

L.T. - DELCO, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1955.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Sudan has proclaimed - its independence. The Parliament ^{of} ~~is~~ ~~xxx~~ that vast African region - taking action today. Which is not according - to the diplomatic hoyle. They jumped the gun on a plebiscite. The question of national freedom - to have been decided by a vote of the population.

That was a condition in an agreement between the British and the Egyptians, who formerly had possession of Sudan -the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan of Chinese Gordon, Kitchner, The Malrdi, Kipling "Fuzzy Wuzzy" and all that! The terms provided that there should be two questions presented in a plebiscite. One - a union of the Sudan with Egypt. The other - Sudanese indepe. Meanwhile - the country to have a provisional government, with a parliament and a ministry.

But now the ministry and the Parliament have decided and announced that they'll take independence; and never mind the plebiscite.

To the British and the Egyptians this comes as a surprise - a shock to Egypt! London and Cairo to consult what to do next.

JORDAN

The Premier of Jordan has resigned. ~~In~~ trouble concerning the Baghdad Pact. Only a week ago, Haja El Majali took office - with a pro-western program. Intending to take the Kingdom of Jordan into the alliance of Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Palestine and Great Britain. A barrier - to Communist expansion.

The Arab League is opposed - with countries like Egypt getting Communist armament. And there is plenty of opposition - in Jordan.

So Premier Haja El Majali steps out - asking King Hussein to dissolve the Parliament, and call new ~~elections~~. Which would in effect, be a plebiscite ~~on~~ the question of the Baghdad Pact.

The opposition in Jordan takes the form of rioting, anti-western outbreaks. Today, mobs were on the rampage in the capital city of Amman. - ~~And~~ in Jerusalem^m, the old city held by Jordan, two western diplomats were assailed and *injured.*

In Bethlehem - a curfew clamped on. And this is the first day of Christmas week. Which makes it seem - as if the customary midnight mass in the Church of the Nativity might not be held.

ISRAEL

Another clash - along the Gaza strip. Egypt says an Israeli patrol invaded.- One Egyptian and four Israelis killed. Israel says the Egyptians began shooting- and claims there were no casualties.

The Cairo statement is that this newest incident will not bring about the retaliation, threatened by Egyptian Premier Nasser. Today's clash - too small and insignificant.

SAAR

In the Saar Valley, German Nationalists won a weekend election - but it isn't clear how much good it will do them. The parties demanding union with Germany took sixty-four percent of the votes. Electing - thirty-three members out of fifty in the Parliament of the Saar. But that may not answer the question of who shall have the valley of coal and steel.

In Paris, today, the statement was that the issue will be settled by France and West Germany - and never mind the election. In West Germany - the statement is the same. The future of the Saar - to be decided by negotiations between West Germany and France.

(Well, the Saarlanders may vote for union with West Germany. But West Germany might refuse to take them in. Anyway, it looks as if the Saar will ~~go along with a pro-~~ *proceed with its pro-* German Parliament; ~~While remaining - internationalized.~~)

FRANCE ELECTIONS

France is having - a rough house election. Ripe tomatoes hurled at candidates - also rotten eggs.

The source of the trouble - Poujade, the anti-tax crusader. Pierre Poujade - who has rallied the small shop keepers in a revolt against the high taxation. Frenchmen hate paying taxes - as who doesn't? The small shopkeeper, so prominent in France - ~~is~~ enraged by the way he has to shell out.

Poujade and his followers are campaigning against various candidates for the National Assembly - who have been criticizing the anti-Tax movement. Their favorite mark - former Minister of the Interior Francois Mittenand. He's on a campaign tour, and a squad of Poujade people are following him around. Giving him - the tomatoes and eggs.

Sounds like the makings of an omelet. Anyway, it's all scrambled.

BULGANIN & KHRUSHCHEV

Bulganin and Khrushchev are back in Russia - after their tour in southern Asia. From Afghanistan, they flew to Tashkent. It isn't certain - when they'll arrive back in Moscow. There being reasons for them to tarry in Tashkent.

No, not political reasons. In Moscow, today, the temperature was twenty-two below. And windy -- with blasts from the Arctic. Tashkent is in Turkestan, where it's fairly warm in Winter. So you can't blame Bulganin and Khrushchev, if they linger there as long as possible - before returning to their Moscow deep freeze.

As we know they made a noisy propaganda tour of India, Burma and Afghanistan. Khrushchev - talking big. I don't know how wise they were in the uproar they made. But they certainly were wise in one thing. Taking a month off from the Russian winter. Southern Asia a lot better even in far Tashkent.

LONDON

In London today, Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden was presented with - four photographs. Sent along to him by a member of Parliament, laborite Arthur Lewis.

The Photographs are of a young lady - dressed in paint. Her sole garment - a coat of silver enamel. So why send these pictures to Sir Anthony?

They were accompanied by an indignant letter from the M P, stating - that was how the young lady danced in a London government office. Shades of Queen Victoria!

It seems that postal workers threw a stag party in the Treasury building, and engaged Shirley Crawford to dance - in the gleaming silver paint.

