

DEFENSE

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The Defense Bill that went from Capitol Hill to the White House today - passed its last hurdle with no opposition. The vote in the House - unanimous. ~~XXXX~~ Four hundred and three - to none. *A most impressive vote!*

The measure calls for - thirteen and a half billion dollars. That much, for weapons - to meet the threat of a shooting war. Emphasizing - ships, planes and missiles.

As far as the three armed services are concerned, the Army seems to be getting - the short end of the allocations only - ~~xi~~ seventy-million. ~~dollars~~. The Air Force - three hundred and two million. *with* The Navy, on top *at* ~~with~~ three hundred and eighty-five million.

COMMUNIQUE

The joint communique issued today at the White House - says the obvious things. President Kennedy and Formosa's Vice President Chen Cheng - sticking to the areas of agreement. Of which- there are many. The two statesmen, adopting a common attitude - to Berlin, Laos, Korea, Viet Nam, and so on.

A couple of key issues not mentioned - outer Mongolia, and the strategy for barring Red China from the U N. Both of these problems, handed back to the lower echelons - for further study.

Tonight, Chen Cheng is playing host - at a dinner in honor of President Kennedy. The visit ~~is~~ of Nationalist China's Vice President - ending on a note of good will and optimism.

DETECTIVE

The new head of the White House Secret Service must have known what he was ~~go~~ doing - when he went to college. Gerald Behn, attending Michigan State majoring in police administration. Going straight from the campus - into police work. His ability, so striking - that within two years he was guarding President Roosevelt. ~~And he's~~ *He has* been on the presidential detail - ever since. Gerald Behn, reaching the top today - when President Kennedy picked him to head the squad at the White House.

EAST GERMANY

The new harassment by the East German Reds may be caused by - the decline of their currency. Our State Department points out that the West German Mark - is much stronger than the East German Mark. So, the East Germans who work in West Berlin - are being stopped ~~xxxx~~ at the border. Forced to hand over - the money they bring back with them. Receiving less valuable East German money - in exchange.

At the same time, the puppets of the Kremlin are trying to choke off - the flood of refugees. Turning back - hundreds of East Germans <sup>as they</sup> head ~~out~~ West. But thousands <sup>reported</sup> are still getting through - to freedom.

BERLIN

Italian diplomats in Moscow say that Khrushchev ~~has~~ does not expect a war - over Berlin, <sup>and</sup> thinks - a settlement can be worked out. That is - a settlement on his own terms. He told this to Italian Premier Fanfani - who is visiting Moscow.

Which appears to ~~not~~ leave the Berlin crisis - right where it was. Khrushchev, trying to lay down the law - as to which western rights shall be respected, <sup>And</sup> - which violated. The West, retorting - that the writ of the Soviet Dictator does not run in West Berlin.

G O P

The Republican Party today opened its Nineteen  
Sixty Two campaign. G O P Chairman William Miller, announcing  
- a series of regional conferences to come. Stars of the  
show, naturally - Richard Nixon, Nelson Rockefeller and Barry  
Goldwater. But the Republicans will have hundreds of orators  
stumping the country - right down to the precinct level.  
Purpose - to win as many state offices as possible <sup>and</sup> ~~make~~ Make  
Nineteen Sixty Two the springboard for - the G O P  
presidential campaign of Nineteen Sixty-Four.

BUS

Anyone who has travelled along Switzerland's Lopper Road - can understand today's bus tragedy on that scenic highway. The Lopper Road, a narrow winding trail carved from solid rock - in the mountains above Lake Lucerne. One of the most beautiful spots - in all of Europe. Also - one of the most dangerous.

Today's accident - showing just how dangerous. A bus carrying thirty-eight American tourists - hit one curve of the Lopper road too fast. Veering - off the shoulder. Plunging - into Lake Lucerne. The toll - more than twenty dead. ~~Agreement to the scenic tour that began at "Autumn Holidays" in New York.~~

MOON

The phrase "walking spaceship" sounds like- a contradiction in terms. You walk - on the earth. Fly - through space. But the phrase makes perfectly good sense at the Martin Company in Baltimore. Martin, working on contracts - for the exploration of our solar system. One of their projects - a space ship to land on the moon. <sup>and</sup> Then travel around the lunar surface - on stilts. The moon being too dusty for wheels. Hence "walking spaceship."



## EQUALITY

The Senator from Maine is against - chivalry, which seems odd - since the Senator is a lady. Margaret Chase Smith - one of the more attractive members of Congress, <sup>and</sup> often treated with much chivalry - by her Masculine colleagues.

Still, the thing that Senator Smith wants most - is equality. The rights of women - that allowed her to make a stunning career in politics. Something her grandmother would never have been allowed to do - back in the age of anti-feminine discrimination.

Today, Senator Margaret Chase Smith told the girls ~~in~~ of the American Legion Auxiliary - that they should give up their privileges. <sup>and</sup> ~~That they should~~ demand equality. - ~~for example, the right to stand on the bus, or on the floor of the Senate.~~

CHECKS

Here's a conundrum - to puzzle over. "What's the connection between a rubber check - and Jaguar hunting?"  
Answer - Mickey Weiss.

Mickey apparently has - two careers. He's accused of being a bad check artist - who occasionally goes off to hunt jaguars in Yucatan. Occasionally - meaning, when the heat is on <sup>with</sup> the Weiss checks - bouncing. Weiss, disappearing into the Mexican jungle - <sup>on Yucatan</sup> ~~at the~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~head~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~safari~~ <sup>^</sup> ;  
~~Figuring~~ <sup>tropical</sup> that the jaguars of Mexico are less dangerous-  
than the F B I:

His opinion - correct. The jaguars - never did get him. The F B I did - today. Arresting him at his New York apartment - as he was packing for ~~an~~ another trip ~~to~~ to Yucatan. Mickey Weiss, who knows something about - bad checks and big cats.

## NAMES

The passing of Frank Link in San Francisco - brings two familiar names into the news: - John Sutter and Giuseppe Verdi. For Frank Link was a great grandson of John Sutter - of gold rush days; when gold was discovered - at Sutter's mill? Sutter tried to conceal - the great discovery - but - the secret got out, and that started the stampede to California. The Forty-Niners, heading for - Sutter's Mill. Eldorado - on the Sacramento.

Where does Verdi come in? The composer of Aida and Rigoletto - never saw California; but Frank Link did marry Verdi's great grand-daughter. Her maiden name was appropriately - Aida Verdi.

So the great grandson of the gold rush pioneer - who married the great grand-daughter of the famous composer, leaves this life - in San Francisco.

Now from San Francisco - to Dick Noel in New York

PICTURE

The Duke of Wellington - is not coming to America.

I mean - Goya's famous painting of Britain's Iron Duke.

The masterpiece was bought by an American oilman - for a

hundred and forty thousand pounds. <sup>all of which</sup> ~~And that ~~sum~~~~ touched

off an uproar - in and out of Parliament. Vociferous demands

that the painting be kept where it belongs - in Britain.

Today, Chancellor of the Exchequer Selwyn Lloyd

made one of the few popular announcements - of his tenure.

Telling the Commons - enough money has ~~been~~ been raised to

pay for the Goya painting. That crusty old Briton, the Duke

of Wellington, to remain in Britain.