mistake now has been discovered, and a French judge is trying to solve the problem. Joe! I wonder if the Judge can unravel that one?

END PIECE

ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas, Jr. - with a final oddity.

L.T., Jr.: Here's a question. What's the difference between a "goop" and a "goof?" Well, the answer is found in a learned publication - the "American College Dictionary," ~~the~~ the latest edition - which includes popular slang, as well as academic ~~airudition~~ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Those two slangy terms have ~~en~~ now found their way in. Defined - as follows:

"Goop" - "a bad mannered person."

"Goof" - "a foolish or stupid person."

So that's the difference between "goop" and "goof".x

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And now, for my Dad, So Long Until Tomorrow.