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Two figures - taking a drop. Two numbers - declining. For the week ending April Nineteenth, there were fewer idle workers drawing unemployment benefits. So reported - by the various states. A decline - of thirty thousand, seven hundred, as compared with the previous week.

Same story - in the figures for ~~new~~ newly laid off workers, filing their first claims for jobless benefits. Showing a drop - of twenty-three thousand, three-hundred.

These two categories are usually regarded - as an accurate index of the trends of employment. Increasing - during the recession. But now - showing a decline.

Perhaps - the most pointed indication that the recession is coming to an end.

VETO

Soviet Russia today vetoed the American proposal - to establish a system of "open skies inspection" for the Arctic. As a safeguard against a surprise attack via the North Pole. The vote in the Security Council of the U N - ten to one. The one Russian vote cast against - amounting to a veto.

At the same time, the Security Council voted against a Moscow demand that the flight of American hydrogen bombers in the Atlantic should be halted. The only vote in favor - that of Soviet Russia. During the proceedings, the usual thing, an anti-American diatribe from Soviet representative Sobolev.

MISSILES

Missiles, armed with nuclear warheads - will be fired in the current series of atomic tests - in the Far Pacific. The rockets - to be launched at Johnston Island. Which is - five-hundred-and-forty miles away from the nearest inhabited bit of land. So that - the atomic explosions will be no danger to anybody. The missiles - short range. Less - than two hundred miles.

All of which was announced, today, by Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy and Lewis Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

AIR FORCE

The Air Force announces that the B-47 jet bomber - will be modified. Structural changes made - following a series of accidents. Which indicated - that the jet bomber was not strong enough to resist the strain in an all-important maneuver. The maneuver used - in delivering atomic weapons.

The Air Force has fourteen hundred B-47 jets - all of which will be remodeled and strengthened.

SPACE

The U S government - planning to send rockets to Mars. For a trip of - forty-nine million miles. So says the space committee of the House of Representatives.

The committee - considering President Eisenhower's proposal to set up a civilian space agency. Hearing testimony - about the plans of the proposed space agency. One - the launching of rockets ~~are~~ crammed with cameras and scientific instruments. To make the trip to Mrs. ^a Reporting back - by _^ radio and television. No human passengers proposed - for the first voyages to the Red planet.

EISENHOWER TRIP

The Eisenhowers to visit Canada in July. The President and the First Lady - to be in Ottawa as guests of Canadian Prime Minister John Dieffenbacher.

They'll be accompanied by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles - according to today's announcement at the White House.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower made a suggestion, today.

Proposing an international tournament of golf duffers. Arguing that an international competition for the likes of himself, and you, and me - would promote better understanding between peoples.

The President made the statement at a meeting of representatives from twenty seven countries. Who are in Washington - to make plans for the world amateur golf championships, at St. Andrews, Scotland- this October.

President Eisenhower conceded - that the contest of the experts would be a good thing. But - that high ranking golfers usually talk about the shots they made. ~~It~~ While the conversation of "duffers" would be -more about the people they meet, the beauties of the countryside, and so on.

Well, I shouldn't like to differ with the President of the United States, but some of the worst golfers I know - are always talking about the shots they made. Sometimes - not so truthfully.

BENSON

Secretary of Agriculture Benson - to visit Soviet Russia, this summer. Where - he'll visit Russian farms and centers of agricultural research. Secretary Benson - accepting an invitation from the Soviet Minister of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture says- the Benson trip will be part of an exchange program. Russian and American officials - exchanging visits.

NIXON

In the Senate - angry criticism of Argentina. Because of the trouble Vice President Nixon had - at the inauguration of Argentinian President Frondizi, yesterday. The Vice President and the American Ambassador - caught in a jam of people trying to get in. Jostled - pushed around.

Today Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa charged Argentina with - "gross discourtesy". Because no means were provided for the Vice President and the Ambassador to ~~gt~~ get in. An indignity - to the Vice President of the United States.

Meanwhile, in Buenos Aires today, Nixon was ~~not~~ receiving all due honors.

KOREA

Election Day in Korea, with the opposition to President Syngman Rhee - taking an early lead. First returns from the Capital City of Seoul give the Democratic Party - a two to one margin.

This, however, is not considered indicative since the returns from outlying provinces in South Korea are likely to swing the other way. Syngman Rhee's Liberal Party - the favorite in those parts.

THIRD DIVISION

The U S Third Infantry Division -- received a message of welcome, today. The soldiers preparing to leave Fort Benning, Georgia, for service overseas. To be stationed - in West Germany.

The message of welcome - from the German-Afrika Korps Society. Members of that formidable outfit of the desert - which campaigned in North Africa under the legended Rommel.

The point is that in the second World War, the U S Third Infantry Division was in the North African campaign. Battling - against Rommel's North Afrika Korps.

Rommel's veterans - now hailing the Third Division in the following words: "We salute you as a valiant former opponent - with whom we fought in North Africa in Nineteen Forty three."

Enemies then -- friends, today.

CARDINAL

In Rome, today, Cardinal Stritch ~~was~~ learning-
to write. That is - with his left hand. The Chicago Cardinal
making a good recovery - after the amputation of his right
arm, because of a blood clot. ~~And learning promptly~~
~~to use his left hand.~~

The seventy year old prelate ^{now} practicing writing,
as he did when he was a child in school.

CINERAMA


At the Brussels Fair - the opening of "Panorama".

