

FOREST FIRES

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Tonight, <sup>right</sup> ~~there's a consistent picture~~

↗ across the northeastern quarter of this country,  
Flames <sup>are</sup> leaping in the darkness - forest fires, dozens,  
and scores of them. All the way from New England and  
New York, across country into Wisconsin.

In Canada too, where eighty forest fires  
are burning in the Province of Ontario.

Two farming communities isolated by flames  
in ~~the~~ Ontario. Forest fires advancing on seven fronts.  
No escape for the people - except where they live  
along a lake so they could get in the water to escape  
the blazing storm.

The worst outbreak of forest fires in  
ten years. Blamed mostly on careless weekend  
fishermen and campers. After a winter of light  
snowfall and dry spring.

But New Jersey blames two forest fires  
on an arsonist. Who started the flames going --  
three thousand acres of woodland burned out in South  
New Jersey.

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On Cape Cod a forest fire caused by an air crash. A jet fighter plane hitting the ground and bursting into flames. Which set the woods on fire -- a strong wind sweeping the blaze on and on.

## SKYWAYS

The government announces plans for twelve new super skyways. Highways that really are high. Trans-continental roads through the blue.

In the interest of air safety all non-stop trans-continental air lines will have to stay within -- strips of space. Monitored by control centers, equipped with powerful electronic devices. So as to minimize the danger of collision in the air.

The twelve super-skyways will <sup>cross</sup> the continent <sup>between</sup> ~~from~~ New York and Washington on one side -- ~~to~~ San Francisco and Los Angeles on the other.

**BECK**

More Fifth Amendment -- in Washington, today. Dave Beck, President of the Teamsters Union making the self-incrimination plea time and again.

The Senate investigating committee wants to question four members of Beck's family including his son. But can't find them. So today, the President of the Teamsters Union, ~~was~~ asked about them, *immediately took the* ~~same~~ Fifth Amendment. Beck even refusing to say that he knew them!

*Whereupon,* ~~which~~ the chairman, Senator McClellan of Arkansas, asked -- did Beck really believe that a truthful answer would incriminate him? If he said -- he knew his own son?

"It might -- yes sir", the Union President replied solemnly.

However, there was another witness -- a lot more communicative. A Seattle accountant, Stewart Kreiger, who told how Beck hired him to do accounting work for the Teamsters. His regular salary and also expense bills -- paid by the Teamsters.

But nearly all the work he did for a year and a half was for two beer and liquor firms. In which the Beck's family was financially interested, for which he received more than fifteen thousand dollars.

Whereupon Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts<sup>5</sup> made an apt comment. Saying -- that, during the year and a half the dues of two hundred Teamsters Union members were used to pay the accounting bill for ~~Beck's~~ Beck's liquor firms.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

The State Senate of New Hampshire has taken up a measure of an unusual sort. A resolution -- condemning a newspaper.

A few days ago the Manchester Union Leader published a bitter article -- excoriating President Eisenhower, -- reciting the fact that -- ~~at~~<sup>to</sup> a White House reception for the members of Congress, the President omitted <sup>to invite</sup> ~~the name of~~ Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin. Part of the old Eisenhower-McCarthy feud.

The criticism of the President so strong -- the resolution describes it as follows: "The unabridged use of such vicious and irresponsible language in the public press".

Republican legislators backing the resolution -- Democrats opposing it. Raising the cry -- freedom of the press. But in a way it puts the Democrats on the side of the late Senator McCarthy.

## MCCARTHY

The lid is off in Wisconsin -- the political storm let loose - following the funeral rights for the late Senator McCarthy. Republicans, in control of the State legislature wanting to give Republican Governor Vernon Thomson the power to appoint a McCarthy successor instead of having a special election to fill the vacancy. The idea being to vote a change in the State law. The Democrats -- ready for battle against any such thing.

There's one striking possibility. If the Governor makes the appointment he might name Mrs. McCarthy, the thirty-one year old widow who was once the Senator's Washington secretary. Jean McCarthy having the backing of Wisconsin Congressman O'Konski who wants her to fill her late husband's unexpired term.

## EISENHOWER BUDGET

President Eisenhower may make two radio television appearances in the battle of the budget. He told a news conference today that in appealing to the country -- one radio-television talk may not be enough. So many angles to present in his fight against the reduction proposed in Congress.

"I'm getting very much afraid" said the President "that I shall have to go twice on television. He contended that the key to the argument is - military expenditures." Saying "You're not going to cut national defense markedly - until you've eased the tensions in the world."

The President made reference to the disarmament talks going on in London -- and indicated that these may give some hope of easing tensions. He noted the Soviet proposal for a "limited" open sky inspection plan. Which he said requires very earnest study."



## SYRIA TURKEY

Syria sent a warning to Turkey - so says a dispatch from Damascus -- the Syrians protesting against the massing of Turkish troops along the Syrian border.

Reports have been that pro-Western Turkey put its armed forces along the Syrian border during the time of the crisis in Jordan. When there were signs -- that left-wing Syria might intervene in Jordan.

The report is confirmed in Turkey. With an explanation - that it was only a case of routine military maneuvers.

However, these maneuvers were held at the same time the American Sixth Fleet made a swift appearance in the Eastern Mediterranean. So the guess is that both were for the same purpose. Moves to stabilize the situation in Jordan.

