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UNION

In Paris tonight, they^are saying, "This is the most powerful economic union the world has ever known." A union of twenty nations. Canada and the United States -- plus eighteen European states. Under-Secretary of State Douglas Dillon, ^{is} signed ^{for} for America, ~~and~~ noted the three main objectives of the twenty nations: —

First -- a general increase of world trade. Second -- acceleration of economic growth for each of the partners. Finally -- more aid for under-developed areas.

ETHIOPIA

The news from Adbis Ababa is filtering out slowly today. The early reports of a coup against the Emperor left the picture confused.

We were told at first -- that Crown Prince Asfa Rosen had been seized by the Palace guard. Later -- that Asfa Rosen was leading the revolt against his father.

and that last rumor -- turning out to be the right one.

The Ethiopian Foreign Ministry announces that the Crown Prince is in command -- after a peaceful coup d'etat. The announcement doesn't even mention Haile Selassie -- who is in Brazil on a State visit.

In short -- this is a Palace revolution. Something familiar enough in Ethiopia -- where sons have overthrown their fathers many times during the course of history.

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Tonight we don't know -- exactly where Haile Selassie

stands. But ^a ~~the~~ descendant of King Solomon and the

Queen of Sheba still claims to be Emperor of Ethiopia. ^{and}

^{Rafa}
He ~~is~~ calls himself King of Kings -- Lion of the Tribe

^d
of Juda. And down in Brazil

[^]
Haile Selassie no doubt is
still insisting that he's still
King of Kings, Lion of Juda.

ALGERIA

The death toll continues to mount -- in Algeria.

Today the colorful French Zouaves -- mopped up

in the picturesque Moslem Casbah. They went through

the Casbah house by house, looking for agitators and arms.

There was some shooting and a number of casualties.

Yesterday all Algerians in the seaport of Bone

were rioting. Moslems demonstrated in favor of the

Moslem Rebels -- and ~~did not disperse~~ ^{refused to break up} until the police

fired into the mob.

BENGAL

That riot in the State Legislature of West Bengal was touched off by a dispute over a border village.

Berubari -- to be transferred from Pakistan to India, under a recent agreement. The West Bengalis debating the issue.

Opponents of the transfer -- challenged its legality.

The Speaker -- overruled them. Whereupon -- they charged the chair. The Speaker raced out the door -- before they could catch him. But they did capture -- his mace.

The symbol -- of his parliamentary authority. The majority party -- rushed to rescue the mace. Fist fights -- erupted all over the chamber. Chairs and desks -- splintered. Papers -- scattered all over the floor.

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From outside the door -- the Speaker called out in a quavering voice, that the session was adjourned. But the action did not come to a stop -- until the last punch was thrown. The last pair of spectacles broken. The Speaker's mace -- back on the podium.

MISSILE

The model railroad car unveiling in Seattle today -- marks a vital step in our defense system. It means that soon our biggest missile will be based on the railroads. Minuteman rockets -- with a range of over six thousand miles. They'll ride in specially designed cars -- along one hundred thousand miles of tracks. Always on the go -- day and night.

Purpose -- to prevent a sitting target. A sitting target for any possible sneak attack. Any enemy would want to destroy our power of retaliation -- with his first salvo of rockets. This becomes impossible -- with our own missiles riding the rails.

Within two years we'll have fifty mobile missile bases -- rolling ceaselessly over the tracks. Each base, composed of eight cars. Each car loaded with five missiles. That makes forty altogether. Multiply forty and fifty and you get

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two thousand ballistic missiles always ready for action.

The Air Force considers its Minuteman trains -- a deterrent to war. Matching the Navy's deterrent the Polaris submarine.

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The police of Sultan, Washington, say that Hazel Oelrich is just about the coolest sm teenager they have ever met. And no wonder after the way seventeen year old Hazel handled her kidnapers.

A man stuck a knife in Hazel's back as she was leaving for school this morning -- and ordered her to drive the family car to Monroe. The kidnaper ^P and his accomplice warned that they'd be following right behind in their car and would be watching -- every move she made.

