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In The Day's News

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Important news from far away: India granted diplomatic asylum today to the Dalai Lama and ordered strong security measures to protect the 23-year-old god-king of Tibet against Chinese communist attempts to kidnap him.

His safe arrival in India—announced to a CHEERING parliament by Prime Minister Nehru—electrified his followers. It was generally believed that news of the Lama's escape would set off a new and greater anti-communist uprising throughout Tibet.

Why is that important news? It's like this:

According to the latest estimates of United Nations, the population of the world is about 2.9 BILLION people. Of these, roughly 1.6 billion (or about 55 per cent) live in Asia.

The population of communist China is about 600 millions.

The population of the Republic of India is about 400 millions.

China is already communist.

The rest of Asia is not communist, but neither has it been strongly anti-communist. Because of centuries of colonial imperialism, Asia tends to hate and distrust the Western nations that have been over the centuries the colonial imperialists.

In the modern conflict between communism and Western liberalism, Asia has tended to feel that it is between the devil and the deep blue sea. It is instinctively opposed to communism, but on the other hand it distrusts the West.

So — Asia has hoped to remain neutral, India—next after China Asia's largest nation—has PARTICULARLY hoped to remain neutral.

This doctrine of neutrality plays into the hands of communism—which feels that after it has taken the West into camp it can reach out and pluck off the rest of Asia, including India, as one plucks a ripe plum from the tree. Asia, including India, is non-military, and therefore more or less helpless.

Asia, including India, has deluded itself into believing that communism isn't TOO bad and hasn't been too much stirred up over communism's brutalities in Europe, including Hungary. Asia has felt that that is EUROPE's business and goes on nourishing its ancient grudges against the European colonialists.

This is the point:

These poor devils of Tibetans, who ask only to be allowed to live their own peculiar lives in their own peculiar way, are ASIANS. That is a horse of another color. When Asia, including India, sees these revolting Tibetans being trampled into the bloody mud under communist heels, it gets the shivers. Asians' logical thought is WILL WE BE THE NEXT to be trampled into the bloody mud under communist heels?

It is a disturbing thought.

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Red Negotiation Policy Seems To Be Toughening

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Western powers appeared today to be toughening their policy on negotiations with the Soviet Union over the Berlin crisis.

As the NATO foreign ministers meeting went into its second day here, the United States, Britain and France were reported shelving some proposals which could be construed as offering possible concessions to the Soviets.

The United States, meanwhile, pledged anew the full use of its

nuclear missile and bomber striking force in defense of Western Europe and North America if military action ever became necessary.

Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter told the 15-nation Foreign Ministers Council late Thursday that U.S. power today is greater than it has ever been. He declared that this country is now making faster progress in the development of missiles than is the Soviet Union.

"I pledge our continued willingness," Herter solemnly told the allied leaders, "to make the necessary effort for the common defense."

"I pledge also full willingness to use our strength in the common defense if need be."

West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano was scheduled to lead off today's debate on the Berlin crisis and the development of Western policy for dealing with it. The debate opened Thursday after President Eisenhower's morning address in which he declared that NATO must be prepared to carry on for years in a world of continued "tension and bickering" between the free nations and the Soviets.

The Western Big Three are seeking support from the whole NATO Council on the general policy lines which they have so far developed for negotiations with the Soviet Union at a foreign ministers meeting beginning in Geneva May 11 on the problem of Germany and the specific crisis over Berlin.

Britain has been reported as favoring a softer approach to the Geneva negotiations than the United States and France. West Germany is known to advocate a hardboiled strategy, reserving any concessions until a late stage and avoiding any evidence of willingness to pay a price to get the U.S.S.R. to ease up on Berlin.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd told the NATO meeting any plan for neutralizing or demilitarizing Germany would constitute the worst possible solution on the German problem. He declared Britain would not advocate any freeze on armed forces in central Europe unless it were linked with the goal of reunifying Germany. This latter point indicated a shift in Britain's position.

Both Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Couve de Murville emphasized to the council that the United States, Britain and France will not pull their troops out of Berlin as the Soviet Union has demanded.

Concerning Mrs. Nicholas' suicide attempt after the July 31 shooting, Michaelis testified: "She told me she upchucked (vomited) the capsules, or they would have worked."

On cross-examination, Michaelis said Mrs. Nicholas cried "part of the time" during the interview. He said both eyes were swollen shut, her face was swollen, and there were marks over her right eye and on both arms. The mark on the right arm, he said, looked "like a burn or an abrasion."

The lawyers in the case had argued half the morning before Mrs. Nicholas' pearl-handled revolver was handed to the jury.

