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(Ned Calmer gave bc. - L.T. in New Guinea)

And a very good evening to you. While Lowell is away, we're going to try to fill those famous traveling boots of his, but they're not easy to fill, you have to catch up to them first. In the summer dawn this morning, an express train roared through the picturesque countryside of southern France, near Avignon, famous for the palace of the Popes and the fields painted by Vincent Van Gogh, a mecca for thousands of American tourists each year. The train had left Nice, on the French Riviera, bound for Paris, with hundreds of tourists and many Americans on board. At the village of Boulegne, a sleepy switchman, preparing to shunt another train onto a sidetrack, apparently threw the handle too soon. It was the approaching express train that hurtled off the main line, onto the sidetrack and jumped the rails at a

speed of seventy-five miles an hour. Twenty-one killed, over seventy injured, including two Americans. One of the survivors - Ramond Veirmish, hurried to a telephone after the crash to tell his wife that he was safe. As he picked up the receiver, he dropped dead of a heart attack.

## HOFFA

A federal jury decided in Washington today that James Hoffa, the mid-West boss of the Teamsters Union, was innocent of the charge that he tried to bribe an attorney to spy on the Senate Rackets Committee for him. It took the jury almost five hours to reach its "not guilty" verdict and as a result of Hoffa's acquittal today, the speculation in Washington is that Hoffa's chances to succeed Dave Beck as boss of all the Teamsters has improved.

## BEAUTY CONTEST

A beautiful girl stood up in front of a crowd of reporters, in Long Beach, California, today and said "I'm glad it's all over - at least, I was Miss United States for a day." A few hours earlier, she had lost her title in the Miss Universe contest because she broke the rule. She masqueraded as a single girl, but actually she's married and the mother of two children. "I know the rules," said Mrs. G. N. Ennis, of Baltimore, who passed herself off as Miss Leona Gage, "but I took a chance and lost. We needed money desperately. We owe a lot of bills. My husband makes only \$300.00 a month. We live in a rented house. We don't have our own furniture. My two children need clothes." And thus the story came out how the eighteen-year-old Miss Maryland, married three years ago to an Army staff sergeant, stationed at Friendship International Airport,

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in Baltimore, plotted to compete in the Miss Universe contest. First, she sent her two children to their grandmother's farm in Maryland, then turned up in California to win the Miss United States prize. Contest officials began to worry when a news report revealed her marriage in Texas and her mother-in-law admitted there were two children, although Leona denied it until she finally broke down. So, Miss U.S.A., for a day, loses the title and the thousands of dollars in prizes and privileges that go with it, while the contest director shrugged his shoulders and said "After all, she's a young kid. Often, a young girl is pushed into these things. It seems like a small lie, in the beginning. Anyway, we think she's pretty wonderful." Succeeding to the title of Miss United States will be Miss Utah, Charlotte Sheffield of Salt Lake City, who stood up

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with Leona at the dramatic news conference, warmly clasping her hand. Leona kept a stiff upper lip throughout. It was Miss Utah who cried.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

The great debate in the Senate over civil rights rolled on today, with hundreds of thousands of words filling up the official record. But no sign that the final bill is going to be much softer than the bill first proposed. Several amendments were offered, three of them by California's Senator Knowland, who's leading the Administration's fight for the bill. But action was withheld for a while at least. The hottest section of the bill is the one giving the Attorney General the authority to move in on civil rights cases on his own initiative. Senator Knowland, however, late today indicated that there would be no compromise on this vital section of the bill.

## ROCKET

The early morning sun over the Nevada Desert today appeared to grow pale when an Air Force plane fired the first atomic rocket designed for air-to-air war. The newest weapon in the Air Force's growing arsenal was launched from an F-Eighty-Nine Scorpion jet flying at fifteen thousand feet. Observers, stationed about thirteen miles away, saw what looked like a pink doughnut-shaped cloud which gradually took the shape of the now familiar mushroom identifying the explosion as nuclear in its origin. The atomic rocket is called by the magical name, Genie, and after the test the Air Defense Command said "it was fully successful, including accuracy." Five officers, who were under the rocket when it exploded, came out of the blast area without even a speck of dust on their uniforms. They said they felt no ill effects from the explosion but the heat wave felt like when you open the furnace door.



## ZHUKOV

A couple of days ago, President Eisenhower said it might be a good idea for Russian Defense Chief Marshal Zhukov to visit the United States. Today this idea was denounced in the House of Representatives and the Senate. One Congressman, Representative Bentley of Michigan, said it would be a calamity if Zhukov were invited here and called the Russian general "the butcher of Budapest."

The President tonight is at his Gettysburg farm, where he's going to rest for the week-end, but at the same time keep an eye on what's going on in Washington. Next month the President takes off for Newport, Rhode Island, for a real vacation, and it looks like he'll be able to get in some pretty good fishing. The Rhode Island Fish and Game Commission says "some big, fat and sassy trout" are going to be

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transplanted from a hatchery into the streams nearby so  
the President will have something to cast for.

