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today indicted on

~~Today's indictment of Billie Sol Estes has~~ twenty

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nine counts. Everything from illegal transportation of securities, to using the mails to defraud. Most of the charges, connected with the Wheeler-dealer's handling of government contracts, his grain storage business and the paper empire built on it. The Grand Jury sitting in

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El Paso decided ^S that a prosecution is in order, ~~indicting~~

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Billie Sol Estes *indicted, today.*

MOUNTAINEERS

Those four mountaineers who disappeared on Mt. Gyachung Kang ^{- near Mt. Everest -} were trapped by the oriental Monsoon. The seasonal change, striking suddenly - as it usually does.

Winds, heavy with rain - sweeping in from the Bay of Bengal.

Blowing across northern Hindustan - to the Himalayas. Then

dropping their moisture in ^{the form of snow when they encounter} ~~thick snow - as they batter against~~

the tallest peaks on our planet.

Meanwhile, up there on Gyachung Kang in Nepal -

~~where~~ ^{are} Norman Hansen of Boston, Robert Hart, a student at Tufts University, and Professor Woodrow Wilson Sayre, also of Tafts. With the three Americans - Hans Duttler of Switzerland. Professor Sayre, a grandson of - our World War One President.

The four departed from Katmandu on May Second - in a bid to climb the peak that rises almost twenty-six thousand feet. Since they left their base camp - ~~complete~~ ^{no word.} ~~silence.~~ Their food must long since have run out. So the

presumption is, that when the Monsoon snow fell - the four mountaineers missed their way. They could be lost ^{for that is} ~~in some~~

Some of the most difficult
~~of the worst~~ terrain on earth. Lost on Mt. Gyachung Kang -
in the lofty Himalayas.

~~We have some~~ ^{A few} details tonight - about the Indian ^{alleged} counter-offensive against the Chinese Reds. ^{in order} ~~The area of~~

~~Kashmir -~~ ^{Kashmir -} ~~Ladakh, up along~~ ^{on} the western border of Tibet.

~~Mao's soldiers~~ ^{Mao's soldiers} ~~the men of Mao Tse Tung~~ crossed from Tibet into Ladakh -

through the ^{high} mountain passes, and set up command posts ^{in a} ~~in a~~

^{region} ~~in a~~ that is claimed by India.

The Indian strategy - push advance guards beyond the Chinese. Then, circle behind them - and blockade the passes.

The idea being - to cut the ⁱⁿ supply lines, ⁱⁿ Force the ~~enemy~~ ^{enemy} to retreat northeast - back into Tibet.

But what if Mao should send reinforcements - into Ladakh? According to Nehru, the Indian army is ready for a battle - if it comes. But - he doesn't think it will. Nehru, confident - that the Chinese Reds will retreat.

CAPTIVES

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Those three American missionaries who disappeared in South Viet Nam - are captives of the Reds. Eleanor Vietti of Houston, Texas, Archie Mitchell of Ellenburg, Washington, and Daniel Gerber of Dalton, Ohio - in good condition, according to villagers who saw them. The missionaries were taken by surprise when the guerrillas attacked - and hustled off ^{them} into the jungle. No indication of their fate - until today.

ISLANDS

One of President Kennedy's campaign arguments may be coming home to roost - on ^{those} ~~some~~ bits of earth and rock off the China coast; ~~Remember~~ Quemoy and Matsu? Candidate Kennedy described them as "indefensible" - while he was making his bid for the Presidency. President Kennedy may have to decide - whether or not to defend them,

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger told newsmen today - that Mao Tse Tung is concentrating infantry and planes on the mainland, opposite the islands. President Kennedy, watching the build-up - "with concern". ~~pulling over the question~~ what to do - if the Reds threaten to take Quemoy and Matsu.