The Soviet version of "Cinerama". "Pan" and "Sin" ~~are~~ now *in*
direct
~~in~~ competition.
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In the American pavilion, two Cinerama shows have
been playing all along. Our first one "This is Cinerama". The
other ^{my} "Seven Wonders Of The World."

The Russian "Panorama" described as being the same
as our American "Cinerama" which you'd suppose - the Soviets
imitated. But they claim - they invented it!

It would seem, however, that they certainly
imitated - the name. Another one of those words ending in
"ama" which followed the success of our wide screen shows.



ELKINS (L T copy)

Frank Elkins of the Commerce department which handles all of our exhibitions abroad - tells me that since the war, we have taken part in some fifty-seven international trade fairs, in twenty seven countries, where nearly fifty million people have visited our American pavilions. At Danvers and Bangkok the Soviets were overwhelmed by our Cinerama. So - they got busy and now are competing with us - at Brussels.

PLANE

At New York's Idlewild airport, sixty-three passengers - gazed in amazement, as their big airliner landed. They saw fire engines and ambulances waiting. The airport - ready for a possible crash. Only then were the passengers informed - of what had happened.

The plane- a Trans-Atlantic Israeli airliner. Which made a stop in London. Where, at the take off, bound for New York - a mishap occurred. The airliner - losing a wheel. One wheel - of ten.

The pilot, Captain Zvi Tohar, noticed the loss of the wheel - but kept right on across the Atlantic. He still had nine wheels left, and thought ^{surely nine would} ~~they~~ be enough.

The passengers - not informed. Ignorant, as they flew across the ocean - that their airliner was minus a wheel.

Approaching Idlewild, the pilot made a report on what had happened. Then - made a couple of low passes, skimming over the runway at an altitude of twenty feet. So that mechanics on the ground could look up - and estimate the condition of

the landing gear.

They said - okay. So the Israeli airliner came down without incident - except for the astonishment of the passengers. Learning - what had happened.

MOTHER

Michigan, today, selected - its "Mother of the year" .. Mrs. Mattie Baker McFall - to represent Michigan at the nationwide event in New York. The competition - for the "American Mother of the Year."

The Michigan Mother, eighty-five years old - is a daughter of one-time slaves. Her parents - in servitude on a plantation in Hamilton county, Florida. Then, when slavery was abolished, they remained on the plantation - as tenant farmers. Their daughter married a tenant farmer - who, later, was able to buy his own farm in Georgia.

~~Educating~~^r - their twelve children.

The daughter of the former slaves never learned to read and write. But among her children, one is a physician, another a ~~the~~ dress designer, another a school teacher.

Some of them - living in Detroit - where the ~~Mother~~ Mother joined them a couple of years ago. Now hailed as the Michigan "Mother of the year."

THEATRE

The management of a movie theatre in Hancock, Michigan says - they've got rid of the bats. Or so they hope - after days of chasing the flying rodents.

At the Kerridge theater, a horror picture was advertised - with spectacular publicity. Including the statement - that the weird thriller would make it seem as if bats were flying around.

A group of students at Michigan Tech thought - they'd have a bit of ~~real~~ realism, - so, at the first performance they turned loose - about a hundred bats. It was weird, all right. The audience in a pandemonium.

After which, the management had the job - of getting rid of the bats. Catching - dozens of them.

But, at the performance the next day, things were still - batty. The picture, this time, a Red Skelton comedy. In the middle of which ^a bat climbed up the screen, right up Red Skelton's back - which was too batty - even for the Red

Skelton type of humor.

So, there was another bat-hunt in the theater.

Which, says the management, has now been - de-batted. They
hope.


PRISON

A pandemonium of cheering - at the Concord prison farm, in Massachusetts. A baseball game - between two teams of convicts. And a dazzling play by Ronald Mules - a veteran ballplayer.

Mules first broke into baseball as a boy - at a couple of reformatories. Then, later, he played in the outfield on other prison teams. Mules - having a stubborn way of getting in jail.

So, now, at the Concord prison farm ^{there} - he was, a ball hawk in the outfield, ~~when~~ - the batter hit a long drive, ^{that} ~~which~~ looked ~~✓~~ like a sure home run. But Mules made a quick start, running like a deer and caught the ball.

Cheers - for the brilliant play. The prison guards - joining in the ovation. Then, suddenly, the guards were silent. Gaping at what they saw.

After outfielder Mules made the running catch -  kept on going! Disappearing in a patch of woods.

The other convicts? - They kept on cheering louder.

Even the prisoner at the bat whose prospective home run had been caught - joined in the applause.

To add insult to injury, Mules took the baseball along with him. *And that Don, is the story of how Mules took it on the lam.*

BICYCLE

Over in Italy, near Milan, Mrs. Genevieve Cassola - took her three ~~mm~~ children for a bicycle ride. Mama and the youngsters, pedalling along - each on a bike.

Then, after a while - they spied -- a wonderful smooth highway, *Well paved;* - perfect for bicycling. So Mama Cassola took the three little Cassolas - for a ride, along the best road they ever saw.

They were ^{*all*} pedalling along gayly, when they were nearly run down - by a U.S. Air Force jet fighter, an F-84. The perfect highway for a bicycle ride -- a runway at the ~~Malpensa~~ Malpensa air base. Used by American jets.

Hereafter, ^{*Signore*} ~~Mrs.~~ Cassola and the three little Cassolas will stick to country roads, *and a-l-u-mo.*