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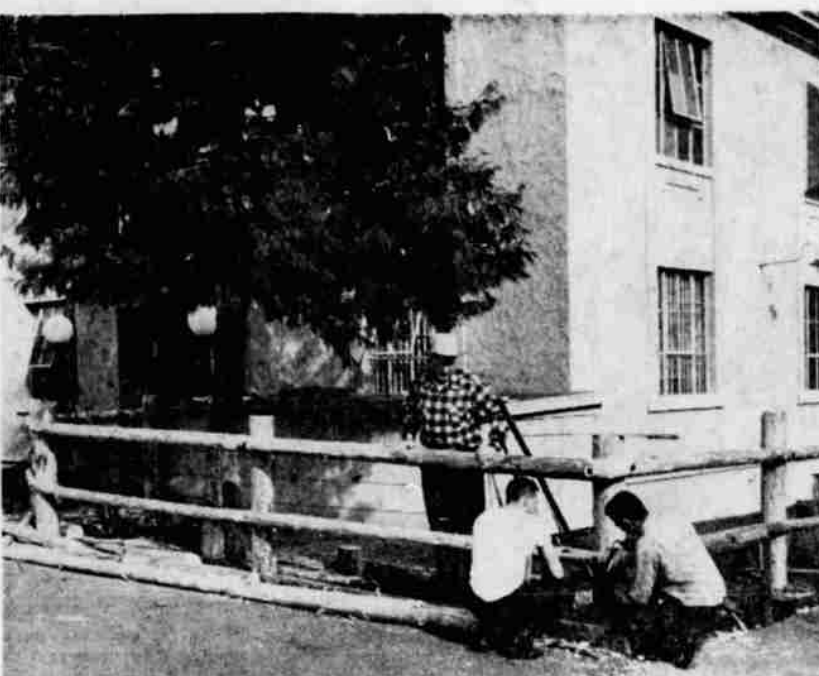
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SHERIFF RED BRITTON thinks that if this is Centennial year in Oregon, we ought to show that it is. Therefore the sheriff, above, put two trustees to work on a corral which he said will encircle the jail lawn. It's plenty sturdy, capable of holding down the strongest steed. Still to come, the sheriff said, is a venerable freight wagon and a hanging scaffold, complete with 13 steps and a trap door. Britton said Weyerhaeuser Timber Company donated the logs.

Police Can't Arrest Con Man Because No Complaints Filed

MONTREAL (UPI) — Police said today they were powerless to arrest a man believed to have tricked American firms out of possibly millions of dollars in telephone confidence deals because no one had filed a formal complaint against him.

The man, whose identity is known to police and customs agents here, was reported to have operated a confidence racket out of Montreal for at least six months using the name of a California grocery chain and of other nationally known retailers.

Police said he collected huge "brokers' fees" for shipments of food and other goods from American suppliers who sent the goods to Montreal by plane.

United Press International learned that the goods were shipped here prepaid and in most cases customs charges were paid in advance by the shippers. The alleged swindler drove to the airport several times a week in an automobile, and arranged for the shipments to be trucked to unknown destinations in Montreal.

The man used "all kinds of phony names to import the stuff," a source told UPI. Many were similar to those of major retail chains.

Detective Sgt. Paul Oliver, acting chief of the Montreal police fraud squad, said city police knew about the man's activities but were "powerless to act unless somebody files a complaint."

If a complaint is filed, the man could be charged with fraud because he represented himself to be acting for various firms, including the Safeway grocery chain in Oakland, Calif., Oliver said. A fraud charge could stand up because the firms, such as Safeway, which does not operate in this province, never received the goods, he said.

A Safeway spokesman in Oakland said wholesalers throughout the United States are being victimized by the international swindle that may have cost them millions of dollars.

The spokesman said Safeway was not victimized itself and had suffered no financial loss as a result of the racket. He said the information gathered was passed to the FBI and Canadian authorities.

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World News In Brief

United Press International

VESSEL—Boston — Coast Guard cutters crash through heavy surf off fogbound Cape Cod in desperate effort to reach sinking fishing vessel with seven men aboard.

TIBET—New Delhi—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has told Parliament the Dalai Lama has crossed into India and has asked for asylum.

BUMPING—Tokyo — Air Force clears lieutenant colonel of bumping enlisted men but says he contributed to the confusion.

FISHER—Hollywood — Debbie consents to Nevada divorce that will free Fisher to marry Elizabeth Taylor in six weeks.

SOVIET—London — Moscow Radio approves some of Eisenhower's NATO statements but insists NATO itself is no good.

BOYS—St. Louis — Mass daylight search ordered in rugged cave area for three boys who played hookey and disappeared.

FALLOUT—Washington — Fall-out from Russia's atomic tests last October is hitting United States with growing intensity.

