

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Africa as this is written is the world's hottest hot spot. At this moment, Africa's hot spot (referring to TEMPERATURES, not temperatures) is the Congo, meaning the basin of the Congo river — which, from the standpoint of water volume, is the world's second river, exceeded only by the Amazon.

Since 1908, the Congo has been a Belgian colony. Before 1908, the Congo Free State was recognized as the personal property of the king of Belgium. In 1876, King Leopold II of Belgium sent Henry M. Stanley to Africa to get the Congo for him. Stanley did the job.

That started the European race to GRAB AFRICA. The upshot of it was that most of Africa was divided up among the leading European nations.

THEN—
The Africa for Africans movement got under way. It gained such headway that many of the European overlords began to release their African colonies as too hot to handle. Only a few weeks ago, Belgium let go of the Congo. A native government took over. It wasn't very responsible. The natives started killing and robbing. Belgian troops moved back... to have the lives of white people and keep some semblance of order.

That brings us up to date on the Congo.

THE other night the Congo government (meaning the native government that took over when the Belgians moved out) kicked out the SOVIET MILITARY AID TO RENTED OUT THE BELGIAN TROOPS.

Meanwhile United Nations had moved to send in a U.N. task force to keep order in the troubled Congo. Russia "approved" this action, but at the same time condemned "imperialist intervention in the African nation." Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev promised the native Congolese leaders "the necessary help which may be required for the victory of your just cause."

Which is to say: Russia thinks this may be the psychological moment for her move in to TAKE OVER AFRICA FOR COMMUNISM.

PHILOSOPHICAL thought: How wonderful it would be if a wise and just and TRULY UNITED United Nations could take over the

polling of the world with the sole objective of keeping the peace and protecting the right of all the world's people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. How simple that would be if Russia's sole objective were to keep the peace and protect the liberties of the people.

UNFORTUNATELY, that isn't the case. Instead, RUSSIA'S OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE IN EVERYTHING SHE DOES IS TO CONQUER THE WORLD FOR COMMUNISM.

Make no mistake about that. It is the heart of the whole present world situation. Russia's objective in this African business is a TOTALY COMMUNIST AFRICA.

IT IS against this dark backdrop of world affairs that our 1960 political campaigns are being staged. For that reason, this 1960 political campaign year is going to be quite different from the political campaign years of the recent past.

First Atomic Bomb Exploded In New Mexico 15 Years Ago

New York — Fifteen years ago the first atomic bomb exploded near Alamogordo, N.M., with the light of a dozen noon-day suns, sending chills through its creators, who feared some fatal mistake.

With that awesome secret experiment of July 16, 1945, the world slipped unnoticed into a new era, at once more dangerous and more promising than any which preceded it.

But the anniversary is not one that people celebrate. And in the tragic light of Hiroshima, 60 per cent of which was obliterated by atomic power exactly three weeks later, it is often forgotten.

The small community of scientists and military men at Alamogordo worked in a setting that approached doomsday. Lightning crackled in gloomy gray skies and torrential rains swept the desert flats for nearly a week before detonation. Flashes of lightning accompanied by stunning thunder claps persisted up to zero hour, at 5:30 a.m.

The scene was at Trinity Site in the White Sands Mis-

A MAN FROM Manhattan was sitting in his automobile one Sunday morning in a seaside resort, reading the headlines in the sporting section of the paper he had just bought, when another car rammed into his rear bumper at approximately 40 miles an hour.

The cop who came to investigate promptly placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of the outraged Manhattanite. "But why?" demanded that poor soul. "I'll tell you why," bellowed the cop. "The boy who ran into you is the son of the mayor of this town, and I'm engaged to his sister. Any more questions?"



In the pouring rain, an impatient man stood under the marquee of a Park Avenue hotel, trying vainly to spot an unoccupied taxicab. "I've just got to get out to Idlewood Airport," he told the doorman.

"Keep your shirt on, sir," the doorman told him. "In weather like this, those big planes seldom get off the ground on scheduled time." "This one won't," agreed the impatient gent. "I'm the pilot."

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Most Airmen Who Participated in Battle of Britain in 1940 Now Dead

By PETER KNOX

United Press International London — "The gratitude of every home in our island, in our empire and indeed throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to the British airmen, who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of world war by their prowess and their devotion."

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Winston Churchill was immortalizing "the few" who saved Britain and the Allies from their closest scrape in World War II.

The few who saved this country in the Battle of Britain 20 years ago are far fewer today.

Majority Now Dead
Official records show that of the 2,000 men who could claim to be Battle of Britain pilots in 1940, less than 500 are still alive.

Many did not survive the battle itself which lasted four summer months — between July and October.

The claims and counter-

claims of the Germans and the British have now been shaken down to show that Britain lost 915 aircraft and the Germans 1,733 in the decisive aerial dogfights over southern England.

The number of British pilots killed was at least 375, with 358 badly wounded.

The five years of war after the Battle of Britain itself was over claimed many more of the "few" who were immortalized by Sir Winston Churchill in his wartime words.

It was on July 16, 1940, that Hitler proclaimed the sweeping order:

"The English Air Force must be eliminated to such an extent that it will be incapable of putting up any substantial opposition to the invading troops."

Long Hours of Combat
The order meant long hours of combat for the British pilots. Men shot down by the Germans one day were often flying again the next if they were lucky enough to bail out safely.

