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CONGRESS  
ROBBERY

Another criticism of Congress has come - from within Congress. Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin, following the example of Dodd of <sup>Connecticut</sup> ~~Massachusetts~~ - who yesterday criticized the Congressional leadership. And drew retorts - from Mansfield of Montana and Dirksen of Illinois.

Senator Proxmire wants his colleagues to work out a meticulous timetable - for next year. A schedule to get bills through the committees - and onto the floor of the Senate. The Wisconsin Democrat insists that long-range planning is necessary - or the election year will be a "disastrous" one on Capitol Hill. The lawmakers, trying to campaign and legislate - at the same time.

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## ROBBERY

That jewel robbery in New York was well planned. The bandits obviously familiar with the route of the truck - along twelfth Avenue, parallel to the Hudson River. A route with a few taverns and garages - and no New York crowds.

The five hijackers waited - in a sedan. Two wearing patrolmen's uniforms. Three disguised by halloween masks.

They forced the truck to the curb, held up the six guards - and pushed them into the sedan. Three of the bandits drove the guards for a few blocks - before dumping them unceremoniously into the street. Meanwhile, the other two had hijacked the truck - and fourteen bags of jewelry.

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## VIET NAM

What about - South Viet Nam? Secretary Rusk is hopeful that the situation is now straightened out - following American recognition of the junta in Saigon. And that the war can be pushed more energetically - against the Communist guerrillas.

Almost as Rusk was speaking - the first batch of political prisoners were returning - from the Vietnamese "Devil's Island." Poulo Condore - a group of islands fifty miles out in the South China Sea. The late ~~President~~<sup>PRESIDENT</sup> Diem sent some of his opponents - to Poulo Condore. Thirty-three of them came back today {after three years on the "Devil's Island" of the Orient.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Here's - an interesting puzzle. What's the connection between Raisting, West Germany - Goonhilly Downs, England - and Nutley, New Jersey? Answer - a communication satellite called "Relay".

Our spacemen put "Relay" - into orbit. And Washington invited other nations - to use the ~~orbiting~~ space capsule. The British experts of Goonhilly Downs - were among the first to join. The latest - the West Germans of Raisting. On our side of the Atlantic, the center is - Nutley, New Jersey.

There are also stations - in France and Brazil. With - more to come. Eventually, all the continents will be connected - by way of outer space. By - "Relay."

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## WEATHER

The weather is in the news tonight from Portland, Maine - to Portland, Oregon. The east coast city - and indeed much of the east coast - got almost two inches of rain. Enough to break the drought, put out forest fires - and refill some of the reservoirs.

It's raining - in Portland, Oregon, too. Turning into snow - in the colder eastern part of the state. The first blizzard of the winter, sweeping back - as far as Montana. The thermometer, below freezing - in the Rocky Mountain States.

In the Midwest - fog. A heavy wet ~~XXX~~ blanket, descending over the heartland of America - from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast. Hardest hit - Illinois, where visibility is ~~XX~~ zero at O'Hare Field and the Joliet Airport.

## DEFENCE

Western missilemen are more positive than ever - after a long study of those pictures from Moscow - that the Russians do not have an effective anti-missile system. Nothing in the Moscow parade - came as a surprise. The anti-missile missile that Khrushchev is boasting about - it's not at all superior to our own Nike-Zeus. The Nike-Zeus can knock down - a single rocket. But we don't have any answer / to - a rocket barrage. Nor - do the Russians.

## BASES

The implication behind the closing of two American bases in England - is clear. Our strategists believe that we now have - a big nuclear superiority over the Russians. A striking force of missiles with atomic warheads - that the Soviets can't match. Many of them - aboard our Polaris submarines.

Hence - no need for the Sac bases we've been maintaining in England - at Fairford and Greenham Common.

WHEAT

Officials in Washington are being cautious - about our sale of wheat to the Russians. True, what is called an "understanding" - was reached today. Under this "understanding" - the Soviet Purchasing Commission will make its own terms on price and freight with American dealers.

But the transaction itself - has not yet been okayed. So the wheat may still not be sold - in spite of the fact that some of the terms of sale have been agreed upon.



## BERLIN FOLLOW RUSK

The most pressing international problem that came up at the news conference - concerned West Berlin. Why are the Soviets becoming provocative - on the autobahn?

Secretary Rusk replied frankly - "I don't understand it." The basic mystery is why Khrushchev should antagonize the West - so soon after the signing of the limited nuclear test ban treaty. And why he should back down so suddenly - after blocking the American convoy for two days.

Dean Rusk emphasized - one point. Khrushchev - did back down. We stuck to the established procedures - of traffic on the autobahn. And went through - without conceding any of our rights.

RUSK

The American Secretary of State was talking today - about the philosophy of our constitutional system. Dean Rusk, addressing himself to a question - that often bothers the political scientists. The question of keeping separate the executive and legislative branches of the Federal government.

It's a practical matter that comes up - whenever Congress begins to tack amendments onto an Administration bill. This time - the Foreign Aid Bill.

At his news conference today - Secretary Rusk did not confine himself to Congressional proposals that he doesn't like. He criticized the whole policy - of tampering with Administration measures. "Trying to legislate foreign policy" - was the way the Secretary of State put it.

The specific point is the attempt by some lawmakers to diminish American aid - to nations like

*Yugoslavia and Indonesia.*

*This evening, President Kennedy is making - the same point. The President, speaking before - the New York Protestant Council. Talking about religion and morality - in modern life. Also - the need to support our allies with massive American aid.*

## ROCKEFELLER

The old adage about the taciturn Yankee - didn't seem quite appropriate today. At least in those areas - where Nelson Rockefeller was campaigning <sup>(for the REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION)</sup> The Governor of New York opened his New Hampshire headquarters - in Concord. And his partisans gave him - a roaring welcome. You'd have thought he had already won - judging by the cheering and the noise makers. And the loud chant - "We want Rocky!"

Rockefeller repeated many of the statements he's made - during the past few months. Including his challenge to Senator Goldwater - to debate the issues with him. However, Rockefeller did clear up one point - that he's avoided hitherto. Declaring flatly - that he'll support the Republican candidate in nineteen sixty-four. No matter who.