

STRIKE

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There's much irony in today's invocation of - the Taft-Hartley Act. Back in Nineteen Forty-Seven, when the measure passed Congress - a freshman member of the House voted against it. His name - John Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Then in Nineteen Fifty-Nine came - the Steelstrike. Representing the Union - Lawyer Arthur Goldberg, who strongly challenged President Eisenhower's right to use the Taft-Hartley Act. Goldberg, losing out - in his plea before the Supreme Court.

Today, the two men who opposed the controversial bill - turned to it for help. Goldberg, now Secretary of Labor - advising Kennedy, now President of the United States. Both agreeing - that the maritime strike is causing havoc to the national economy. That's why President Kennedy has appointed a three-man committee to investigate. Ordering the Committee to report to him, by the end of the week. At which time, the President will decide whether to ask for a federal court order - enforcing a suspension of the strike for eighty days.

Yes, there's irony in the fact that President Kennedy and Secretary Goldberg - are relying on the Taft-Hartley Act. Still, there's one big difference - between the maritime strike and the steel strike. In Goldberg's words - "We were up to our ears in steel, but we can't stockpile ships."

BILL

The bill that went from Capitol Hill to the White House today - is intended to keep our national road-building on a pay-as-you-go basis. It allows for an extra eleven and a half billion in federal grants - to the states. Boosting the total to thirty-seven billion. Part of the money to come from - taxes. Emphasizing - the gasoline tax, and higher duties for truckers and tire manufacturers.

WASHINGTON.

The Senate has voted to increase social security benefits for nearly four and one-half million persons. It also gave men the option of retiring at sixty-two instead of waiting until they are sixty-five. The roll call was ninety-zero on the Administration-backed measure.

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TAYLOR

An old Army man - is returning to the Army. At least - General Maxwell Taylor is being recalled to active service. His post - Military Representative to the President. General Taylor has just finished a special report - on the ill-fated invasion of Cuba. His next job - to review the Berlin crisis. Then advise President Kennedy on whether or not - our planning is good enough. The latest important advisor at the White House - General Maxwell Taylor.

KUWAIT

The dispute over Kuwait involves, inevitably - oil. The sheikdom at the head of the Persian Gulf - has some of the richest oil wells in the world.

Increasing the wealth of Kuwait - well, when I was in that Persian Gulf area a few years ago I was told the Sheik of Kuwait received about a million dollars a day. The richest man in the world - just a shade more than King Saud.

Six days ago Kuwait became independent - after sixty-two years as a British protectorate. Then came Iraq's bombshell - yesterday. Premier Kasseem declaring that Kuwait is part of Iraq - and he intends to bring it under the control of Baghdad, even if he has to use ^{force.} ~~force.~~

Ah, but, Iran and Saudi Arabia are also interested - in Kuwait. Moreover, the British are committed to defend the Sheikdom - if the sheik asks for help. London, ready to move troops in by air - from the

British base at nearby Bahrein. So it looks as if there may be a four-way power play - in the Middle East. Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Britain colliding in Kuwait. The issue - oil.

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These missiles can be produced for - ten hundred dollars each. So they'll be cheaper than - the missiles we use now in use. More important - the cost of pilots will be cut. Every year, there are reports of accidents - among the daredevils who fly for money. They can't drop bombs. Now the job will be up to - the anti-fire missile.

MISSILE

The missile going into mass production in North Hollywood, California - is the kind we like to hear about. Military potential - nil. Purpose - purely civilian. This missile will be put to work - fighting forest fires.

It's actually - a flying water bomb. A big tank built into - a delta-wing glider. Controlled by radio - from the mother plane. The missile can be dropped at five thousand feet - then guided directly into the middle of a forest fire. The explosion, hurling anti-flame chemicals -- over an area bigger than a football field.

These missiles can be produced for - two hundred dollars each. So they'll be cheaper than - the ~~cost~~ of men and equipment now in use. More important - the toll of pilots will be cut. Every year, there are dozens of casualties - among the daredevils who fly low across flame and smoke, to drop chemicals. Now the job will be up to - the anti-fire missile.

