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## MISSILE

An historic military breakthrough in the Pacific today. The Nike-~~Zeus~~ anti-missile-missile successfully intercepting the nose cone of an Atlas intercontinental missile - as it sailed toward <sup>far off</sup> Kwajalin Island at sixteen thousand miles an hour.

The three-stage forty-eight foot Nike-~~Zeus~~ was fired after its sensitive tracking equipment spotted the Atlas - probably six hundred miles high, <sup>^</sup> sometime after being launched from Vandenburg, California, forty five hundred miles away.

The Pentagon was cautious in giving out details, - No explanation of just where the interception took place, or whether the two missiles actually came together. However, Assistant Defense Secretary Arthur Silvester noted that <sup>a</sup> direct hit would not be necessary, if <sup>a</sup> nuclear warhead was used. None ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> be used today, of course.

Defense Secretary McNamara, who up till now has been cool toward the Nike-~~Zeus~~ said U.S. research is "confident that our missiles would be able to penetrate any such systems that

have been developed by anyone."

And in a pointed barb at Khrushchev's recent boasting on the subject of anti-missile rockets - ~~Sp.~~ McNamara added: — "It shows that we speak of such matters from knowledge."

The Pentagon revealed, incidentally, that this was the second try of the Nike-~~Miss~~ against the Atlas. The first time, a spokesman said: "Was not a complete success." Just what went wrong, he ~~decided to say~~ <sup>did not</sup>.

But, now that it has been achieved, the Nike-~~Miss~~ is being hailed. The Congressional space committee chairman, Representative George Miller of California, said: <sup>"This is</sup> "This one of the greatest break throughs in recent defense development."

And ~~said Miller~~ <sup>he added:</sup> "The country that comes first in a defensive weapon against missile attack, is in the driver's seat."

X-Fifteen

*Another* *sensational*  
~~new~~ heat test for the X-15. Pilot John McKay  
*today*  
flew the rocket plane for more than a minute, with its metal  
skin at a temperature of a thousand degrees fahrenheit.

McKay, wearing a refrigerated suit, stayed a cool  
seventy, but air friction turned the X-15 leading edges a dull  
red. Its heat limit is *said to be around* *and* twelve hundred degrees - today's  
*came*  
test ~~was~~ close to the melting point.

*Pilot* McKay called it: "A cool flight."

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Another X-15 pilot - the first man to fly a winged  
aircraft higher than fifty miles - Major Robert White received  
the air force astronaut wings in Washington today. ~~the~~ air force  
Chief of Staff - General Curtis LeMay *in* making the presentation -  
*said*  
~~saying~~ the day will come when a vehicle will take off from a  
standard airport; travel into space, and return.

## POLL

A poll of Senate Democrats is under way - President Kennedy sounding them out on the question of whether to ask Congress to vote a tax cut, before it adjourns this year.

Administration ~~Intendants~~ <sup>Intendants</sup> who've been conducting the check for the President, reportedly found the reaction to be cautious and mixed.

Just yesterday, a sampling of the House Ways and Means Committee found members believing that the economic slow-down is not serious enough to get into a tax cut <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ also would increase the budget deficit.

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Another budget item, just released this afternoon. The government reports that its deficit in the fiscal year just ended was six and a third billion dollars - about ten per cent less than the administration's advance estimate. The deficit was the tenth in sixteen fiscal years since World War Two. The surpluses - three years each, came in the Truman and Eisenhower administrations.

ESTES

Some new disclosures in the <sup>Billie Sol</sup> ~~Estes~~ case - the Chief of the Texas Rangers saying that all evidence <sup>now</sup> points to murder in the death of Henry Marshall - the first Federal official to point a finger of suspicion at Billie Sol, ~~Estes~~.

Colonel Homer Garrison, Chief of the Rangers, said Marshall could not have killed himself, <sup>That</sup> ~~---~~ the evidence showed it was impossible.

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In Washington - a Senate committee was told that Marshall first issued, then rescinded orders to crack down on cotton allotment transfers, such as those arranged by Estes. Former aides of Marshall said he considered the transfers to be illegal, and at first told his staff to see <sup>to it</sup> they didn't go into effect. Later, he <sup>seemed</sup> ~~was~~ satisfied to tell farmers of the possible penalties involved, if the deals proved to be illegal.

PERU

The purge is on in Peru. The new military junta is ousting government officials loyal to the former Prado regime - and according to American reporters on the scene - it appears the military group will try to drive the Apra People's party underground again.

*Q* *that*  
The party has enjoyed legal status for only a few years.

Today, its newspaper - La Tribuna was shut down by military order, and its *editors* *— also many others. But* *we hear,* *But* - It's understood *the* party President Raul Victor Haya de la Torre, is in hiding.

Most South American countries have condemned the coup d'etat in Peru - but so far, there's no move to do anything about it.