## DONGO TREASURE

In Italy today the case of the Dongo treasure was featured - by the appearance of a top ranking journalist as a witness. Lanfranchi, <sup>hee</sup> (~~last syllable pronounced kee~~) editor of a great newspaper in Milan - telling the court what he knows about the disappearance of an eighty million dollar fortune which Mussolini had with him trying to escape during the collapse of Fascist Italy in World War Two.

The witness described a talk he had with a woman named Franca. Who had been a member of a guerrilla band which captured and executed Mussolini. Near the village of Dongo - in the Lake of Como District.

She told him that she had in her possession a receipt for thirty-two million dollars of the treasure - gold, jewels and money -- delivered to Communist party headquarters in the city of Como. The receipt given by the Communist bosses.

Then, after talking with editor Lanfranchi she went back to the partisan band looking for her guerrilla lover. Neither of those two -- ever seen again. The belief being that they were murdered by the Communists, because they knew too much about the Reds getting the Dongo treasure. Several of the defendants now on trial at the city of Padua are accused of the double murder.

## MAYFLOWER

*Capt. Alan Villiers*  
A radio message -- from the Mayflower Second.  
Giving the position today of that replica of the  
Pilgrim Father's historic ship.

In Sixteen Twenty the original Mayflower sailed ~~in~~ from Plymouth, England, across the bleak North Atlantic -- to Massachusetts. This new voyage supposed to follow that same course. But where do we find the Mayflower second tonight?

Three hundred miles southwest of the Canary Islands -- which are off the coast of Africa. Unfavorable winds -- the breeze blowing insistently from the North. Driving the Mayflower Second south and farther south. Making it -- a voyage to the tropics.

*Capt. Villiers may take*  
If this goes on the Mayflower Second ~~may~~  
*to*  
~~land in~~ South America - instead of Massachusetts,  
Cape Cod, Plymouth Rock.

## BASEBALL

At Cleveland there was a pilgrimage to a hospital today. And an anxious pilgrimage it was. Three ball players of the New York yankees. Gil McDougald, with his team mates - Yogi Berra, and Hank Bauer.

At the Lakeside<sup>side</sup> Hospital they asked could they see Herb Score. Well, you<sup>probably</sup> know what happened last night. Herb Score, the brilliant young fireball pitcher of the Cleveland Indian's struck between the eyes by a blazing liner from the bat of Gil McDougald. His nose broken and worst of all, danger to his eye-sight.

After<sup>ward</sup> Gil McDougald cried out bitterly -- "if he loses his sight I'll quit this game."

At the hospital the three Yankee players were told the doctors would not let the patient have any visitors. But a nurse brought a message from the stricken pitcher.

Tell Mac not to worry. It wasn't his fault. Said Herb Score.

Then Gil McDougald, Yogi Berra and Hank Bauer went on to the home of Dr. Charles Thomas, the eye specialist who is treating Score. Who told them "it'll be two days and possibly a week before an accurate diagnosis can be taken."

He said the patients condition was improved this morning. There had been ~~an~~ a bad eye hemorrhage but that was being absorbed.

Whereupon the three Yankee players went their way downhearted ~~xxxxx~~ over what might possibly be the bitterest baseball tragedy of all. But, they hope not. Herb Score one of the <sup>top</sup>~~greatest~~ young speed pitchers <sup>18</sup> years.

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I am on the banks of the Raritan route — at New Brunswick, N.J. — one of the older cities of America — founded in 1730 — Home of Rutgers, Johnson + Johnson — & the list is endless. And here's a news item from one of America's <sup>younger cities</sup>

## SCHOOL

At Gary, Indiana, an uproar in a school and the echo is -- whack, whack, whack. Parents complaining because there was a mass paddling in the sixth grade. Eleven pupils given a spanking.

The spanker -- Gordon Schipper, a science teacher who gave the pupils a vocabulary test. Many of them flunking. Hence the mass paddling.

In Gary, spanking, legal as a last resort. Science teacher Gordon Schipper declaring - it was the last resort. Adding - that he hopes the mass paddling will be a "test case".

Parents complaining, but not all. The father of one of the pupils who got spanked comes to the defense of paddling.

"Teachers" he argues "should take more action to keep ~~in~~ discipline in school. And parents should back them up. If my boy gets paddled in school again I told him he could expect another one when he gets home."

*Henry, that's* Spoken like a Roman - like a pater familias,  
in the old tradition. Cato himself could not have been  
more stern.



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Announcer -- And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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L.T. Well, a lot of you folks will also recall --  
Burleigh Grimes. Old time pitching hero of the  
Brooklyn Dodgers who lives in baseball history as  
the pitcher who threw the last spit-ball. The last  
legal spitter that is in the major leagues. Which  
was -- twenty-three years ago.

Today the argument about the damp delivery  
*has* flared up again. Burleigh Grimes, on his farm  
near Trenton, Missouri, speaking up <sup>S</sup> Defending --  
the spitter. Saying "my arm is just as straight  
today as it ever was <sup>S</sup>". A spit ball doesn't tie up  
your arm like a curl ball does". Says Burbigh Grimes  
with a wide sweep of the old soup bone.

And solong until tomorrow.