ICE

Here's a report from Russell Glacier on the Greenland Icecap - that sounds like something out of Viking mythology. The gods of the north, hurling chunks of ice - as big as a house. Turning loose massive avalanches - with the ease of a man turning on a faucet.

Here's what happened. A sightseeing party from Sonderstrom Air Base - hiked up a fjord to the foot of the glacier. They were chatting and taking pictures - when they saw a chunk of ice work itself loose at the top. They estimate that it must have been - at least two hundred feet in diameter. As they watched in fascination, this incredible ice cube tilted over the edge - and plummeted down into the fjord. Hitting the water - with an explosive impact, sending a towering cascade of spray - high into the air.

The sightseers - knew what was coming. They started to run - but it was too late. A ^{veritable} ~~gigantic~~ tidal wave swept ashore - and rolled over some of them. ^{Then,} On the landward side - an avalanche came roaring down. It too caught its share - of

victims. Most of the others were cut by flying slivers of ice - sharp as a razor blade.

The toll - four dead, twenty-nine injured. An episode on polar ice that would make an exciting chapter - in a modern Greenland saga.

As you may have heard, the great ice bergs of the North Atlantic do not come from the Arctic Ocean. They come from the glaciers of Greenland, and Baffin and Ellsmere Land. Often they are as big as a skyscraper. But they don't usually cake off from the top of the face of glaciers in the way this one did.

BLIMPS

For the U.S. Navy air arm - the end of an era. The end of - the famous Navy blimp. Since Nineteen Fifteen the lighter-than-air machines have been carrying out - military assignments. For example, mapping the coast line - and helping with rescue operations at sea. During World War Two, the blimps mounted - a vast anti-submarine campaign over the Atlantic.

They survived the big dirigibles - which disappeared after the Acron and the Macon crashed - back in the 'Thirties. There have always been Navy men who insisted - that the blimps were indispensable.

The Pentagon - disagrees. Pointing out that many duties once performed by the blimps - have been taken over by helicopters. The lighter-than-air service - declared obsolete.

The program at Lakehurst, New Jersey - to be shut down, ^{Dick} The

airships - headed for the mothballs. Now a part of aviation

dirigible and the
history - the ~~Nav~~ blimp, *goodbye!*

ACTRESSES

The latest Berlin crisis concerns - glamorous movie stars. Featuring - America's blond beauty, Jayne Mansfield. Also a number of German actresses - who project the same kind of image in public.

Occasion - the West Berlin Film Festival. Plot of the story - Jayne, in competition with West German movie stars. The others, trying to take the play away from - this American interloper. Result - dresses, shortened at both ends. Also - tighter than usual. The climax - no, it didn't happen to Jayne Mansfield. Jayne is an old hand at this sort of thing - and she was smart enough to stand her ground at the reception. But one West German dancer made the fatal mistake - of trying to wiggle through the crowd. Result - a loud tearing sound. Her silk gown - splitting from neckline to hem.

Which caused a crisis - in more ways than one. Today the press of West Berlin was loaded with - scathing comments on this Film Festival. Noting - it's no time for a display of decadence. Said one city official - "West Berlin is not Cannes."

To which some film fans might add - "Not until Jayne Mansfield arrives."

... on both sides of the Iron Curtain. The talk about
a possible split among the allies - on the issue of Berlin
Britain, frequently thought to favor a more moderate approach -
than that preferred by France, West Germany, and America.

... Prime Minister Macmillan has announced that
particular way - on the issue of Berlin, Macmillan
that the Berlin issue completely committed - to the defense of
West Berlin. No question of negotiating air rights. The
Soviets, living in a world of perils - if they expect the
British to back away from the western alliance.

Macmillan, saying - that he intends to cooperate with
West Germany in military affairs. The Soviet protest about
militarism - rejected in London. Macmillan, turning it
propaganda - consigning it to the waste basket.