*Source:* The first comment has come from the White House *today;* a spokesman saying President Kennedy looks with "great concern" on the upset in Peru - believing its setback a cause of democracy in the Western Hemisphere, *he has called a* *halt on aid to Peru,*

IRAN

A new Premier has taken office in Iran. Assadulah Alam, ~~being~~ appointed by the Shah, ~~and~~ immediately pledging a continuation of pro-Western policies, and a drive against corruption.

Alan - ~~just~~ <sup>only</sup> forty-three years old, is a former cabinet minister ~~and~~ <sup>also</sup> a friend of resigned Premier Amini.

Amini, by the way, calling ~~ed~~ a second news conference today to tone down that statement which had charged the United States with being slow to aid his country.

~~Said he:-~~ <sup>Said he:-</sup> "the United States does not owe us anything, and we have given ourselves no right to demand anything from this friendly country. <sup>he went on</sup> But as friends, "we had hoped ~~that~~ we would receive greater aid, during our present crisis."

~~So said the ex-~~ <sup>So said the ex-</sup> ~~Premier from the retiring~~ Premier.

## KATANGA

The Congo Province of Katanga - still a major worry to the U.S. and the U.N. Today, the State Department announced that the United States and other U.N. members are considering all possible measures short of military action - to force Katanga President Thsombe to bring his mineral-rich province back into the Congo.

Authorative sources say the U.S. and its Allies are definitely considering economic war fare.

The State Department declined to confirm or deny it - but did say that Thsombe should make a serious effort to bring Katanga back into the framework of the Congo. The other parts of the Congo need that Katanga wealth!



BOMB

Another ~~time~~ <sup>explodes</sup> bomb in Rome, ~~tonight~~. The Italian news agency ~~has just reported~~ that a bomb exploded in the Vittorio Emanuele monument, - where the country's unknown soldier lies. The bomb went off <sup>tonight</sup> in the towering colonnade which circles the upper part of the monument. <sup>No details</sup> ~~There is no~~ word yet of any major damage or injuries.

## EAST GERMANS

The Baltic coastline of East Germany - vertually sealed off tonight.

The communist regime is trying another move to plug a gap in the Iron curtain anti-refugee wall.

Today, the one-hundred-ninety mile coast was ordered "off limits" to all persons without special police permit.

All unauthorized water craft - even children's rubber boats - forbidden to use the Baltic Sea without a pass.

One of East Germany's most popular vacation spots - restricted.

SPY

The ~~run away~~ spy, Dr. Robert Soblen, has filed *still*  
another appeal - a legal maneuver which may win him at least  
two more weeks in London/

Soblen may have been counting on six weeks -  
thinking the British Courts would be on summer vacation.

But official sources say the Justices will rule before they  
leave. *The courts in England believe in speed - -  
are famed for it.*

Soblen contends he should be allowed to remain in  
England, - ~~and not in prison either - rather than finish his  
trip back to the United States to start a life term.~~

## PAGO PAGO

Have you heard about that twelve hour celebration at Pago Pago? American Samoa staging its biggest wing ding in Pago Pago history, as the first jet liner landed on Samoan soil, and The South Pacific Commission Conference got under way there in that South Pacific paradise.

Fire dancing - and how those Samoans can dance! Fire dancing, demon chasing, kava drinking, hulas on human pyramids, pageantry, and other ancient rituals.

The signal to begin was the oment the first Pan American jet touched the runway. The landing that brought the historic Navy coaling station of Pago Pago - with its Polynesian beauties - within ten hours of the U.S. mainland. Dancers flung themselves dkyward; choirs lifted, their voices to the heavens - as the jet age came to those tropic isles of bliss and beauty - and so on.

The South Pacific Commission includes U.S.

Interior Secretary Udall, and delegates from six other nations; - gathering for the first time in three years to discuss social and economic problems affecting the South Pacific.

But one problem was solved today - how to get to Pago Pago in a hurry. "Want to go to Pago Pago? It's a glorious place! - now Dick.

## MISSING HEAD

Back before the turn of the century - so the story goes - President Grover Cleveland saw a mysterious light off in the bogs of North Carolina while his train lumbered through the murky night, <sup>Whereupon</sup> and a legend was born. It was at that spot in eighteen-sixty-three that a railroad fireman, <sup>one</sup> Joe Baldwin, fell from his train and his head was cut off. Legend says that every cloudy or rainy night old Joe, <sup>has</sup> returned to look for his head, <sup>that down</sup> and <sup>up</sup> to this day numerous searches for Joe have failed to turn up the headless trainman; - even the Army Engineers and the Smithsonian Institution joining <sup>the</sup> search. <sup>But</sup> this coming week-end - modern-day science will have a go at it --- The light President Cleveland saw - was a trainman's lantern --- Joe Baldwin's lantern, <sup>so</sup> they say, as Joe searched for his head. <sup>↑</sup> Electronics engineers over the week-end will use their nineteen sixty-two spectroscope and machines for converting light into sound - to find out just what the glow is that was first seen by a President - and has been seen hundreds of times <sup>since - even</sup> <sup>to this</sup> day.