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EGYPT

The government in Washington announces -- the United States will not help Egypt build the Assawan Dam on the Nile.

In December we offered financial assistance in constructing that billion dollar project. But now Secretary Dulles says conditions have changed and are not favorable to the success of the project. This followed a meeting this afternoon between Dulles and the Egyptian Ambassador.

NOTE

The United States, today, handed Soviet Russia a diplomatic note -- rejecting the charge that U.S. Air Force bombers violated Russian air space. The allegation called - "in error" and "unwarranted."

On July tenth, the Soviet Ambassador to Washington delivered a protest -- that U.S. Air Force medium bombers, based on West Germany, flew as deep as two hundred miles into Russian territory. The dates given were -- July fourth, fifth and ninth...at which time our air force Chief-of-Staff, General Twining, was in West Germany. On his way home from that famous visit of his to Moscow...invited to attend the big Soviet air show.

And the Soviet complaint suggested -- that the bomber flights into Russia had been arranged by General Twining.

A strange angle -- and the American retort is that

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the Russian intimation was "obviously out of place."

The sort of thing -- to harm international relations.

As for the alleged bomber flights, the retort is --
that the air force has made a "thorough inquiry." And
finds that no American planes could have possibly gone
astray so far -- two hundred miles -- inside Russia.
The echo is -- nonsense.

GERMANY

In West Germany -- a rash of threatening letters, to top American officials. Anonymous communications -- addressed to U.S. Ambassador Conant, Major General Clark Ruffner, and other officers. Saying -- there'll be an uprising in West Germany, if American troops remain in the country.

The letters, anonymous. Signed - "Fighting group for an independent Germany." The contents - a mish-mash of both communist and Nazi propaganda. Violent and crazy in tone.

These threatening letters were inspired, apparently, by the recent friction between Germans and off-duty American soldiers. Disturbances which have caused the American command - to impose a curfew on U.S. troops... with stern orders to U.S. officers -- to guard against misbehavior by their men.

Tonight, the M.P.'s began enforcing the curfew.

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And in Bavaria, where some of the worst incidents have happened -- four American Generals, today, assured the German authorities that they are taking "firm and decisive action" to put an end - to the trouble.

Israel. No official indication of what may have transpired. Except -- It was on the subject of easing the tensions in the Holy Land.

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ISRAEL

There was a long conference at Jerusalem today -- five hours, in two sessions. Between Dag Hammarskjold, the U.N. Secretary General -- and President Ben Gurion of Israel. No official indication of what may have transpired. Except -- it was on the subject of easing the tension in the Holy Land.

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AMBASSADOR

From Rome, an official statement -- concerning the case of Ambassador Clare Booth Luce. Reported -- to have incurred arsenic poisoning from paint used on the ceiling of her bedroom at the U.S. Embassy. There's been rumored suspicion -- of a telltale attempt against the health of the U.S. Ambassador. Arsenate of lead -- put in the paint for a sinister purpose. So, today, we have an announcement from the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

This official statement is -- that the paint on the ceiling of the bedroom occupied by Mrs. Luce was applied -- at least five years before she became Ambassador to Rome. In nineteen forty-eight, the old paint was covered with a layer of tar paper -- and, over this, a new coating was applied. Non-poisonous white paint -- says the Embassy.

Today, a newspaper in Rome, a left-wing publication,

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published an interview with an interior decorator -- who, according to the paper, has worked in the Embassy building, from time to time, during the past twenty years. The interior decorator quoted as saying -- that arsenic paint was never used in the bedroom at any time. That kind of paint -- forbidden, in fact, for more than thirty years.

He makes a suggestion -- that the poisoning might be traced to insecticides used in the Embassy gardens.

Just another guess.

SURPLUS

The U.S. Treasury announces — a surplus of one billion, seven hundred and fifty-four million dollars. The first time Uncle Sam has been out of the red, and in the black, since nineteen fifty-one. The forecast had been — a slightly higher figure. But the administration tells the world with pride ^{that we are} $\frac{1}{2}$ more than one and three-quarter billions in the black, for the present fiscal year.

HELL'S CANYON

President Eisenhower scored a victory in the Senate -- in the Hell's Canyon issue. Today, the Senators voted, fifty-one to forty-one -- against the federal construction of a single dam across that gorge of the Snake River.

The issue -- one of public versus private power development. The Democrats -- demanding a single dam built by the government. The Administration - advocating three low level dams, to be built by the Idaho Power Company. So now, the federal project has been defeated -- eight Democratic Senators joining with Republicans on this issue. Meaning -- that the private power development in Hell's Canyon will go on.

This, however, may cause trouble for another administration project in Colorado. The Democrats in the House of Representatives may tie that one up -- in retaliation for the Hell's Canyon defeat in the Senate.

EISENHOWER

The United Press has been querying people who visited President Eisenhower at the Whitehouse -- since his return from Gettysburg, on Sunday. What impression did they get of what the President, himself, thinks about his health...so here's the report from the U.P., as follows.