HORSES—Washington — Mighty U.S. Army pauses in missile age to give young boy advice on handling ancient, wayward horse.

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AF Clears Colonel Of 'Bump' Charges

TOKYO (AP) — The U.S. Air Force today cleared a lieutenant colonel of charges he bumped six homeward-bound enlisted men from a transport plane so he and his family could fly to Hawaii for a vacation.

But an Air Force investigating board said the officer, Lt. Col. Charles Platt Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y., "by his actions contributed to the confusion" which caused the "administrative error" that was blamed for the bumping.

The Air Force did not say specifically what had happened but implied that subordinates handling the flight became flustered by the presence of Platt — their commanding officer—and dropped the waiting GIs from the passenger list.

As it turned out, the investigators said, there were eight vacant seats on the plane all the time: if the snafu hadn't happened, the servicemen, the colonel and his family all could have gone.

The board said it had turned its findings over to "appropriate commanders to determine whether or not disciplinary action is required."

The six enlisted men were all on emergency leave because of death or illness to close relatives. The plane took off without them from Tachikawa Air Base, just outside Tokyo, on March 26.

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Burns, commander of American forces in Japan, personally ordered the aircraft to turn back after one of the outraged servicemen called him and complained that Platt, the passenger terminal commander at Tachikawa, and his vacationing family had taken their seats.

When the plane returned, the colonel, his wife and four children were taken off. Five of the soldiers got on and completed their journeys to the United States.

The sixth, Lewis Stramski of Harrah, Okla., had left the base but caught another flight the next day. Because both his first and last names were listed on the manifest, it was at first believed that seven airmen were involved in the incident. Stramski's sister died of polio a few minutes before he reached home.

Platt canceled his vacation to await the investigation. After the board's findings were made public, he told a reporter: "The less I say about it the better. The board findings have to be reviewed, and I would just add fuel to the fire."

"A lot of to-do about nothing," said Gen. Burns, whose popularity with the enlisted men in Japan has soared.

The airman who cut the military red tape and telephoned the general was Cole Y. Bell 27, of Fayetteville, Tenn., whose brother had been seriously hurt in a traffic accident.

The other enlisted men were Airman 2C Robert J. Kindl of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., going for the funeral of his 4-year-old son; Airman 3C Gordon N. Read, Ithaca, N.Y., whose mother had died; Sgt. Paul S. Cain, Sedalia, Mo., whose 9-month-old daughter was critically ill; and Staff Sgt. John P. Snyder of Vandergrift, Pa. Both Bell's brother and Cain's daughter are reported improving.

Kindl said Platt "got mad, pulled rank and ordered a major underneath him to bump us. We were little wheels and he was a big wheel. So he wanted to get to Hawaii and have a good time. He didn't care who it hurt or what the trouble was."

Platt, 49, is a specialist in aerial

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transportation and was awarded the Legion of Merit in World War II for his work in moving Air Force personnel and equipment from Africa to Europe. During the Korean War he commanded the terminal squadron at Travis Air Base in California.

Army Pauses To Give Lad Horse Advice

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The U.S. Army paused in its onward thrust into the missile age today long enough to give an 11-year-old boy in Madera, Calif., advice on handling an ancient, wayward horse.

Its action was a small thing. But it was a reminder, in a way, that the Army is older than the nation itself and has faced just about all the problems there are.

It seemed the natural place for young Philip Peatman, of 14808 RD. 19, Madera, to turn. So, in a way, he had been penciled in a note to the "Chief of Cavalry, United States Army."

It explained that he and his two brothers, aged 12 and 6, had a 19-year-old horse. The horse behaved well most of the time but went like 60 for the coral whenever being ridden home from the field.

"I would like to know how would you stop him from running back to the corral," Philip asked. "No matter how hard we pull he won't stop."

The Army has not had a chief of cavalry since shortly before World War II, but it has preserved a lingering nostalgia for the horse and it was able to come up quickly with an answer.

In his first official action as the new chief of the armored branch at the Pentagon, Brig. Gen. Frank S. Henry fired off a reply candidly telling Philip that "in years past we frequently have had the same problem with our horses."

First, he said, if Philip's father approved, the youngster should get a double bridle with both curb and snaffle bits.

When the snaffle does not control the horse, use the curb bit, Henry advised, cautioning that the youngster should be alert because some horses don't react so well with curb bits.

Another trick Philip could try, the Army's chief tank officer in Washington said, would be to rein in the horse on one side and make him turn in a circle until his gait slowed. Then let him start for the corral again, and if he starts running again, repeat the circling process.

"I fully realize that it is pretty hard to teach a 19-year-old horse any new tricks," Henry said, but the Army suggestions might help toward a "more pleasant ride."

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