

McELROY

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Our Secretary of Defense today warned the Chinese Communists - not to begin a shooting war in the Formosa Strait. Secretary McElroy talked with newsmen - when he returned to Washington after attending the American Legion Convention in Chicago. He refused to say whether we will help the Nationalist Chinese - defend Quemoy. But he pointed out, our business is to deter - any aggression in the area. And then he added that if the Chinese Reds are wise - they will be deterred.

Secretary McElroy was asked about that statement by Admiral Smoot. Our senior commander on Formosa was quoted as saying - that American help was on the way, and that we would lick the Chinese Communists if they attempted an invasion. Secretary McElroy backed away - from the Smoot declaration. As the Secretary of Defense put it - "We don't want to be rattling sabres - and saying we can lick anybody in the world. That is not in our interests."

LE MAY

The decision to send General Curtis LeMay to Formosa could mean that American heavy bombers are going to take part in patrolling the air over the Formosa Strait. General LeMay, Air Force Vice-Chief of Staff - is America's greatest expert on heavy bombers. And a lot of them are now based on Guam - where they could easily be moved on to Formosa. But all this is speculation. The Pentagon refuses to say anything at all - about the LeMay trip to the Far East.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Dulles has held a meeting with representatives of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. The conference lasted an hour - and afterwards, Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand called it "an exchange of views."

All the coming and going in Washington forms a background - to tomorrow's scheduled conference between President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles at Newport.

TRUMAN

Former President Harry Truman delivered a fighting speech today - at the Chicago Convention of the American Legion. Mr. Truman charged that our armed forces have been cut too far - and that we are behind the Russians in developing missiles. He scoffed at the Eisenhower administration - for a false economy in dealing with national defense. And our former President called for a non-partisan campaign - to make this country strong enough to meet any potential enemy.

NASSER

The Secretary General of the United Nations has arrived in Cairo - for talks on the Middle East. Today Dag Hammarskjold met with the Egyptian Foreign Minister - to work out an agenda for his ~~meeting~~ **conference** with Gamal Abdel Nasser tomorrow. Hammarskjold and Nasser will try to work out practical arrangements - for safeguarding peace in the Middle East.

Nasser seems to have made any agreement more difficult by his speech today. In it, the boss of Egypt again demanded ~~that~~ that British and American troops get out of Jordan and Lebanon. He again called Israel a "Zionist bridgehead" - for American imperialism. And he put Egypt on the side of Red China - by supporting Mao Tse-tung's claim to Formosa.

LEBANON

The general strike in Lebanon - is over. Workers had been off their jobs - since the middle of May. After the strike - came armed rebellion. And the economy of Beirut - was paralyzed.

Last night, the rebels held a "summit conference" - at the home of their leader, Saeb Salem. After the meeting - they announced that the general strike ^{has been called off.} ~~is over~~ Shopkeepers will be open for business as usual tomorrow. And both the government and the rebels hope - that the economic life of Beirut will soon be back to normal.

HONG KONG

The British Army is transferring a battalion - from Singapore to Hong Kong. It's described as a routine move. But diplomats in Hong Kong take it for granted - the transfer is a precautionary measure against threatening gestures by Communist China. Peking has been denouncing Britain as well as the United States - calling for Communist control of Hong Kong as well as Formosa. According to this interpretation, London is warning Mao Tse-tung - not to start an armed attack on the British crown colony.

ICELAND

Iceland has filed a protest against Britain - with the Nato Council in Paris. The document accuses the British of committing "an unlawful act" - by using force to fish in Icelandic waters. Iceland asks the Nato Council to consider the issue - at ^{its} ~~the~~ meeting next week.

But the British have sent a note of their own - to Reykjavik. This protest also contains the phrase "an unlawful act", but says the Icelandic Coast Guard is the guilty party. Which is a reference to the fact that the Coast Guard - put men aboard one British trawler.

Last night, the British Embassy in Reykjavik - was attacked by ^a ~~the~~ large crowd, armed with sticks and stones. They broke a lot of windows - but caused no major damage.

The Icelandic government has apologized for this attack. But the government and the people of the island alike - are seething with fury tonight. The Icelanders call Britain "a robber nation" - and vow to keep up their fight, until British trawlers are driven at least 12 miles from the coast of Iceland.

LONDON

In London, the government is still trying to find a formula - for dealing with race riots. For the fifth day in a row, mobs have been attacking immigrants from Africa and the West Indies. Today, gasoline bombs were thrown - along with bricks and milk bottles. A lot of windows were broken - although no injuries are reported.

First the Home Secretary met with the London Police Commissioner. Afterwards, the Home Secretary reported to Prime Minister Macmillan. ~~So far, the~~ ^{The} only result is - a strengthening of police patrols in the area where the attacks have been taking place. The newest outbreaks occur ^{ed} as thirty-six Londoners - appeared in court on riot charges. They were arrested last night - and most of them were found in possession of weapons.

FRANCE

Premier

The French Cabinet has approved ~~General~~ DeGaulle's new Constitution. The agreement was announced after a five hour session - with President Coty in the chair. It probably was one of Coty's last formal acts as chief of state of the Fourth Republic. He's expected to make way for DeGaulle - when the Fifth Republic comes into existence. Today's Cabinet approval - brought the Fifth Republic one step closer. Now all that remains is a popular referendum - at the end of this month.

