

ROCKET

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Over the South Atlantic, today, near Ascencion Island, halfway between Brazil and Africa - a searching airplane spied a colored mark on the ocean. Made by dye-stuff -- released as a marker. The plane flashed the location, and a ship of the U.S. Navy went racing to the scene. Recovering - the nose cone of a rocket, fired at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

All of which marks a triumph - in our American development of intercontinental ballistics missiles. The recovery of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the nose cone - a major objective. Which hitherto - has been attempted in vain.

The purpose - clear. A rocket, with a range of some five thousand miles - arches high into space. Then comes back into the atmosphere - at an enormous speed. The friction of the air so great - it would burn up a hydrogen bomb warhead. Hence the necessity - of slowing down the speed, when the rocket re-enters the atmosphere.

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A Today's experiment with the nose cone, shaped something

like the top of a bottle - had a parachute for slowing down.

Fixed in such a way - that it would open, when coming back into the atmosphere. The nose cone - having also, a sort of small balloon.

Well, it worked. The nose cone - coming down slowly enough. Releasing a quantity of dye - in the water. So that it was duly spotted - and picked up.

HISS

Alger Hiss - getting a passport for travel in Europe.

The State Department - deciding to grant a request he has made.

Hiss, of course, was convicted of perjury in connection with Communist espionage. Sentenced to prison - and serving a term. Which, under the law, is no reason for denying him a passport - according to the State Department.

## OYSTERS

The oyster war between Maryland and Virginia - erupted with gunfire today. One oyster fisherman killed - another wounded.

The quarrel between the two states - going back to Colonial times. Concerning - the oyster beds around Chesapeake Bay. Today, three Virginia fishermen - fishing for oysters near the mouth of the Potomac. In an area - belonging to Maryland. When they were interrupted - by a Maryland State police boat. The Virginia boat - making off. Ordered to stop - but it kept on going. Intercepted - by another Maryland boat. The police aboard - opening fire with pistols. Hence the casualties - one Virginian killed and one wounded.

An incident - likely to exasperate the old quarrel between the neighboring states.



## GAS TAX

Wanted - a sponsor for a bill in Congress. If you'd like to have your name tacked onto a law - here's your chance, If you could find some way - to be a Congressman. *or representative if you prefer,*

President Eisenhower's proposal for a hike in gasoline taxes - is before a Congressional Committee. Waiting - for some legislator <sup>to</sup> present it.

But, so far, not a Republican or Democrat - has come forward, willing to sponsor the administration bill. **A** graphic indication <sup>of</sup> how popular an increase in the gasoline tax is in Congress. The word being - the bill will not be passed. **Even** - if it ever does find a sponsor.

WEST GERMANY

Retiring West German Chancellor Adenauer states - that, moving up to the office of President, he will still exert a strong influence in political and international affairs. Still retaining - his leadership. Denying - that the West German presidency need be powerless and ornamental, ~~As~~ - it has always been regarded. Adenauer insisting - ~~that~~ the presidency has more authority than most people believe.

He stated this in a radio-television address to the West German people, today. Adding - that he does not want to explain right now, why he is quitting as Chancellor - to run for President.

~~His decision, however, is interpreted otherwise by~~

*P* The West German Socialists, ~~the~~, today, declared - it's "the end of the Adenauer era." Saying - the eighty-three year old Chancellor was being "pushed upstairs". Because his own Christian Democrat Party is dissatisfied with his policies. Particularly - in the international field. Adenauer - so rigid in the question of dealing with Soviet Russia.

VATICAN

Here's a headline - about as melodramatic as you can make one. Shooting - inside the Vatican! The Commander of the Swiss Guards - felled by bullets. Actually, he was not seriously injured - although wounded in the neck and shoulder by two shots.

The gunman - a former member of the Swiss Guards, Adolph Rucker, who was dismissed last year - when it was found that he was afflicted with epilepsy. Since then - trying to get back into that ornamental company. Which ~~was~~ <sup>ceremonially</sup> guards the Roman Pontiff.

Today, Rucker made another appeal to the Commander, Colonel Robert Nuenlist, a distinguished officer, a professor of Philosophy - and a former infantry commander in the Swiss Army. Both the Colonel and the former ~~Swiss~~ Guard - from the same canton in Switzerland. The canton of Argau.

In the commander's office, near one of the gates of the Vatican, Rucker drew a pistol - firing two shots, <sup>at Colonel Nuenlist.</sup> Whereupon he was immediately seized by Guards on duty - and injured slightly in a scuffle. Both he and his ~~intended~~ <sup>wounded</sup> victim - taken to



a hospital.

Well, the Swiss Guards had an exciting history, back in the Sixteenth Century - when they were formed. Today, noted chiefly - for the picturesque Renaissance uniforms they wear.



## PHILIPPINES

Pirates - that's the news from the Philippines. Still more sinister - Moro pirates. Those Moslem tribes - long renowned for their warlike predatory ways. So now, an island - ravaged by the raids of the Moro pirates.

Basilan Island is at the southern tip of the Philippines. The people there - making an appeal to the government at Manila. Asking - that soldiers and warships be sent. Also - military planes.

They say the Moro pirates are now using - motor speed boats. Coming in swiftly - and raiding the villages along the coast. The farm people - fleeing inland.

The cause of this outbreak by the Moros? Well, they've long been smugglers. But, recently, Philippine authorities have stopped the running of contraband. So the Moros, deprived of smuggling, have turned to piracy.

ACTRESS

The news about the Oscar winners culminates - in some plain speaking, refreshing candor. From British Actress Wendy Hiller, who won the Academy Award - for the best supporting role. *P* She's over in London with her twenty year old daughter, and here's what she has to say about her Oscar. "I hope," says Wendy Hiller, "that this <sup>(award)</sup> ~~award~~ means - cash, hard cash. *said Wendy,* Never mind the honor - though I'm sure it's very nice of them,"

She hopes the Oscar will get her some good jobs.

"I want lots of lovely offers to go filming in Hollywood.

Preferably in the winter - so that I can avoid all the horrid slush and cold over here." *So* says Wendy, with a bow to that far famed British climate.

*And now - with a bow to you, Don.*

## PROCRASTINATORS

The Procrastinators Club of America - meeting in Philadelphia, today. Voting - to hold a Christmas Party the following June. Just - procrastinating.

The Convention also presented its annual award - to the "nuttin box." So now you're supposed to ask - what is a "nuttin box?" *But you'll all guess it.*

~~well,~~ *It's* a contraption of two rows of lights that blink on and off. Busily - but at random.

At this point you ask: "What does it do?"

~~and~~ The answer is - "nuttin." *and s-l-u-t-m.*