Arthur Lewis, M P, explains: "I'm not opposed to chappies having a bit of fun - but under different circumstances! This makes it seem as if Her Majesty's government approved of that sort of thing."

So he demands that the Prime Minister investigate -- who was responsible - for the chappies having a bit of that kind of fun?

~~of fun?~~

The M P declares "no one knows where this sort of thing could lead to."

No, no one knows.

SUB CRASH

Two Air Force jet bombers crashed near Tampa, Florida, today. Eight lives lost. The two B-47s were on separate routine training flights. The weather was clear. Yet they came together, one running into the other. Both exploded, and plunged to the ground. There is no explanation of how the accident happened.

WEATHER

The Weather Bureau describes the cold front as extending - from Alaska to the Bronx. A vivid expression - of the magnitude of the mass of Arctic air moving across the North American continent.

The temperatures reported - as abysmal. In Minnesota, forty-five below - an all-time record for December. Thirty-eight below - in Wisconsin. In Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania, the Mercury is expected to plunge as low as five below ~~zero~~ tonight. Ten below - for northern and central New York State.

The Chicago weather Bureau strikes an optimistic note, saying: "This weather is beneficial to fuel dealers, ice skaters, and polar bears."

ROCKEFELLER

Nelson Rockefeller, today, resigned as President Eisenhower's chief adviser on the psychological strategy of the cold war. In a letter to the ~~Rexi~~ President, he explains that he feels it necessary to devote his attention to Rockefeller family interests.

(Accepting the resignation, the President said that Nelson Rockefeller had "effectively assisted" American efforts to increase "understanding and cooperation among all people:")

A denial from Gettysburg, declaring - it's not likely the President ever said it. Last week, he was quoted on the subject of Governor Harriman of New York. Who has been talking powerful politics.

The President, we were told, called Harriman - a "Park Avenue Truman."

Well, the rip-snorting H.S.T. is one hundred percent Missouri. But - add Park Avenue, and you have millionaire Harriman. That was the idea.

However, it is pointed out that General Ike never was a wit, making wise-cracks. That's the Adlai Stevenson department.

The best guess among the newsmen is - that some visiting Republicans politico produced the gage - and the President laughed. So the quip was pinned on him.

DEMOCRATS

In Boston, the Democratic State Committee has - two headquarters. Maybe they plan to battle twice as hard in Nineteen Fifty-six.

But it's a case of two rival headquarters, battling each other. Following a decision by the State Supreme Court - that Democratic Chairman John Carr and ~~S~~ecretary Edward Gilgun were elected illegally.

Their opponents in the dispute, William Burke and Mrs. Ida Lyons, figured- the court decision made ~~me~~ them - chairman and secretary, respectively. So, they called at party headquarters, and met Carr and Gilgun.

The proceedings began in a nice, friendly way. The four dempercratic leaders - shaking hands all around, while news cameras made pictures.

Then Burke ~~asked~~ Carr - about handing over headquarters "No, I will not", snaped Carr. And the argument was on.

It ended with Burke saying - he expected a refusal,

and had already hired space for another headquarters, ~~Room~~ ^{in the same}

hotel. Just

a few doors down the corridor. ~~in the hotel Bellevue.~~

So that's the state of affairs tonight. Two rival

Democratic State headquarters, ^{Boston} on the same hotel corridor.

PEARY

Another historic figure departs from the world of exploration - Mrs. Robert E. Peary, widow of the discoverer of the North Pole. Today, she died at - ninety two.

She was an arctic explorer in her own right - having accompanied her husband on five expeditions into the Polar region. Though, she was not along on the final trip of North Pole discovery. But she made the flag that Peary took to the Pole.

Also - way up there in Greenland she presented her husband, one of the foremost explorers of all time, with a baby. Their daughter Marie Peary, the snow baby - the first white child born in the far far north. Now a handsom woman. When a baby, up there in Greenland, to the Eskimo she seemed so white they told Mrs. Peary she must be made of snow. So they called her the snow baby. Now her mother joins the Admiral in the Land where there is neither North nor South Pole.

G I'S

In Berlin, the U.S. Army has court-martialed Private Willie Holden of Poplarville, Mississippi, and Private Richard Calvert of Kansas City. The two G I's ~~are~~ in that international incident. The fracas - in an East Berlin cabaret, where anti-American skits were put on. The two G I's - objecting. And one took a swing at a Communist actor.

The ~~four~~ court-martial verdict -- not guilty. Which is not surprising - because the circumstances sure were extenuating.

At the trial, the two G I's were corroborated by a German woman eye witness, in stating - that the actor, Werner Lierck, called them - "American swine." He said it in English, and shouted - "American ~~stax~~ pig."

Whereupon Private Willie Holden hauled off, and hit him in the eye, and knocked him flat.

In his defense before the court-martial, Private Holden said modestly: "I could have hit him harder."

Well, the anti-American actor appeared later with

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a big black eye, and East Berlin news pictures showed ^{him} _^ in bed attended by a nurse. And the G.I. regrets he didn't hit him harder.

And now I'm going to turn the micfopphone over to a new hard-hitting member of our United Motors - Delco family - Henry Hamilton.