## SHEPPARD

The case of Dr. Sam Sheppard, the Cleveland doctor now in prison for killing his wife, is back in the news. It was reopened because a Florida convict is said to have confessed that on the night that Dr. Sam was supposed to have killed his wife, the convict killed a woman in Cleveland. The circumstances described in the convict's statement are similar to those surrounding the Sheppard case. So today Ohio's Governor William O'Neill ordered that Dr. Sam take a lie detector test and the governor acted after Joseph Wedler, the Florida convict, said that he wanted to get a murder off his conscience.

## PHONE CALLS

Every now and then, a story comes along that Mark Twain might have told, if Mark had been with us at the time of the pay station phone. Folks around Clarence Wendling's filling station, on the outskirts of Springfield, Illinois are telling it - about the lonely man who walked into Clarence's station last Tuesday and just wanted to talk. He talked to anybody who came by, anybody willing to listen; but mostly he talked on the phone. He called Princess Grace in Monte Carlo; he called Texas, New York, Wisconsin, Las Vegas and talked to people there as the minutes wore into long hours. After about twelve hours of this, the phone company sent around a man to unload the box and make room for more nickels, dimes and quarters. And the talking man kept sending out for more change. Soon, all the stores in the neighborhood were out of nickels, dimes and quarters

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and, in the meantime, the man was sending out for sandwiches and soda pop and keeping right on talking with his mouth full. Once he gave twenty-five dollars to a customer as a gift, just so he'd have somebody to talk to. Clarence Wendling says it was good talk, too. "He told the finest stories," said Clarence. "He used big words and sometimes he'd spell them out. He'd recite wonderful poetry and once through an interpreter, he talked with a teacher in Paris, France, and recited poems for her to hear. And you know," said Clarence, "he put more than three hundred dollars into that phone box. And then the talking stranger just went away. He'd still be talking," said Clarence, "if we all hadn't run out of change."

## AGA KHAN

The Aga Khan today was laid to rest in a temporary tomb in Egypt's ancient land of the dead. The old Aga's wife, the Begum, sobbed, and hundreds of his followers prayed and moaned. The colorful ceremony was held up for fifteen minutes when the coffin proved to be too long for the tomb - and workmen had to chop out some bricks so it would fit. The new Aga Khan, son of Ali Khan, the former husband of actress Rita Hayworth, stood tight-lipped in a white linen suit, the kind that his grandfather loved to wear. The old Aga's villa, on the banks of the Nile, at Aswan, was turned into a mosque for the ceremony and thousands of the Ismaili faithful jammed into the living room and courtyard. The funeral lasted for forty-five minutes, in a temperature of one hundred and fifteen degrees. The Khan is to be reburied in about eighteen months, when his permanent mausoleum is built on a hill overlooking the ancient Nile.

ARTHUR MILLER

Arthur Miller, the playwright who married actress Marilyn Monroe, today was fined five hundred dollars and given a one month suspended jail sentence for contempt of Congress. You'll recall that Miller was brought into Federal Court on the contempt charges because he declined to name other writers who attended Communist meetings with him in nineteen forty-seven. Tonight Miller's attorney says that they are going to appeal the sentence and Miller was allowed to go free in a thousand dollars bail.

## FOLLOW CIVIL RIGHTS

The defense in the trial of eleven persons accused of trying to interfere with the integration of the Clinton High School, in Tennessee, surprised everybody in the Knoxville courtroom today. The defense lawyers decided to rest their case without putting many witnesses on the stand. One of the defense lawyers summed it up this way, "We say that the Government has not made out any case at all and there's no reason to deny or dispute immaterial or irrelevant matters. The case, therefore, is at a standstill until Monday, when both sides get a chance to sum up and then it will be up to the jury."



## RUG

The almighty dollar is in the news today, but not in quite the same way as the story from Arlington, Virginia, puts it. A dry cleaner there named Alex George had a three-by-six foot rug from Iran that looked just like an outdated one dollar bill, and after cleaning it, he put it up in his window. First thing you know - the U.S. Secret Service was down on him. An operative came around to demand the name of the rug's owner and to say that Uncle Sam doesn't like facsimiles of his monetary handiwork whether in counterfeit bills or imitation rugs. But Alex George refused to disclose the identity of the owner. He maintained that the relationship between a dry cleaner and his client is sacred. However, after talking to his lawyer, Alex grudgingly agreed to take the rug down. "But," he said, "I don't see what harm it does to display it. Who could spend a rug?" Could you, Joe?

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Away back in the year Nineteen-Seven, Walter Dunneman and Selma May Back got married in Hot Springs, Arkansas. But they didn't get along very well together, and in the years that followed, he married twice more and she married three times. Last month Walter saw Selma May for the first time in thirty years and Monday they're going to get married again. "We both realize," she says, "we've just been a couple of kids. The twilight years are best and we want to spend them together." I'll say - so long now until tomorrow.

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