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TOWER. Last night's warning about the sunken Texas Tower - was justified. The Navy told us not to expect any survivors of the twenty-eight man crew - carried to the bottom of the Atlantic, when the Tower collapsed. Tonight, sombre official confirmation - no survivors. The sea-and-air search - called off.

Divers are still probing the wreckage - in what no longer is a rescue operation. It's a salvage operation - with a grim search for bodies. The end of the Texas Tower - that only a few days ^{ago} formed part of the radar defense of our East Coast.

CONGO

In the Congo - a scene like something from the old days of Western Imperialism. Howling natives - throwing themselves against disciplined troops. With - the inevitable result. This time - Baluba tribesmen, plunging headlong against the defenses put up by UN troops from Sweden. The Balubas, charging in - with spears, daggers, arrows, and primitive muskets. The UN soldiers, cutting them down - with automatic rifles and machineguns. Three Baluba attacks repulsed today, with heavy casualties.

But the UN Command - is worried. The Swedes are running out of - food and ammunition. The Balubas - refusing to retreat. Instead, they're prowling around the UN defense perimeter, chanting their war songs - waiting for another chance to attack.

LAOS

In Laos, a furious battle has been surging back and forth - across the city of Vang Vieng. The government ^{troops} ~~forces~~ forcing the Reds out of Vang Vieng. The Reds - storming back ~~to~~ to retake the airfield. Attempting to recapture the city. But in Vientiane, Prince Boun Oum claims - his army has the situation in hand. And shortly will regroup for a major offensive - to drive the Communists into the Laotian Jungle.

SPACE

The International Conference set for Strasbourg, France, on January thirtieth - will launch a new phase of the space age. The Europeans - beginning to take up their share of the work of probing the solar system. ~~The~~ Western nations that have been mainly responsible for the creation of modern science - trying to catch up with Russia and America in this particular field. The plan for international cooperation - British. London, arguing - that Europe cannot afford to rely on non-European powers for astronomical research. And in Nineteen Sixty-One, that means - space exploration. Which fifteen European states are now undertaking in a joint program. Nations from Spain to Austria - from Italy to Sweden.

TRAIN

That collision at Magnolia, Mississippi, was so violent - the train hurled the truck into a box car on another track. The train - the crack streamline "City of New Orleans". The truck - a carrier for Standard Oil, standing at the tracks. The "City of New Orleans" doesn't stop at Magnolia - so it flashed through at high speed, Smashing into the truck - knocking it into the air like a toy. A sheet of flame, erupting - as gasoline sprayed over the area. The toll - six dead, four injured.

ARCHBISHOP

Here's an interesting idea - the Archbishop of Canterbury as a bullfighter. His Grace, in the venerable vestments, of the Church of England - facing El Toro with cape and sword. The crowd, shouting - "Ole, Ole!" The Archbishop, hoisted aloft - carried out of the arena in triumph.

Is this a spectacle anyone is likely to see? It was the Archbishop himself who used this figure of speech. Doctor Fisher, announcing his retirement from the historic See of Canterbury - saying his career is over; that now he wants to retire. Said the Archbishop of Canterbury: - "I feel like a matador who has decided not to enter the bullring."

The Archbishop has been a conspicuous and popular figure in British public life. So he will leave the Palace at Canterbury, Dick - to the shout of - "Ole! Ole!" I mean - "Hurrah, Hurrah! and many a Hear! Hear!"

BANK

In Sheldon, Iowa, a policeman remarked today -
"I don't understand it, Mrs. Geiger was a trusted employee
of the bank." That's a masterpiece of understatement.
Mrs. Burnice Geiger was a cashier in The Sheldon National
Bank for forty years. ~~But - here's the real point.~~
Also -
~~Mrs. Geiger,~~ a daughter of W. P. Iverson - President of
the bank. No wonder - she was a trusted employee.

On Monday, a routine check showed - her books
weren't quite in order. In fact, they were out of order
- by two million dollars. That much, passing through the
cashier's cage - then disappearing from the bank's records.
Mrs. Geiger ^{is} in jail tonight - ~~on a~~ charge of embezzlement.
And The bank, hit so hard by this ~~embezzler~~ ^{that} her father ^{has}
had to close the doors.