Missing Correspondent's Diary

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world, is a story in itself. I have recorded the details from day to day in my diary. This is the story it tells:

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SATURDAY, JULY 15—Tonight at 9:30, I took off from Washington's National Airport aboard the American Airlines Flagship "Bald Eagle." We are going to be aloft for about eight-and-a-half hours, the stewardess tells me.

SUNDAY, JULY 16—Very early this morning, shortly after one o'clock, we made our first landing at Tulsa, Oklahoma, "oil capital of the world," according to my descriptive folder.

A few hours later it was Oklahoma City, and then there are to be no more stops until we reach San Francisco.

Daylight has come and we are flying over some of America's most spectacular scenic wonders.

Over the "Bald Eagle's" intercom system our attention is called to Arizona's far-famed Painted Desert, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, Canyon City, Colorado, Boulder Dam, Mt. Whitney, Death Valley and others of lesser renown. The flight is as smooth as silk. It's incredible!

It is 7:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time and the "Bald Eagle" sets gracefully down on the long runway at San Francisco's Municipal Airport.

Nearly Freezes in 'Frisco

I am spending the rest of the day and night at Scaggs Hotel.

There's not much to do on Sunday but a little sightseeing which turns out to be not too interesting.

One thing is certain: I'm about to freeze in this cool, damp San Francisco air. The local newspapers forecast continued "mild" weather. How mild can the weather get!

Learns All's Well at Home

It is later in the afternoon and I get a long distance call from my wife and learn that everything is all right at home and the children are fine. I feel a lot better now and I can sleep.

I am thinking, though, just before I drop off into slumber, that I'll have to cross 2,500 miles of the Pacific Ocean tomorrow morning before landing in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Smooth Flight to Hawaii

MONDAY, JULY 17 — This morning at 10 o'clock Pacific Standard Time, I took off from San Francisco's International Airport in a Pan-American World Airways Stratoliner for Honolulu.

The huge, double-decked plane came to a smooth landing at Honolulu's Overseas Air Terminal at about 4:30 p.m., Honolulu time, without having even slightly jarred a single passenger.

I am Pan American's guest at the world-famed Numalu Hotel at Waikiki Beach.

Flight Delayed

TUESDAY, JULY 18 — Scheduled to take off at 10:00 a.m., today for Wake Island somewhere in the Pacific Ocean on the next leg of my journey.

I have just been informed that my flight has been delayed until 9:30 p.m., tonight. I don't know what the reason is, but I'd certainly like to get going again.

But there's nothing to do but make the best of a bad situation.

But maybe, I'll get to see something of fabulous Honolulu and some of the other sights on Oahu Island. Is that bad? Not by a long shot.

Isn't Pan American picking up the check on all of these extras including my room and meals at the Numalu.

And the food at Gam's restaurant. I'll say this much: Pan Am really goes whole hog in looking out quickly. But we took off, all in it is located at Number 1 Shimbun Alley, about three blocks from MacArthur's headquarters.

The Korean War is the most "covered" war in history with 27 more correspondents presently covering it than covered the last par. To accommodate this group, the press has taken over what was formerly a large restaurant building with five floors.

Here all correspondents sleep, get their mail, receive military communiques and store their baggage before they hop off into the combat zone of Korea.

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Tan Lads in 14 Days Continuous Battle

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South Korean friends.

We let supposed refugees through our lines and they stab us in the back.

At night time the enemy is often in our rear as well as at our front.

Everyone serving here, both white and colored, is hungry for news from the States. In Radio Tokyo, headquarters of the Public Information Offices there, I was questioned at length by white WAC captain Mary O' Kelly, who was once stationed at Fort Meade with the Wacs and had only praises for the AFRO-AMERICAN for the aid it gave in recruiting and training Wacs during the last war.

Captain Kelly inquired specifically about Mrs. Lillie Jackson of Baltimore, whom she termed an "organizational genius," Col. West Hamilton, and Capt. Tommy Martin of Washington, Maj. Harriet West and Lt. Clarence Blount of Morgan State College, with whom she said she attended school at Carlisle Barracks.

