

ADMINISTRATION

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*Kennedy*  
The Administration is under fire on two fronts *at the moment.* First, that union denunciation of a dollar-twenty-five an hour as ~~an~~ a minimum wage. The A F L-C I O terming it - too little. Some influential law makers on Capitol Hill - going along with them.

The second anti-Administration front - concerned <sup>S</sup> the farms of America. The Kennedy plan for <sup>less</sup> acreage - and higher price supports. The head of the farm bureau calls the plan - contradictory. Because - with higher supports - the farmers will be encouraged to grow as much <sup>a</sup>s they can.

The Administration answer to the criticism - is that these are only first steps. The President, *intends to present* ~~is presenting~~ more financial and agricultural measures - later.

SPACE

Our latest discoverer Satellite involves the most complicated planning - of the series. The capsule is expected to ride its rocket - for four days; Circle the earth - sixty-five times; *and* Cover a million and a half miles - at eighteen thousand miles an hour.

Only then- will the capsule be released, *to* ~~Floating~~ down by parachute - over the Pacific Ocean. Near Hawaii - if the calculations are correct. Tonight planes and ships are moving into position - for *its* recovery, *From* ~~of the capsule.~~ ~~Which will have travelled from Vandenberg Air Force Base;~~ California to Hawaii - by way of outer space. That is - if the experiment is a success.

## CONGO

In the Congo things are complicated indeed. Congolese leaders trying to figure out a way for all of them to work together while some of their followers continue to indulge in mayhem and murder. Kasavubu says he's ready to cooperate with - the others. Even those who are still in favor of - Lumumba's ideas. But now there's a split inside the pro-Lumumba camp with Gizenga challenged for the leadership. So it is not clear whether Gizenga will even be included when and if a "Congo summit meeting" takes place.

The mayhem and murder is mainly from Lumumba's tribe. Natives going berserk - rampaging through the jungle, attacking villages and missions, tracking down - Lumumba's enemies, leaving a toll of dead and injured - that can't even be estimated.

Meanwhile in Katanga - a full scale battle's reported. Premier Tshombe's men meeting stiff opposition.

STEVENSON

*The*  
~~Gen~~ Ambassador to the U N today told  
the Security Council - that he deplors the  
delivery of ~~the~~ French jets to Katanga Province.  
Adlai Stevenson, making his position explicit -  
because of a report that an American airline  
delivered the planes. A company, said to have  
its headquarters - in Luxembourg. Stevenson,  
calling <sup>ed</sup> the transaction - "hostile to the interests  
of the United States." <sup>and</sup> Promising <sup>ed</sup> legal action -  
against the company.

**BUNCH**

An American under Secretary at the U N  
has apologized to the Secretary General. Ralph  
Bunch, offering Dag Hammarskjold our regrets -  
for the disturbances on Wednesday <sup>- of this week.</sup> That outburst  
of violence in the gallery - while the Security  
Council was in session. Ralph Bunch calls the  
leaders of the riots - "demagogues"; ~~their~~  
followers - "dupes".

## MINE

That mine disaster near Johannesburg, South Africa, was caused by a dynamite explosion. The miners - were all ready at the bottom of the pit. Twenty cases of dynamite, being lowered to them - at the end of a rope. Half a ton - of high explosive.

Suddenly one stick of ~~the~~ dynamite went off. Starting - an instant chain reaction. All twenty cases exploding - in a shattering blast. The force of the ~~explosion~~ explosion so terrific - that it smashed concrete walls ~~with~~ eighteen inches thick. Sending a mass of rubble thundering down - to the bottom of the mine shaft. At least twenty miners killed. Tonight rescue operations are being pushed frantically - to bring out any possible survivors. The possibility of finding any - slim. The disaster took place <sup>only</sup> five hundred feet under ground. Some mines on the Rand in So. Afr. are more than 10 times that deep.

## CHANNEL

The weather report from the English Channel - is ~~xxxx~~ typical for this time of the year. The Narrow Seas - shrouded in fog, traffic between Britain and the continent - ~~curtailed~~ <sup>cut down</sup> by poor visibility. Planes - grounded. And, there have been - about ten ship collisions. <sup>also</sup> ~~with~~ a number of ~~xxx~~ vessels running aground. The air full of S O S signals. The usual havoc, created by - a real pea souper in the English Channel.





## QUEEN

An Indian official in Calcutta said today - "this is the most enthusiastic welcome Calcutta has ever given any foreign dignitary." He was referring to the reception that Queen Elizabeth received - in the teeming metropolis of Hindustan, on the Hoogli River - just up stream from the Bay of Bengal. Her Majesty's route from Dum Dum Airport to Calcutta - swarmed with people, clinging to lamp posts - and roof tops, and trailing the royal motorcade in a column for miles, shouting, singing, waving Union Jacks.

The crowd estimated at - five million. So densely packed many women fainted. And there were a lot of injuries - among those trampled as the throng followed the Queen.

British Royalty cheered to the echo - by the people of India. who only a few years ago were agitating against British rule. But anything can happen in India, Dick, and usually does.

## DOLLARS

Tonight we have a follow up to the California story - of the silver dollars. Last night I told of Santa Monica banker Aubrey Austin - trying to get rid of a ~~massive~~ hoard of silver dollars - selling them - for ninety eight cents a piece. Today - business was booming. A rush of buyers to snap up dollars - at two cents less than their face value. More than ten thousand sold. Banker Austin's pile of coins -shrinking rapidly.

Maybe you're wondering - what the Treasury Department thinks about it. Answer -- they don't care. Said a Department spokesman - "you can give dollars away if you want to."