Boys became aces overnight and took leaps in rank that alarmed officers of other services.

Quotes From the News

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Chicago—New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, stating he believed GOP leaders did not want a fight for the presidential nomination because they felt Vice President Richard M. Nixon deserved it.

"I happen to disagree. I think competition is the life of democracy. I think it is the life of our political parties."

Havana—Mrs. Bertha Price, of Fairfield, Conn., who was hauled from her car with two sons and pummeled by pro-Castro Cubans, stating she kicked a man who was guarding her while the Cubans hauled her son Jeffrey, 18, off to army intelligence.

"I don't know what came over me. I saw my son being dragged off and all Mrs. Betty Graichen, executive secretary of the Winnebago County Democratic Central committee, discussing protests over proposals that tavern-owners give liquor for a fund-raising affair.

"It was a big f---ing little binge. We're devising new schemes to raise money—a marshmallow roast or something."

Newport Beach, Calif.—Stan Annin, of the Orange County Harbor Department Rescue unit, describing the collision of two Navy destroyers.

"One of the sailors shouted, 'Don't light a cigarette, there's a hell of a lot of fuel down here and the whole thing could blow up.'"

UPI President Says U.S. Must Try to Understand Thinking of Japanese

San Francisco — The situation in Japan is more basically stable than recent explosive surface events might indicate, but America must come to a more realistic understanding of the thinking of the Japanese man in the street, Frank H. Bartholomew, president and general manager of United Press International, said Tuesday.

This understanding of the average man in Japan is essential if the present momentary advantageous position of the West is to be maintained, he said.

Bartholomew spoke at a luncheon meeting of the U.S. Navy San Francisco Bay Area Supply Corps Association at Treasure Island.

He recently returned from an extensive Far East tour, which included coverage of the Tokyo riots that led to the cancellation of President Eisenhower's visit to Japan.

Both Sides Failed
The UPI executive said both the Communists and the West were revealed by last month's events as having failed in their respective objectives through inability to win over the Japanese man in the street.

The Communists, by ingenious application of leverage, made an all-out effort to generate a civil war that would have supplanted the essentially conservative government of Japan with the commissar system," Bartholomew said.

"The demonstrations were perfectly organized and spectacular, but they remained confined to the controlled groups of left-wing students and left-wing labor unions. While these groups on one occasion added up to 300,000,

they failed to generate enthusiasm or support for the other nine million onlookers in Tokyo.

West Convicted
"The West similarly stands convicted of failure to arduous the complete understanding and sympathy of the Japanese people or the riots would never have started as they did, nor would the Eisenhower trip have ended in painful anticlimax."

Bartholomew said the "cold truth" appears to be that Japan would prefer to stay clear of military alliances with either the West or the Communists and devote her energies to her tremendous industrial achievements.

Five Charged With Inciting a Riot
Portland — Felony indictments charging five Portland persons with inciting a riot were returned here Tuesday by the Multnomah county grand jury.

Police said the five were connected with last week's near-riot at the "Jim Dandy Drive-In restaurant" on NE Sandy Blvd.

Only four of the five were present to hear the indictments. The fifth person has not been apprehended.

PENNEY EXPLOSION CLUE
Merrill, Wis. — A blast that demolished the J. C. Penney store and claimed eight lives Monday may have been caused by accumulated gas, authorities said today.

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Traffic Fatality Total Hits 201

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'We Was Hungry,' Said Burglars' Note

Turner — FBI — When police arrived at Meyer's store here, they found the words "we was hungry" written on a floor and counter with whipped cream and fingernail polish.

Before that, police said, the intruders ate meat loaf sandwiches, drank milk, smashed seven watermelons, broke seven dozen eggs on the floor, and took with them wearing apparel and \$1.92 in coins.

Aviation has passed them by—the Hurricanes and the Spitfires they flew are obsolete and junked and modern commercial aircraft would leave them behind for speed.

But the "few" retain their memories and looking up at the skies only they can really know how the Battle of Britain was fought and won 20 years ago.

USAF Announces Expected Shakeup in Fighter Units

Washington — The Air Force Tuesday announced a long-expected shakeup in U.S. air defenses affecting jet fighter units and radar warning installations in 23 states.

The new design for defense against air attack emphasizes smaller forces with superior aircraft, and calls for considerable redeployment of units. It will take shape over the next several months.

Recognizing that the chief military threat to this country is shifting rapidly from bombers to missiles, the Air Force blueprint is part of a complete overhaul of the master air defense plan the administration pushed through Congress in 1959.

The Air Force shifts were foreshadowed last April when President Eisenhower re-vamped his defense budget, then pending in Congress, to call for more emphasis on ballistic missiles, satellite warning systems and missile launching submarines.

Approximately half a billion dollars in defense funds were shifted to make the shift possible. They came mostly out of anti-aircraft missile and radar budgets.

CONTRACT AWARDED
Salem — Peter Kiewit Son's Company of Vancouver, Wash., Tuesday was given an Oregon State Highway commission contract for \$1,826,728 to build detour bridges and grade 1.18 miles of the East Bank Freeway in Portland.

Planning Group To Convene in Portland

Portland — Portland will be host to the Association of State Planning and Development Agencies Aug. 28 when the 1960 convention meets at the Sheraton-Portland hotel.

The Oregon Department of Planning and Development will be host agency for the convention, which is expected to attract representatives of agencies in the 50 states.

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