

K-2

L.T.-K. Tues. Aug. 3 - '54.

K-2, world's second highest mountain conquered at last. From the top of Mt. Godwin Austin came a radio message today, telling how an Italian expedition had scaled that grim mountain in the far off Karakorums - near Tabet.

The leader of the expedition, Professor Ardito Desio, in his radio message told how some of his men, a climbing party, made it to the top of K-2, which until now had remained virgin - turning back many expeditions - the last one on which my friend Art Gilkie was killed.

Desio says that early in July they almost gave up, because of weather. When they got only to thirteen thousand feet ten of their ~~men~~ porters deserted, refusing to cross the treacherous Godwin Austin Glacier.

Then the weather ~~improved~~ improved late in July. And the expedition decided to try it again.

This final assault of K-2 in far Kashmir was made from the seventh camp - at twenty-six thousand feet up - where he said the ice was as hard as ~~stone~~ concrete. High winds

blowing all the time. But from that seventh camp a climbing party pushed on to over twenty-eight thousand feet.

Once again K-2 took its toll. Italy's leading mountaineer, Mario Puchoz losing his life. How, we don't know. No details on that.

K-2 has been known as The Killer Mountain. There have been many tragedies on that mountain in remote Central Asia. But Dr. Charles Houston and a party were hoping to try again next summer. Meanwhile, the Italians have made it/

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From London word that a conference on the defense of southeast Asia will be held in Singapore, next month,

We hear the agreement to hold the conference was reached between American and British officials in Washington with France informed of what was happening. Also that Britain sounded out India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia - for their reactions. And, we took it up with the Philippines and Thailand.

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KNOWLAND

The Senate may have to remain in session - after the House adjourns. Senator Knowland today stated that the anti-McCarthy motion may compel them to stay on.

The hope had been that it would be all over by July thirty-first. But the filibuster on the atomic energy bill spoiled that. Then a new date was set - August Tenth. The McCarthy controversy spoiled it again. Now Senator Knowland says - he just doesn't know when the Senators will go home. Adjournment indefinite.

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DULLES

To protect Formosa against any Red attack. That's our intention says Secretary Dulles. Today he told a news conference that although we have no formal agreement with Chiang Kai Shek on this our policy in the Pacific calls for naval and air defense of Formosa against any Communist invasion. A ~~is~~ policy that goes back to a presidential order of Nineteen Fifty. ~~entering without resistance.~~

That ~~was~~ was when the Korean war broke out - and President Truman ordered our Seventh Fleet to prevent any attack on Formosa. An ~~order~~ order reaffirmed by President Eisenhower shortly after his inauguration. But, modified slightly. No action by our fleet if Chiang Kai Shek should try to invade the mainland.

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INDO CHINA

In Indo China, the Reds occupied the place where the last battle of the war was fought. Son Tay, twenty-five miles from Hanoi - The Vietminese attacked Son Tay the night before the truce went into effect. The defenders threw them back - and fifty of the Reds were killed.

But today the French forces were pulling out. The enemy entering without resistance.

Meanwhile, the French continue to worry about desertions to the Viet Minh. Soldiers and civilians, joining the enemy forces north of the truce line. In one place, a psychological warfare division is said to have deserted. Viet Nam soldiers are now forbidden to drive military vehicles because so many have disappeared taking cars and trucks with them.

The Premier of Viet Nam flew to Hanoi to make a personal appeal. He promised land and jobs to those who would come south. But now it appears that thousands of the Vietnamese who had intended to go South - have changed their

minds - and are listening to the appeals of the Reds.

you want to know the story behind the secrets. A West Berlin newspaper says he has flown to Moscow. The former West German security chief had crossed mysteriously into East Berlin. According to the German newspaper, he went to the Soviet capital by military plane, and returned to East Berlin yesterday. The newspaper adds that he was accompanied by two civilians - apparently top Russian security officials.

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SPY

An American court in Frankfurt, Germany, has turned a suspected spy over to the West German police. Ursula Schmidt, *- not a blonde this time -* a beautiful brunette ^{is} accused of giving information to the Russians. She was extradited from Canada. Her case, heard in an American court. Then she was turned over to the Germans ~~they~~ because they had an arrest warrant on the same charge.

