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SCIENCE

A new book entitled, "Unless Peace Comes," describes some of the fantastic weapons which may be used in wars of the future. For instance, a walking nuclear bomb that strolls into enemy territory, or knocks at the door of Britain's Parliament, or the White House, or the Kremlin. The book is a symposium of predictions by various scientists who offer proof that man's ingenuity is never keener than in the service of destruction. There's a possibility that hurricanes can be scientifically directed toward an enemy shoreline - tidal waves created by tipping the edge of the continental shelf - thunderclouds and lightning manipulated to impair the mental performance of a specified population. And let's not forget the computerized war in which an enemy maneuver could be foreseen and turned back, even before the enemy thinks of it himself.

POLITICS

How goes the race for presidential nominations? Well, first, here's a political straw in the California wind. Governor Ronald Reagan now says he's re-assessing his presidential prospects because of a growing "grass roots" movement in his favor. Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts says Governor Rockefeller wants the Republican presidential ~~nom~~ nomination very much and soon will make an affirmative statement of intention. On the Democratic side, Senator McCarthy is scheduled to deliver a major policy address in Pittsburgh tomorrow night. And Senator Robert Kennedy -- the father of ten children -- campaigned today in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, telling the farmers -- "I'm doing more for you than any other candidate -- just look around my breakfast table some morning."

FERBER

Novelist and playwright Edna Ferber died today in New York at the age of eighty. Miss Ferber won the Pulitzer Prize in Nineteen-Twenty-Four with her novel, "So Big."

But her most enduring work was the novel, "ShowBoat", which became ~~xxxxxx~~ a play with music by Jerome Kern -- a motion picture -- and finally a radio series. When it was first published many years ago, "Show Boat" was daring for its time because it dealt with racial discrimination. Altogether, Miss Ferber wrote twenty-three novels over a span of nearly sixty years.

AIRLINES

A Civil Aeronautics Board examiner today made recommendations in Trans-Pacific Route Case -- the biggest case in C.A.B. history -- and it could drastically change the airline map of the Pacific. Examiner Robert Park recommended that Eastern, Western and Trans World Airlines be given routes in the booming Pacific market. He also asked that three long-time Pacific carriers -- Northwest, Pan American and United -- be allowed to fly new or expanded routes. The C.A.B. ² will begin hearing arguments in the case this June.

WATER

A yellow-colored water that tastes very stale, bubbles from a remote well in the Bosnian Mountains of Yugoslavia,

~~and~~ soon it may become that country's biggest beverage export.

It gurgles from the earth near the village of Kladanj whose residents refer to it as -- "sex water." It was discovered by hunters nearly seventy years ago and has a legendary ability to increase the male virility -- ~~some~~^{has} never scientifically proven. Now, barbed wire barricades surround the well -- armed guards ~~are~~ posted there. A West German brewery has signed a contract to test the water for commercial sales. A firm on Costa Rica has ordered one thousand gallons, requesting distribution rights for Central America. And officials in Sarajevo have set aside eighty-thousand dollars to exploit the water, with bottling expected to start next month.

CONDUCTOR

A fifteen-year-old English lad from London flew to New York today and this Saturday he'll conduct the London Symphony Orchestra in a musical composition which he himself composed. Young Oliver Knussen wrote his symphony when he was only thirteen. He says the fact that his father, Stewart, is the orchestra's ~~principal~~ ^{Principal} double bass player won't bother him at all while he's up there waving the baton.

MIDEAST

King Hussein of Jordan has arrived in Kuwait to rally support for an Arab summit conference that would form a solid front against Israel. The Mideast Crisis appears to be approaching another climax with Jordan now accusing Israel of establishing Jewish settlements in Arab territory occupied by Israeli troops.

VIETNAM

Two American planes shot down today over North Vietnam by increasingly heavy Communist anti-aircraft fire. Two other U.S. planes collided in mid-air and crashed off the North Vietnamese coast. The Communists also resumed heavy shelling of the American fortress at Khe Sanh.

In Honolulu, President Johnson held working sessions with the ranking American admirals and generals in the Pacific area, and tomorrow he confers with South Korean President Park Chung-Hee, Korea - still a major trouble spot because of new harrassments from the Communist North.

EXPLOSION

History's biggest underground nuclear explosion will be triggered in a remote area of the Nevada Test site on April Twenty-Fourth and it's expected to jar at least four Western states. The Atomic Energy Commission says persons within a two-hundred-fifty-mile radius will probably feel an earth tremor in Nevada and parts of California, Arizona and Utah.

GALT

Two Atlanta taxicab drivers say that Eric Starvo Galt - the mystery man in the search for Doctor Martin Luther King's assassin - may have ridden in their cabs after the slaying. Both drivers - whose names were withheld - made their statements to the FBI after viewing an artist's sketch of Galt, drawn from descriptions offered by persons who saw him. The cabbies say both trips were in Atlanta's "hippie" neighborhood around Peachtree and Fourteenth Streets.

STRIKE

In Memphis, the city's twelve-hundred sanitation workers have agreed to end the long strike which brought Doctor King to Memphis on the day he was slain. A new fourteen-months contract provides for a fifteen-cent an hour wage increase.

POLAND

In Warsaw, seven more of Communist Poland's officials either fired, or expelled from the Party, and a continuing purge that has thrown the nation into political upheaval. More than fifty - including many Jewish officials purged since student demonstrations rocked the country last February demanding liberalization of government policies. The World Jewish Congress charges the government with pursuing an intense campaign against Zionists.