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## RAILROADS

The end of a thrilling and romantic era in American transportation - was heralded today by the New York Central Railroad.

The Central announcing plans to eliminate all long-haul passenger service - as of January 1.

The plan calling for an end to overnight sleepers - dining cars - and other old-time railroad luxuries. In exchange for a new "Spartan" service - geared to modern transportation needs.

If approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission - the so-called "Spartan" service will provide high-speed shuttle rail service - between eighty paired American cities. An attempt - says the Central - to concentrate on the vast number of Americans - who confine themselves to a travel range of about two hundred miles.

SENATE

After weeks of controversy and seven days of full debate -  
the Senate today <sup>at last</sup> approved ~~at last~~ a new Foreign Economic Aid bill.

The measure providing some two billion dollars - for another year  
of economic and technical assistance overseas; along with a two-year  
extension - of the Latin American "Alliance for Progress" Program.

Final action -delayed an additional two hours; by a  
proposed amendment - condemning West Germany for helping Red China  
to build a steel mill. In the end - the declaration was approved  
in a slightly watered-down version - by a vote of nearly two-to-one.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - the scene of major operations shifted sharply today; from that no-man's-land between North and South Vietnam - back to Saigon.

~~Communist~~ Viet Cong guerrillas near the capitol - attacking headquarters of the U.S. Twenty-fifth Infantry Division. Pouring in round after round - of mortar and heavy artillery fire. The attack lasting ninety minutes - before it was finally ended by rocket-firing U.S. helicopters. Nevertheless, American casualties called - "very light."

Meanwhile, a statement today from North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh - that there is no need at present for Russian troops in Vietnam. Ho asserting that the North Vietnamese - "relying on their own forces - are now fighting heroically and effectively" against their enemies.

Ho further reaffirming an earlier statement - that he has no intention of trying captured American airmen as war criminals. The real criminals - said he - "are Johnson, Rusk, McNamara and U.S. Imperialist circles."

## PILLS

A rumor that began in Milan, Italy - spread quickly today throughout the world, With special impact - on the U.S. stockmarket; Before it was finally - put to rest.

^ The rumor - published in Milan - supposedly based on information from high Vatican sources. These sources reporting that Pope Paul will probably permit the use of oral contraceptives by Roman Catholics - for two years after each birth.

The furor in Catholic circles - second only to the furor on the stock market - where shares of firms producing oral contraceptives - jumped as high as five points.

However, in the midst of <sup>all</sup> the excitement <sup>came</sup> a flat denial from Rome. The Milan report - said to be "sheer fantasy." A Vatican official asserting that there will be no decision - before late summer. Adding that no one can say now - what the Pontiff will eventually decide.

MOSCOW

By order of the Kremlin - a sweeping new crackdown today - against juvenile delinquency - drunkenness, violence and vandalism in the Soviet Union. Including the creation of a new national ministry - to supervise the stepped-up fight against crime.

As announced - the program providing stiffer penalties - for petty vandalism and armed attacks; summary fines - for public drunkenness; new restrictions - on parolees; along with special incentives - designed encourage civilians to try to help capture criminals.

~~One cause - wiping out Russia 's ancient "eye-for-an-eye." principle - with regard to self-defense from criminal attack. Soviet citizens told for the first time - that if they seriously injure or even kill a would-be criminal - in the act of defending themselves - there would be no retribution.~~

## LONDON FOLLOW MOSCOW

Another historic legal development - today in London.

The House of Lords - highest appeals court in Britain - saying it will no longer consider binding - decisions made in the past. Asserting, in effect - that future cases will be decided on the basis of individual ~~will~~ rather than historic precedent.

The Lord Chancellor of the House emphasizing that past precedent - "will remain an indispensable foundation upon which to decide what is the law." Adding, however, that change - is undeniable. The reason - said he - because "too rigid adherence to precedent might lead to injustice to a particular case - and also unduly restrict the proper development of the law."

## SHIP

An anniversary today -- that may come as something of a surprise. Tenth anniversary -- of the sinking of the Andrea Dorea. How time flies! The accident -- remember -- in dense fog about twenty miles off the coast of Massachusetts. The Italian flag ship colliding with the Swedish Motor Vessel Stockholm. Twenty-five persons losing their lives.

Since then -- a number of efforts to raise the Andrea Dorea -- but none successful. Meanwhile, the price of the ship keeps going up. Built in nineteen fifty-three at a cost of twenty-one million -- the Andrea Dorea is now valued at sixty million. If someone can just figure out -- how to get it up.

## KARATE

Now you, too - can become an instant Karate expert. The proof, from a pair of Dutch Doctors - at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

To begin with - the Doctors determining that a bona-fide Karate expert - can deliver a blow with the explosive force of about two hundred pounds. This by striking an object with the heel of his hand - just below the wrist. Enough force to break a brick in two - if he so desires.

In a series<sup>es</sup> of later experiments - the Doctors next determining that a non-Karate expert - ~~an ordinary man~~ like you or me - can readily deliver a "Karate chop" of comparable force. Strong enough again to break a brick - if he can just be persuaded to hit it with all his might. The Doctors proving - as they put it - that "the factor of courage - is of great importance."

~~And now here is a brick of a fellow - who would never be broken even by an expert - through Nijmegen.~~



## FASHION

Here in the States -- it was hot again today over much of the nation. But in Paris -- it was midwinter. That is top French designers today displaying the fashions that women will wear -- when July has turned to January.

The big news -- long coats. The better to keep milady's bare knees from freezing in the winter winds. In the same vein -- boots rising to mid-thigh. Not to mention knickers -- for "apres ski."

Also -- from the house of Balmain -- a little item for the woman who has almost everything else. It's called a mink -- sweatshirt. But, Warren, how can they call it that? Men, sweat. Women, perspire! Don't they?

SHELBY

Some of the problems with summer help are indicated in this next -- from Shelby, North Carolina. A report to the city council from City Manager Phil Horton concerning his troubles with a summer substitute.

"The substitute did not once address me as 'Sir'" -- said Horton. "She would not answer the telephone -- and when I called her attention to an error in her typing -- she told me to go "jump in the lake." The City Manager concluding: "That's the last time while I'm in this office that I'll ask my wife -- to help out."