The concensus was, the President is convinced that he is physically able to wage a vigorous political campaign, and serve another four years as President. Most of those who have talked with President Eisenhower would be, of course, his own associates. But, anyway, that's the concensus -- given by the News Association.

It's a reply, in a way, to Senator McNamara, the Michigan Democrat who started a row in the Senate -- by declaring, there has been a skillful coverup... Accusing presidential Secretary, Jim Hagerty, of what the Senator calls -- a "masterful suppression." And --

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"Hucksters Propaganda."

Republican legislators -- replying with considerable heat. Senator Mundt of South Dakota stating, today -- that the doctors gave out optimistic reports on the president's recovery from that abdominal operation.

"Senator McNamara", declares Mundt, "should direct his criticism at the doctors."

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HAPPY CHANDLER

Now here's Happy Chandler -- gazing into the crystal ball. The Kentucky Governor -- surveying his prospects of becoming president.

He says he has no "illusions." But ^{that} the lightning might strike. He'll go to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago as a Kentucky favorite son -- with thirty delegates pledged. His hope -- that there'll be a deadlock...which he thinks is likely to happen.

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CONVENTION

At the Democratic National Convention -- who will sing the "Star Spangled Banner" -- answer -- Frank Sinatra. The headline crooner will raise his voice -- in the strains of our national anthem...which arouses...a bit of criticism.

At Chicago, today, Leonard Reinsch, in charge of convention arrangements, declared -- there have been objections to Sinatra, because of his romantic and his night club escapades...which have been in the headlines, from time to time.

But Reinsch argues -- "He's a good democrat, and will do a good job." Sinatra might not hit the high notes like a Caruso -- but, in a polling booth, he never makes a mistake, ^{of the head of the committee for} According to the view ~~of~~ ^{of} the democratic National Convention.

STEEL

Steel strike negotiators gave a pledge, today -- to "work hard." Accelerating their efforts - to end the steel strike. As the talks went on today, there was an increase of optimism. Following -- an urgent plea from the administration to settle the nineteen-day walkout of six hundred and fifty thousand steel workers.

MARINES

In the court-martial of Marine corps Sergeant Matthew McKeon, testimony was given today -- by one of his comrades. Concerning -- the drinking that preceded the "death march," in which Sergeant McKeon led a platoon into a tidal stream, at night, and -- six were drowned.

The witness at Parris Island -- Richard King, who was busted from Sergeant to Corporal -- because of the drinking...which - was contrary to regulations.

Today Corporal King told the court what happened -- at noon time, before the night of the fatal march. He said he paid a visit to the drill instructor's room. With him Sergeant Elwin Scarborough.

"There was," he testified, "a bottle of Vodka sitting on the table, when I walked into the room. Sergeant Scarborough and Sergeant McKeon had a drink, maybe two. And, after that, someone offered me a drink - and I took it."

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In later testimony, King said -- McKeon took "two or three drinks." -- which led to an argument -- about exactly how many drinks. King said he really couldn't remember -- if it was one, two or three.

Actually, there's no accusation that McKeon was drunk that night -- when he led the "death march." But one of the charges against him is drinking, contrary to regulations.

KIDNAP

The pity of the Weinberger kidnap is in the news again today. A plea from the grief-stricken mother -- to the abductor. In a statement given to news reporters, Mrs. Beatrice Weinberger asks for some assurance that the child is alive.

"As a plea to one who has our baby," she says, "you must know how empty our house is -- and how heartbroken we are. Give us some positive proof," she pleads, "to assure us that our baby is alive, and that you have him."

The kidnapper is assured -- that there will be no interference by the police or the F.B.I., if he or she communicates with the Weinberger family.

DR. COOK

Echoes -- of a controversy long ago. The news telling of the latest -- in that far famed affair of Dr. Cook and Admiral Peary. About -- the discovery of the north pole. A daughter of Dr. Cook -- undertaking to prove her father's claim, that he did reach the northernmost point of this earth.

The north pole controversy was closely connected with Dr. Cook's claim -- that he climbed Mt. McKinley in Alaska. That, also, was disputed. The charge being -- that Dr. Frederick A. Cook falsified both the conquest of the mountain, and the conquest of the pole. He was challenged on both points by Admiral Peary...who established his claim that he was the discoverer of the north pole.

So now Mrs. Helen Cook Vetter of Buffalo, is flying -- to Alaska...seeking to prove that her father did reach Mt. McKinley...taking along a photograph made by Dr. Cook...

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A snapshot -- he said he took on the summit of Mt. McKinley. This, his daughter will compare with a picture taken from the summit -- by explorer William Connason...who is in Alaska.

"If the pictures match," declares Mrs. Helen Cook Vetter, "I will have enough to make a good case." A case -- that her father did actually scale Mt. McKinley, which will fit with other evidence -- she says she has already accumulated...that Dr. Cook -- did reach the north pole.

Will that controversy never end!
I believe only one Arctic explorer is alive who goes back to those North Pole days of Peary -- and Doc Cook. Admiral Donald Mac Millan, who has his own North Pole museum at Provincetown on Cape Cod. As the daughter heads for the north to try and prove that old Doc Cook was not a liar.

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