

UNEMPLOYMENT

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More than half of our biggest industrial cities are now classed as - distressed areas. Twenty-five more -- added today. This means that seventy-six out of a hundred and fifty production centers - have six percent of the work force looking for jobs. Unemployment, rising in January - by eight hundred thousand. Pushing the total close to - five and a ~~xi~~ half million. The Labor Department terms the situation - worse than at any time since the early Nineteen Forties.

MEDICAL

President Kennedy's request on medical care for the aged - is running into the usual criticism on Capitol Hill. First - financial. Opponents of the bill are asking where the money is coming from. And, there's another question. Republican Senator Javits of New York read a statement today - attacking the Kennedy plan; saying it would leave uncovered - those Americans not included under Social Security. So - he's against it.

POLITICS

On Capitol Hill, some old-fashioned politics - for the first time since inauguration day. Republican leaders in Congress - ending their honeymoon with the Democratic administration. Charging that the administration now admits - former President Eisenhower was right.

Subject - the so-called missile gap. Does it exist - or doesn't it? President Kennedy has said - he's still looking for an answer to ^{is.} ~~that question~~. But some members of the G O P charge - that Secretary of Defense McNamara has flatly denied the existence of the missile gap. Senator ~~Dar~~ksen of Illinois ^{has asked him} ~~if asking the Secretary~~ for clarification. - ^{Did} ~~about whether~~ he actually made such a statement. ~~over~~ In the House, Halleck of Indiana, is critical of the President - for what Halleck terms "downgrading America's defense during the campaign."

A quick retort comes from - Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri, ^{who} ~~Senator Symington has~~ often

^{Pres.}
criticized ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower - for letting the missile gap

develop. Today the Missouri Democrat accused the

Eisenhower administration - of concealing the facts during

the campaign. Making it harder for candidate John Kennedy

- to form an opinion.

RED CHINA

The State Department disagrees with the British Foreign Secretary - on the admission of Red China to the U N. Yesterday, Lord Home told the Commons - that Mao Tse Tung ought to have a seat in the international organization. The British Foreign Secretary, calling such a move, - "in line with the facts of political life."

COMINTERN

The official "Nato letter" published in Paris -
mentions -- an old word with a sinister sound. The word -
"comintern". ~~Remember~~ - the Communist International ^{that} ~~It~~
used to meet in Moscow - to coordinate Red movements
^{It was a}
around the world. A constant menace # until it was
disbanded by Stalin during the war, as a gesture ~~to~~ to his
western allies.

Nato claims that the organization is being revived
by Khrushchev, ^{after a} ~~the~~ decision, ~~taken~~ at ^a ~~the~~ Moscow summit
meeting of Communist ~~part~~ parties. Subversion strategy -
to be drawn up in the Soviet capitol - and put into effect,
wherever the Reds think they can win. A new - comintern.

SPIES

That British spy case has been linked to - a Soviet espionage ring that once operated in America.

The Trans-Atlantic link - Morris and Helen Cohen, *who have* ~~They've~~ been going under the name of "Kroger" - in Britain.

They are Now identified as Americans who used to be connected with - Russian master spy, Colonel Rudolph Abel. The Colonel - later caught, now ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~prison, serving a~~ ~~severe sentence.~~

The Cohens and three others have been ordered to stand trial - for espionage. ~~They're accused of~~ stealing top secret information - from ^{Britain's} ~~the~~ Portland Naval Base. The Cohens - called the pay masters of the ring.

The brains of ^{it all} ~~the gang~~ - mystery man, Gordon Lonsdale.

^e ~~This~~ trial ^{to} ~~will~~ be held in a court - that has been the scene some of the most celebrated trials in history.

London's historic - Old Bailey.

PROTEST

Moscow's latest protest to Paris - concerns the Soviet head of state. According to the Russians President Brezhnev was flying ~~to~~ to Rabat, Morocco, for a state visit. Suddenly, a French fighter appeared. The ~~French~~ pilot - buzzing the Soviet airliner, Then opening up - with his guns. After which, he cut across in front of the ~~air~~ airliner - before disappearing.

Moscow calls the ~~French~~ French pilot - a "bandit",
And demands - an apology.

SATELLITE

After Russia's latest Sputnik - appeared this morning - right on schedule; flashing over Scotland at one forty five - as Moscow said it would, a British astronomer said this means - our tracking systems are out of date; that even the biggest satellite has been zooming along in a low orbit undetected; leaving the West vulnerable to - Soviet "spies in the sky."

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CONGO

The new regime in the Congo - is pro-western
and pro-Belgian. The new Premier - Joseph Ileo. Associated
with Ileo - a cabinet of Congolese who favor strong ties
with Belgium. ^{What about Col.} Mobutu? He stays on - as commander of the
Congolese Army.

The change ^{was} forced by President Kasavubu - under
the Congo constitution. Kasavubu frankly admits ^{ting he} ~~he~~
wants to forestall U N action, ^{by setting} ~~set~~ up a stable government
- before Dag Hammarskjold orders the U N forces to act
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CUBA

Spokesmen for the anti-Castro underground in Cuba - are optimistic tonight. They claim that their movement is building rapidly - into a full-fledged military opposition to the Dictator. The guerilla bands in the Sierra de Escambray, ^{combining into} ~~joining into~~ a small army; ~~Strongly~~ entrenched in their fortress - in the mountains of Central Cuba, ^{and} gaining recruits - every day. Young men, streaming out of the cities by night - to join the underground.

The anti-Castro guerillas are said to be well supplied - from the air. So well, they ^{are} not worried about ^{a recent} ~~the recent~~ air drop [^] that missed its target. ~~The~~ parachutes drifting, far off course - captured by Castro's ⁴ men when they hit the ground. The fact that eighty-six cases of arms and ammunition were lost - points up the strength of the anti-Castro forces. Air drops that big ^{are} ^{said to be} ~~are~~ landing, almost every night, - on target, in the Sierra De Escambray.

JAZZ

Down in New Orleans, they gave old Alphonse Picou - a real dixieland funeral. A jazz band, walking beside the hearse - belting out "~~When the Saints Come Marching In~~" "Gloryland", and "Down by the riverside". After the funeral, a traditional Bourbon Street wake - with the banshee wail of the ~~hot~~ hot clarinet. The booming - of the bongo drums.

Alphonse Picou - a legend in New Orleans, And - on up the Mississippi to Chicago. One of the original jazz musicians - who started strumming a hot guitar back in Eighteen Ninety. Later switching to - the clarinet. On Bourbon Street they say no one ever played - a more torrid licorice stick, Especially when he started kicking around a piece called - "High Society." ^R He was one of the first to see a touch of genius in a young trumpeter - named Louis Armstrong. He saw a host of others, come and go - legendary figures in the folklore of jazz.

Old Alphonse Picou - dying at the age of eighty-

two, Dick. Going out the way he would have wanted it -
to a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching
In."

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ANTARCTIC

If you are tired of winter ice - imagine what it would be like to run into ice twenty feet thick. Ice like that is a matter of routine - for the ice-breakers "glacier" and "Staten Island" now exploring - the Bellinghausen Sea; off the Antarctic coast where no man ever sailed before; for a good reason. Because that sea is a mass of ice floes - twenty feet thick. Now, these new ice breakers are able to churn their way a hundred-and-fifty miles through those unexplored waters as they map Bellinghausen Sea.