TEAMSTERS

The Vice-President of the Teamsters admits - he allowed his men to carry guns during a Union "clean-up" in St. Louis. Harold Gibbons told the ^{Senate} House Rackets Committee - he was trying to get rid of gangsters and hoodlums. And so, his staff had to be ~~en~~^{armed} - as a matter of self defense. Gibbons added immediately - the fact was not kept a secret, and the St. Louis police knew about the guns.

Asked why the Teamsters didn't let the police - handle any violence that might have developed - Gibbons replied, "We could not depend upon the police."

HURRICANE

Hurricane "Ella" is building up again - in the Gulf of Mexico. The storm had been partly dissipated - in the mountains of Cuba. But on reaching open water - the winds increased their force again - and tonight are driving along at seventy miles an hour. The area of potential danger is now the Gulf Coast, where the hurricane warnings are up. The threat to Florida - seems about over.

INTRODUCTION TO RECORDING:

Lowell's report tonight comes from the mountains of the Belgian Congo - a story of the White Hunters - and life and "business" in that distant part of the world.

L.T.-SEMLIKI SAFARI

Hello Everybody:

In my last report we had just arrived here in the Congo - the Semliki Plain, on the shores of Lake Albert - here in the Mountains of the Moon country.

Across the lake on a clear day we can easily see the mountains of Uganda only thirty miles from our camp.

Here where we are, a young Belgian white hunter, Chris Pollet, has the first permanent safari base ever set up in the Congo big game country. While British white hunters have been doing a booming business for years in Kenya, and in Tanganika too, the Belgians here in the Congo were devoting most of their attention to tapping the rich mineral wealth of this huge equatorial area in the heart of Africa.

And in view of the rich deposits of uranium and rare valuable minerals they had found in the Congo - and all the diamonds and great goldfields of Kilo Moto, only a few miles from where we are - no wonder they didn't

bother about big game hunting - except to do a lot of it themselves, in their spare time. Every Belgian in the Congo either had his big game trophies - or knew he could get them any day he took his Maillon 375 or 475 No. 2 and headed for the nelles in the North, the Ituri Forest, this Semliki country, or the southern Kivu.

The rest of the world? It still remembered the tragic tales brought back not long ago by Henry M. Stanley first to explore most of this huge land, the size of Alaska, one-fifth as large as all the U.S.A.

All of Stanley's white companions had perished. And in the years that followed we heard more about the Congo being hopeless as a place to go because of a particularly virulent form of malaria. And of course there was the dread tsetse fly that carried sleeping sickness.

But medical science has worked wonders in Africa. The Congo, still plenty hot - much of it - has been made

about as healthy as Kenya - Belgium, or Ohio. Also something else has happened. American film companies, looking for exciting new locations, started coming to the Congo - producing such films as King Solomon's Mines, with Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr, Mogambo with Clark Gable, and Ava Gardner, Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn in African Queen. Oh yes, and our Cinerama Seven Wonders of the World crew came here to film the elephants, the crocs, the hippos, and the dance of the tall people, the Watussi. All this has had quite an effect on travel to the Congo.

Our host, Chris, a Belgian school boy in England during the war, came to the Congo from Britain. As a twenty year old he worked in Leopoldville for an American airline - Pan Am. Someone sold him on the idea of breeding crocodiles. Their skins, more and more rare, are at a premium. But elephants broke into his breeding ground and made a huge omelet of his croc eggs, putting

him out of business.

Then he said, "I know what I'll do, I'll be the first professional white hunter in the Congo. The first to get the thing organized. He started building thatch roofed mud and stone cone shaped huts here in the Semliki Valley in the Spring of 'Fifty-Six, and a year later King Leopold and his wife, Princess Lilliane, were his first guests. That was a break of luck. He finished his construction work the day before they arrived. Now he has a Belgian Manager, Jean Meyrinck, and Chris and a handsome Frenchman, Jean Gillet, are the white hunters. Including trackers he has more than a score of men from a half a dozen tribes working for him. No pygmies so far. But he plans to include a few, for tracking in the nearby Ituri Forest.

So many Americans, from both North and South America, now want to come to the Congo, that twenty-eight year old Chris Bollet may soon have a half a dozen white

hunters on his staff.

This enterprising young man, like all white hunters in Africa, has had his close calls. Perhaps the narrowest was when he was charged by just about the most dangerous animal of them all, a buffalo that had been wounded three times by other hunters. Chris only had a shot gun. He was out after guinea fowl. Luckily, he's an expert at judo, and an acrobat. As the buffalo was about to gore him he grabbed the charging animal's horns, leaped between them over the monster's back, landed doubled up in the grass, was on his feet in a flash and off before the astonished buffalo knew what had happened.

So long.

DOUKHOBORS

The battle between Canada and the ^{Douk-}Doukhobors - entered a new phase today. We've already heard how Ottawa agreed to help the Russian religious sect - return to Russia. The Canadians being anxious to solve the problem ^{of} - the freedom-living mystics - who demand the freedom to take off their clothes in public. *when they're angry -*

Well, today ^{Douk-}Doukhor spokesman Bill Moojelski announced in Vancouver - his people are ready to accept Canadian help, for the move back to Russia. But they won't give up their Canadian citizenship - until they're safely away. They don't want to have their emigration fall through - leaving them as Russian citizens in Canada. The snag is, that the Kremlin won't accept them - until they've become citizens of the Soviet Union.

So the situation has ^{turned into} ~~become~~ something of a paradox.

The ^{Douk-}Doukhobors want to remain Canadians - until it's clear that they're going to get to Russia. And they can't be sure of getting to Russia - unless they first become Russians.