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RAILROADS

From Chicago, the Illinois Central Railroad - reports - "passenger service, just about - back to normal. Freight service - getting there."

The company and the union seem happy about this. The Illinois Central had already struck - when President Johnson made his statement to the nation - telling us that both sides had agreed to - a fifteen day cooling off period - a statement that prevented other lines from shutting down. The Illinois Central handles some forty-five thousand Chicago commuters.

As for a permanent settlement? That, of course, is up to the men who are bargaining - at the White House, making one more attempt to agree on new work rules for the railroads of America.

DIPLOMATS

There's an air of mystery about the harassment of those American diplomats - in the Soviet Union. An harassment that seems to have been staged - by the Soviet authorities. And yet the Americans - are not expelled. Merely restricted to Moscow - for ninety days.

Colonel Edgar Smith and Captain Edmund Zvetina were attacked by a mob - that formed a Kangaroo court; and tried to frighten the Americans into signing a confession which - they refused to do.

In Leningrad; an American embassy car was blocked on the street; surrounded by Russians who kicked and pounded it with the Soviet police ignoring the appeals of - the two U.S. Navy men inside; Commander Stuart Savage of Alma, Kansas and Lieutenant Leonard Bracken of Philadelphia.

Both incidents in unrestricted areas. Today our government retaliated by restricting four Soviet diplomats - to the Washington area for ninety days.

KHRUSHCHEV

With Khrushchev ending his visit to Hungary - western Kremlinologists are pointing out a significant fact. His remarks in Budapest seem to indicate that he's less concerned about Leninist theory - than about raising the standard of living in Communist countries. The Boss of the Kremlin not trading dialectical arguments - with Mao TseTung. Instead he is saying that only peaceful coexistence can bring prosperity - to the people.

VIET NAM

The latest American fatality in South Viet Nam - a fighter pilot. He was on a strafing mission, over Red positions in the jungle - when his P-28 - a World War II plane, the P-28 - was hit by anti-aircraft guns. The fighter - going down in flames. The American pilot, and his Vietnamese co-pilot both killed.

But the dispatch says they helped win the battle; near the jungle town of Mo Cay. Loyalist troops, ambushing an ambush. Getting word that Red guerrillas-were waiting to trap them on a jungle trail, they circled around and ambushed the ambush patrol from the rear. Causing the Reds to throw away their weapons - in headlong flight.

WEST GERMANY

The decision to order more than seven thousand American troops home from West Germany - does not affect our permanent garrison in West Berlin. That's emphasized - in Washington and Bonn. Officials of both capitals declaring emphatically - that six thousand Americans will remain on duty far behind the Iron Curtain. Putting Moscow on notice - that our determination to defend West Berlin is as strong as ever.

Why - the reductions? The Pentagon points out that we strengthened our armed forces in West Germany - during the crisis of Nineteen-Sixty-One; and that crisis is long since over. No new one threatening, at the moment. So - the superfluous military units are being recalled. They did their job; now they can come home.

ALASKA

A moment ago - just before going on the air, I talked to Anchorage, Alaska, and Lowell, Jr. tells me that the Salvation Army once again has done an outstanding job. He also had high praise for the Boy Scouts, older boys, the Explorer Scouts, who gave invaluable help to the Civil Defense people immediately following the earth-quake.

When I told him many people had been calling and writing to me, and I'm sure to radio and television stations right across the country, asking what Alaskans need the most, how can people down here in the South Forty-Eight be of the greatest help, his reply was that just as in all other states they have the annual charity drives. For instance, at Anchorage they were in' the midst of a drive in behalf of crippled children; - the immediate goal to raise Thirty Thousand Dollars to keep Alaska's only Crippled Children Treatment Center going. He says that as a result of the quake this drive, has been knocked out. So, if any organization down here in the States would like to take on

*that project, that would be one immediate way to help
Alaska. All that would be necessary would be to get in
touch with Mrs. Lowell Thomas, Jr. - Alaska Crippled
Children Drive, Anchorage.*

AVIATRIX

Whether Miss Jerry Mock from Columbus, Ohio is the first woman to fly solo around the world, win or lose she already has racked up two impressive records.

The first feminine pilot to fly the Atlantic - from the United States to Africa. In her Cessna-One-Eighty - she made it via Bermuda, the Azores, and on to Casablanca.

Also the only woman - ever to land a plane in Saudi Arabia. And that's vouched for - by the Arabian Air Force.

The lady from the Buckeye State riding her modern magic carpet - into the realm of sand and oil where men are men and women stay in the seclusion of the harem. Meanwhile, Joan Smith, who is racing her, landed at Calcutta's Dum Dum Airport - after a flight from Ahmedabad, India. The lady from Long Beach, California, now faces political trouble. The Burmese government, refusing to let her touch down - at Rangoon. So, she'll simply by pass Rangoon, the old Moulmein Pagoda and all that. But Dick, we're not going to by pass you.

ALASKA

Admiral Arnold Karo - of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey today came up with the theory that part of the city of Anchorage, Alaska fell into a cave left behind by a glacier. That a river of ice had cut its way through the crust of the earth there long ^{before} there was an Anchorage; that as the weather cycle changed and it became warmer - the glacier melted; leaving a cavern that became covered over with rock and earth. In other words - a subterranean area under part of what is now Anchorage. And that the early settlers never suspected there was such a subterranean hollow under their city. Then came - the earthquake; with the "roof" of the cavern or tunnel - collapsing, with part of Anchorage going into Cavern left by that old glacier. So says the Admiral. I wonder what Professor Malcolm Miller, Dr. Walter Wood, Glaciologists who have spent years studying Alaska's glaciers - wonder what they'll say about that theory?