Our Boys the Talk of Newsmen

At the Tokyo Correspondents' Club where Albert Hinton, pool correspondent of the Negro Newspaper Publishers and I stayed, the talk of veteran correspondents was of the work of the colored infantry regiment who took Yechon on the day we arrived in Tokyo and of the great job being done by two colored jet pilots with an F-89 squadron.

Correspondent Tom Lambert already has reported from the front lines how the 25th Infantry Regiment scored the first major victory of U.S. forces in the Korean war and the news of their victory was given a headline on the front page of the Nippon Times, largest paper in Tokyo.

In this connection, it might be stated that Tokyo papers give plenty of space to any reports coming out of America on colored people.

Althea's Victories Make Headlines

Althea Gibson's recent tennis victory made the headlines in the sport pages here, and the announcement that the New York Yankees had purchased two colored baseball players was also prominently played up here.

The Tokyo Correspondents' Club itself is worthy of note.

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AFRO Man One of 25 Missing

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Sun-Times; Maximillien Philoneko Agence Francais Presse; and Stephen Simmons, Hilton Press and London Picture Post.

Prior to leaving Tokyo for Korea, Mr. Hinton filed a 2100-word cable covering his more than 8000-mile plane trip and his observation in Hawaii (Wake Island), and Japan.

The AFRO-AMERICAN, one of the seven papers represented by Mr. Hinton, prints in an adjoining column the last story written by him before taking off for the war front in Korea.

Native of Virginia

Mr. Hinton was born in Portsmouth, Va., studied in the Norfolk public schools, was graduated from Elizabeth City, N.C., State College and studied further at Howard University. He joined the staff of the Journal and Guide in 1931 and served successively as reporter, city editor, managing editor, and associate editor, his present position.

He was always a fearless and brilliant reporter. A few years ago, he flew to the Virgin Islands to cover the inauguration of William H. Hastie as Governor.

Among the big stories he has covered were the third Scottsboro Boys' trial at Decatur, Ala., the rioting trials at Columbia, Tenn. and the celebrated mass trial of alleged lynchers at Greenville, S.C.

A remarkable series of articles constituting an expose of school conditions in Princess Anne County, Va., in 1946, was the basis of the public service award to the Journal and Guide by the Wendell Wilkie Journalism Foundation in March 1947. The award was personally presented by President Truman at the National Press Club in Washington.

Mr. Hinton's wife is the former Miss Dovie Collins of Norfolk. He has four children: Albert Jr., 11; Lelia, 8; Carl, 5, and Gail, 4. His mother, Mrs. G. D. Hinton, five sisters, and one brother reside in Boston, Mass. His father, a retired letter carrier in Norfolk, is deceased.

Hinton Loaned

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in company with AFRO correspondent Jimmy Hicks

Hicks and Hinton traveled to Korea by air all the way to Japan, but were separated on the last hop to Korea when Hicks was sent to the war zone with the first contingent of correspondents to be shipped out after their arrival.

Had it not been for this trick of fate, both reporters would have been on the fatal airplane which left Tokyo, Thursday morning.

Newman Was on Leave

Mr. Hinton, managing editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, was on leave but was loaned to the National Negro Newspaper Association pool of which Carl Murphy, Daily World, Chicago Defender, president of the, AFRO-AMERICAN Chronicle, Kansas City CAN is chairman and editorial director. Call and Post and the Houston Informer.

Newspapers comprising the pool, in addition to the AFRO and Journal and Guide, are the Atlanta war zone immediately.

An NNPA replacement for Mr. Hinton will be dispatched to the

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He Knows What to Do With Spies

(July 20)—Communist sailors of the North Korean navy, the one on the left was a captain of a 20-ton Russian-made patrol boat, are shown at Taegu, Korea, under military guard. They were captured when U. S. Navy sank a convoy of nine small ships. Military policeman at right is not identified

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GRANDMOTHER FIRST 'PATIENT':

Baltimorean Setting Precedents in Nursing

As a child she was nurse to her aged grandmother—today Mrs. Catherine J. Washington holds a $4,200 job as supervisor of the operating room at Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago—the first of her race to hold the position.

Being first seems to be a feature of the 32-year-old Baltimore-born mother of two growing girls.

While a senior at Provident Hospital here, she was chosen to supervise the operating room, while the regular supervisor was on vacation.