RUSK

As expected, the visit of the American Secretary of State to West Berlin - was the signal for a demonstration by the inhabitants of the beleaguered city. Thousands of West Berliners, gathering at the wall - as Dean Rusk inspected it. They applauded, cheered, and waved banners with slogans like - "The Americans ~~must~~ stay", - and "^{Bring} ~~send~~ back General Clay!" Secretary Rusk, responding with the ~~now~~ familiar pledge - that we will not permit West Berlin to be taken by the Reds, ^{and -} ~~Rusk - saying~~ that we intend to keep talking to the Russians, in the hope of working out an agreement.

If our Secretary had arrived a few hours earlier - he would have seen just what the wall means. Namely - refugees, frantically trying to escape amid a hail of Communist bullets. Most of those who tried it today - seemed to have ^{ten} got through. About a dozen, arriving safely - in West Berlin.

Tonight, an Air Force Major is - the highest pilot in the world. Meaning - Major Bob White and his X-15, setting a new altitude record. Soaring higher than anyone - except the astronauts and cosmonauts.

The X-15, dropped from its mother plane - eight miles up, ^{going} ~~roaring~~ into action with a thrust of fifty-seven thousand pounds - as Bob White opened up the engines. The X-15, hitting ~~a speed~~ five times the speed of sound. ~~Zooming~~ ^{going up} ~~into the sky~~ almost vertically. ^{up, up,} at a velocity so fantastic ~~- that~~ in just over two minutes, ^{he} ~~the rocket plane~~ was at the edge of space. Forty-seven miles - above the surface of the earth. No one else ^{ever before flew so} ~~has ever flown as~~ high, in a ~~jet~~ plane - as ^{today} ~~did~~ Bob White in his X-15.

MONEY

The "City of Vanishing Money". Where is that?

Answer - Washington. At least - as far as the

administration is concerned. Cash on hand - not enough

to pay government employees. A financial crisis due

to - a squabble in Congress. The House and Senate

Appropriations Committees - in a struggle for

precedence, unable to decide which chairman - should

preside. Or - where the session should be held.

It will be ironed out - so we here - so we hope.

CHECK FOLLOW MONEY

But there's enough money - in Wisconsin. There must be, when one tax refund comes ^{to} ~~in~~ ^{and a half} two million ~~dollars~~.

~~eight thousand, nine hundred and twenty one dollars. The~~

^{for that} check, signed by the State Treasurer - and sent to Jim

Northrop and Lee Busch, who run a car salvage business in Burlington, Wisconsin.

Jim and Lee ~~in~~ took the check to the bank - where it was declared perfectly valid. But - the bank didn't have enough money to cash it.

It's the old story.

~~You can guess the explanation.~~ The refund check

^{actually} was supposed to ~~come to~~ ^{be for} - two dollars and fifty cents.

An IBM machine - ~~was~~ making a slight error. Sending the car salvage men - two million forty-eight thousand, nine hundred and twenty one dollars.

PARTY

How about that party at the home of the Attorney General. Actually, it was a very quiet party," says one guest.

"Have you heard about - Ethel Kennedy getting dunked; her chair slipping off a plank at the edge of the pool? The hostess, doing a back flip - into the water. Ethel, hardly fished out - when the same thing happened to Presidential assistant Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. While they were getting Schlesinger out of the pool - in went Mrs. Spencer Davis. Dick, would you say a quiet but slightly damp party at the Kennedys!

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW PARTY

Over at the White House ~~the action was less~~
~~rambunctious.~~ The new library of the Executive Mansion ~~was~~
unveiled by the First Lady, today. The theme of the new
decor, colonial - in keeping with the First Lady's historical
taste. ~~The~~ Oak paneling, plush carpets, and Eighteenth
Century portraits on the wall ^{that} would make a colonial Governor
feel ~~ix~~ right at home. ~~What next for the White House~~
~~Library?~~ ^{says she} The First Lady is on the lookout for ^{authentic} rare books.
~~These, also to be authentic.~~ Old volumes of Plutarch, Virgil,
Newton, Addison and so on. The kind of thing that Virginia
gentlemen and Boston scholars were reading - around the year
Seventeen Fifty.