Mrs. Schmidt worked for our high commission, and for the U.S. Air Force in Germany. She was accused of spying on army and air force installations. At the time, she blamed one of her boy friends. She still claims to be innocent, *personally approved by Prime Minister Churchill.* Now a German court will decide whether she is or not.

REFUGEE

The case of that Polish sailor who is asking for asylum in Britain - is up to the Home Secretary. Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, to decide whether Antoni Klimowicz should be allowed to stay.

The sailor stowed away on a Polish vessel. For seven days he was without food - hiding under a pile of ~~bees~~ boxes. British longshoremen discovered him - but were prevented from lifting him ashore. Then the ~~pk~~ police boarded the ship - and took him off. The operation, under the authority of a writ of habeas corpus ^{from} ~~from~~ the Lord Chief Justice. And personally approved by Prime Minister Churchill.

The Polish government can demand the sailor's extradition. But for this, they will have to prove that he committed ^a ~~some~~ serious crime. ~~It's up to~~ ^{The} British Home Secretary, ^{then} ~~to decide, on the answer of the London government.~~

The Polish Embassy in London refuses to discuss the case. ~~But we hear that the Polish Ambassador lodged a protest - even before the sailor was taken off the ship.~~

GUATEMALA

The President of Guatemala assured his countrymen tonight that the junta is still in control. This from Colonel Castillo-Armas, following yesterday's battle between his army of liberation and the regular army.

Castillo Armas spoke from a balcony in Guatemala City, standing alongside two other members of the junta - Colonel Monzon and Major Oliva. Castillo Armas told the crowd that there is no dissention among them, and referred to the other two as his friends. He added that the junta will continue as the government of Guatemala.

However, there is still fear of more violence. Because of popular sympathy for the liberation forces now disbanded.

CRASH

A plane on its way from France to the land of Montezuma ended up in a new England potato patch. The Paris-to Mexico City airliner was trying to get in at Idlewild, but missed its approach, and the pilot decided to land somewhere else instead of waiting in line- ~~stacked in~~ ^{stacked in} ~~lines~~ tiers as incoming planes to New York ~~are~~ often are.

He received permission to come down at Boston, headed for New England, was over a Connecticut farm, ^{- near Preston -} and ran out of

gas. Down came the big plane in a potato field. The French

^{- a Super Constellation -} airliner smashed into a tree and then hit a garage and ^{another}

^{building - a chicken house.} ~~chicken coop,~~ The fuselage split open with instruments ~~and~~

luggage and things flying in all directions. Including a

card reading: "Wishing you a grand send-off. Happy landings."

Any landing you can walk away from is a happy one. Or so

airmen used to say. And in this case all thirty-seven ~~men~~

aboard managed to get out just in time - as the plane

burst into flames. No fatalities - although there were a

few minor injuries. That was all.

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Connecticut potato field.

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back in nineteen forty-eight when the daughter of the

Lithuanian coal miner married the grandson of the great

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Bobo Rockefeller gets her divorce -- plus a paltry five and a half million! All settled today in a Reno court. Also custody of her son, Winthrop Paul Rockefeller.

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GYPSIES

A dispatch from Rapid City, South Dakota, tells of gypsies gathering from all directions. Caravans of the colorful wanderers - moving into South Dakota, to pay the last respects to their Queen. Gypsy Queen Florence Mitchell killed in an auto accident yesterday. Today her followers were preparing for their traditional ceremony. Converging on Rapid City, from many states. Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Idaho, Montana and even Canada.

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CINERAMA

This next bit of news should be graced - by a few words in Arabic. The tongue of the desert - and the Koran.

It's an announcement that the State Department in Washington and the U.S. Information Service have made arrangements for something special in the ancient city of Damascus. The International Trade Fair there. A presentation of - THIS IS CINERAMA. The first foreign showing - of the new medium that has revolutionized motion pictures. Cinerama - in Arabic.

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fully master the speech of the Bedouin. Anyhow here's a try:

In THIS IS CINERAMA I start off by saying "Hello, everybody."

In the Arabic version, it's this:

"na-ra' -heb bik'-kum jamee'-ann."

Then, after the introduction, the dazzling spectacle is introduced - and the key words at that moment are

"This is Cinerama!"

In Arabic that would be:-

"hath-e-hee' he-ah' Cinerama!"

That, or something like that, is the way it will go in Damascus. I'd sure like to be there when those Arabs begin jumping out of their seats. In fact maybe I'll fly out for the opening. *Better come along, Mike!*