After graduating from Provident, she went to Chicago to take graduate work at Cook County Hospital, a 3300-bed institution.

First Colored Nurse at Cook

Upon completion of her postgraduate work, Mrs. Washington was hired as a general duty nurse at Cook County—becoming the first colored nurse on the hospital's payroll.

A year later, in 1943, Mrs. Washington was appointed head of the eye, ear, nose and throat clinic at the hospital.

In 1945, she went to Mount Sinai on a six-month trial basis, as a "scrub" nurse. She was employed, with the understanding that if she made good, others would be hired. Her salary was $1800 a year.

The record stands for itself. Today, more than 40 nurses of her race are employed at Sinai and in 1948, the nursing school at the hospital was opened to all.

Appointed Assistant

In July, 1946, Mrs. Washington was appointed assistant supervisor in the operating room and in September, 1949, the catalogue from the School of Nursing, listed Mrs. Washington as "Clinical Instructor in Operating Room Technique."

She was named supervisor of the operating room at the 335-bed hospital on June 1. In this capacity, Mrs. Washington heads a staff of 10 graduate and 10 student nurses.

Mrs. Washington met her husband Earl Washington, while on a vacation in Detroit. She was doing graduate work at Cook County Hospital and he was in Chicago as a civil service worker. They were married in 1942.

During her 11-year progressive nursing career, Mrs. Washington "took time out" to give birth to daughters, Earlyne, 7, and Catherine, 5.

Inspired at Provident

Although Mrs. Washington received her first nursing incentive as a child caring for her grandmother in Calvert County, Md., she received the inspiration that fostered her achievements while doing undergraduate work at Provident in those days was Mrs. Mabel V. Hawkins. "It was through working with her, that I was inspired to work hard in the field and spired to work hard in the field has finished a month's vacation at a hearing in North western police court, Tuesday.

Accused of having six capsules of heroin in his possession, Adams was arrested by Lt. Clarence German and Dets. Lloyd Johnson and Joseph Nech, all of headquarters

Mrs. Catherine J. Washington

Baltimorean Named Supervisor at Chicago Hospital

Mrs. Catherine J. Washington, who was the first colored general duty nurse employed at Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, five years ago, was recently appointed supervisor of the operating room. A graduate of Provident Hospital, Baltimore, she is the daughter of Mrs. Catherine Jackson, 1027 Brantley Ave. Photo was taken in one of the operating rooms at Sinai. At right is Miss Dusolina Prorok, assistant.

Washington, with her daughters, Washington ton and her family live at 4801 Evans Ave., in Chicago.

The daughter of Mrs. Catherine Jackson of 1027 Brantley Ave., Mrs.

Cheating Charge Blamed for Fight

Whether the dice were loaded or not, was the subject of an argument, a shooting match, and, finally, a hearing in Western Police Court, Tuesday.

Figuratively, the dice were loaded against Thomas Anderson, 35, of the 700 block S. Greene St., and James A. Williams, 36, of the 900-block Ridgely St., both of whom suffered bullet injuries in an altercation on July 15. The embattled pair were held in $1000 bail on assault charges.

Police said Anderson was conducting a crap game near his home at the S. Greene St. address, when Williams advised a friend of his to drop out of the game because the dice were loaded. Anderson resented his interference, and an argument ensued.

Later, testimony revealed, Anderson and Williams exchanged gunfire with the former's house as a backdrop. Anderson employed a revolver. Icom a second story window, while Williams blasted with a shotgun on the outside.

Wife Mum, Husband Cleared in Assault.

"There was blood in every room ... it looked like a slaughterhouse," is the way Officer Charles Harris described the apartment of a married couple in the 1100 block of Carrollton Ave.

The couple, Adolphus Brown, 27, and Mrs. Idella Brown, 19, were charged in Northwestern police court, Thursday, with disturbing the peace. Mr. Brown was also accused of striking his wife with a bottle.

Officer Harris told Magistrate Thomas L. Fitzpatrick that when he quelled a disturbance at their home, Wednesday night, it was necessary to make two trips to Provident Hospital before Mrs. Brown would submit to treatment for a head injury.

Assault charges were dismissed against Mr. Brown when his wife declined to testify. Both were fined $15 for disturbing the peace

Man Held on Charge of Possessing Heroin

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