In Monroe they forced Hazel to phone her father -- for twenty-five thousand dollars ransom. Then they ordered her to drive on -- to Everett. In Everett, the teenage girl suddenly swung her car off the highway -- into a side street. She ^{ing} picked up speed, ^{and} ^{ing} barreled through back alleys -- ^{she shook off} ^{and} ^{lost} her kidnapers. Then she sped home.

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Meanwhile, her father had left a package -- at the
phone booth mentioned by the kidnapers, ^{and had} ~~He~~ also
alerted the police. Then, Hazel walked in, ^{cool and calm,} ~~and broke the~~
~~case wide open.~~

SHOOTING

There's sombre irony in a story from Daily City, California. At first glance -- it looks like the eternal triangle. Robert Krischer was divorced by his wife -- who married Clifford Kiefer. Last night Krischer shot Kiefer in the hardware store -- and then committed suicide.

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Here's the irony -- the cause of the shooting wasn't the lady in the case. It was -- a dog. Krischer's pet Dachshund -- which the Court gave to his wife in their divorce settlement. Krischer, blaming Kiefer for this decision. Brooding about it ever since. Until last night, when Krischer picked up his revolver and went out looking for revenge.

In Krischer's pocket they found a note. It's

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to newspaper editors, And reads, "Caption this story --

'Murder and Suicide over a Dog'. Not elderly man goes

beserk".

That's the way his note
~~Maybe the tragedy could have been avoided -- if~~

read.

~~the judge had only granted Kirscher visitor privileges.~~

~~The right to be with his Dachshund once a month.~~

METEORS

Last night phones were ringing continually -- at astronomical observatories across the country. The calls, coming in from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio. The callers, wanting to know about that tremendous flash of light across the night sky. A massive blue arc -- trailing a reddish glow. It flared for several moments -- and then went out.

So what was it? A space ship? An artificial satellite?

A flying saucer?

The answer of the astronomers -- it was a rare astronomical occurrence known as a "meteor swarm". As we know, bits of rock and metal fall into the atmosphere on the earth every night -- and burn up. Once in a while -- they come in groups. And when they do -- they're really

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Spectacular. "Meteor swarms" -- in which the leaders hit our atmosphere first, and burn up first. Then -- those behind go through the same process. They give the impression of a single arc -- spanning the sky. But that arc -- is really made up of hundreds of fragments. If you were lucky enough last night -- you saw a Meteor swarm.

WEATHER

With the United States reeling under a winter blizzard - let's look at this weather report.

Thermometers - at 34 degrees. Warm rain - falling.

Fields - like Spring - grass sprouting - lilacs

blooming. Where?

The Soviet capital is enjoying unseasonable warmth. Usually, it's under a foot of snow by mid-December, with temperatures far below zero. But this year - the Moscowvites are revelling in mild weather; while the cities of the U.S.A. - some of them - seem more like Siberia.


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I am in Missouri tonight - in Kansas City. The same storm hit here that moved on East and dropped so much snow there. Here, only six inches.

Actually I am at KCMO - at the foot of its famous 1,042 foot steel tower - from which chunks of ice have been falling all day. Tallest self-supporting tower in the world. They call it the eyeful - E-Y-Efull

TAX

The Atomic Energy Commission announces -- a new fusion. No -- not a new combination of sub-atomic particles. This is a fusion of -- nuclear energy and taxes. Subject -- liquor. Every year the Department of Internal Revenue turns up cases -- of mis-labeled wines and brandies. Old labels -- on recent firewater.

Well, the A. E. C. has developed a method for judging the contents of any bottle. A method -- based on Hydrogen Three. It's a chemical isotope -- that occurs in all liquors. But it thins out with the passage of time. 

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The more aged the contents -- the less Hydrogen

Three. So if you want to know how old a certain brandy really is -- just give it Hydrogen Three test.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue -- is already using the system. And ^{has} ~~it~~ discovered a whole series of tax frauds -- using nuclear science. *to do it.*

LT from
KLAS,
Las Vegas,
Nevada.

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