

STRIKE

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The Maritime strike - probably will end tomorrow.

So reported to the President - by the Board he appointed specifically to deal with this walkout. Chairman Morse of Oregon, explaining how he and his colleagues - worked out an agreement with the union. The chairman, adding, with regard to the shippers - I think they will accept it.

~~which is~~ good news, indeed - for John Kennedy. The President ^{has been} worried about this maritime strike - which has tied up our east coast seaports for almost a month. So worried that his presidential board ^{gave both} ~~gave both~~ sides a warning - about anti-strike legislation to come, unless ~~they reach~~ a quick settlement.

SUB INTEGRATION

The Attorney General said today - "they are not going to have any trouble in South Carolina". Robert Kennedy, referring to Clemson College - which apparently will have to accept its first negro student.

The application of Harvey Gantt, upheld - by a federal appeals court, the attorneys of the college, then taking the case - to the Supreme Court where Chief Justice Warren - has ruled against them. So - will the famous Southern college peacefully accept Harvey Gantt? The Attorney General is confident that Clemson will.

FRANCE

The agreement reached today in Paris is so historic - that ordinarily it would overshadow everything else. France and West Germany, pledging close cooperation with one another - in everything from coal mining to culture. The two old enemies, coming close together in what is, geographically - a return to Charlemagne's empire. The union of France and Germany that existed - before the rise of enmity between the Gaul and the Teuton.

But - there's a spot on the sun. This historic occasion ^{is} somewhat dimmed - by DeGaulle's attitude to the Common Market. Adenauer strongly supports ^{ing} the British bid - for membership. The President of France - still being difficult about ^{it.} ~~that~~.

CONGO

The fall of Kolwezi in the Congo - was expected. But no one thought Tshombe's last stronghold would capitulate so quickly. The U.N. advance guards, pushing in - without a shot fired at them. They did find the bridge across the Lualaba mined, but no attempt was made to blow it up. Kolwezi - no Verdun of Katanga.

Tschombe was waiting for the Indian commander - at a villa on the outskirts of the city. More important, his Foreign Affairs Minister - surrendered. Fire-eating Godefroide Munongo was thought to be plotting - a new anti-U.N. drive in the name of secessionist Katanga. Today he handed his authority over to the U.N.

EXPLOSION

That explosion in East Berlin, so shattering they heard it miles away in West Berlin. Site of the explosion - the District where Khrushchev is staying. In fact, first reports intimated - that either Khrushchev or Ulbricht had been injured by the blast. But that proved false - when the master of the Kremlin and his puppet arrived together at the Communist conclave.

As for the explosion, the East German Reds dismiss it as all part of a construction project. But why construction work at that time of night? Why wake most of the city - including the visiting boss from Moscow?

SPENDING

The bill introduced on Capitol Hill today - calls for spending more than fifteen billion dollars. That much - for defense. The biggest sum we've ever spent - to deter any potential aggression.

Chairman ~~and~~ Vinson, of the House Armed Services Committee - has scheduled hearings for next week. Beginning with Secretary of Defense McNamara - and General Maxwell Taylor, Chairman of the Joint Chief's. ~~after that.~~

DISARMAMENT

The phrase "cautious optimism" is overworked nowadays - which may be a sign of the times. Ours being a generation of danger - and hope. Anyway, "cautious optimism" is Washington's reaction to the latest Soviet proposals on a nuclear test ban treaty.

You've heard about those famous black boxes, monitoring devices - for keeping a check on atomic explosions. Khrushchev says the USSR will permit three of them on Soviet soil. Which is the nearest he has ever come - to on-site inspection.

Hence a bit of optimism in Washington tonite. For three monitors may not add up to a cheat-proof system. At any rate President Kennedy says he is "encouraged".

EVEREST

We don't know tonight - where Mount Everest is.

I mean - politically. There's no doubt about the geography, of the tallest mountain on our planet. It stands in the Himalayas - between Nepal and Tibet.

But - where does the boundary run on the map?

Everest used to be - inside Nepal. Later - Red China claimed that the mountain was part of Tibet. Some cartographers - hold that the Himalayan summit is the real dividing line.

The point being that Everest isn't mentioned - in today's accord between Peking and Kathmandu. The Tibet - Nepal border - said to be agreed ~~on~~ upon. But somehow they overlooked five miles of the border. Five miles up - that is. Mount Everest - which towers almost thirty thousand ~~feet~~ feet.

So is ~~any~~ Everest ^{now in} Nepal, ^{or} ~~at~~ Tibet, or in between?

ACTOR

The scene that Richard Burton played last night - was more strenuous than anything in his movies. The stage setting - a deserted London street. Supporting cast - a gang of juvenile delinquents, ~~or~~ Teddy Boys - as they are known in London. They knocked him down - and mauled him on the sidewalk. Leaving him with a black eye - and a cut that needed three stitches.

The sound of the battle - brought the bobbies into a back alley. Said Richard Burton "it seemed longer than Cleopatra."

1/2 "Chips" Rafferty, top Australian film star, who is in the new version of *Mating on The Bounty*, had a similar experience recently, in London.

WEATHER

You probably have heard about the cold wave below the Mason-Dixon Line, from Georgia to the Texas Panhandle.

In the midwest - still freezing cold. The Mississippi, so clogged with ice - river boats had to turn back today. Returning to port - at Cairo, Illinois. While up in Alaska, Dick, at Anchorage, it's forty-four above.

FASHION

Here's - an interesting conundrum. When is it a compliment - to say that a lady looks like a barber pole? Answer - when she's wearing the latest Florentine fashion. A cocktail dress - unveiled in Florence today. They say it's a spiral of orange and white stripes. And it's the hit at the fashion show at the Pitti Palace. The lady who looks like a barber pole.