

RAILROAD

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The Board of Directors of the latest railroad merger, if it ~~is~~ goes through -- *and it looks as tho' it will* will allot fourteen seats to the Pennsylvania, and eleven to the New York Central. The combination will be worth -- five and a half billion ~~mm~~ dollars. Making it - the eleventh largest corporation in the United States.

Headquarters for the new railroad system - Philadelphia. Name - "The Pennsylvania, New York Central, Transportation Company." All that remains now -- is approval by the Interstate Commerce Commission. And - a vote in favor - by the stockholders. Both of which are called -- probable.

## OHIO

Today's announcement by the Governor of Ohio will almost certainly cause a bitter fight in the primaries. Last October, Governor Mike DiSalle told his fellow Democrats -- that he had decided ~~to~~ not to run for re-election. Whereupon, State Attorney General Mark McElroy -- threw his hat in the ~~ring~~ <sup>ring</sup>.

Now DiSalle is back in the race - and McElroy refuses to withdraw. In fact, McElroy is challenging DiSalle's administration --with epithets like "fumbling, faltering, indecisive, insincere." Strong language from one Ohio Democrat to another. Especially strong, since President Kennedy was in Columbus last Saturday -- defending DiSalle's record.

Yes, it looks like a ~~sure~~ <sup>quite</sup> ~~danger~~ of a primary <sup>in Ohio.</sup> -- for the Democrats. A prospect that doesn't disturb the Republicans of the Buckeye State - one bit.

## NAVY

An Admiral in the Navy may rise to the top of his profession -- because he was demoted today. A paradox -- that makes good sense. Vice Admiral Chick Hayward, stepping down to Rear Admiral -- to take command of the ~~most~~ most powerful task force ever assembled. His flagship -- the eighty-five thousand ton Enterprise. ~~The big battle wagon, to be~~ supported by two other super carriers. Flanked by -- cruisers and missile destroyers. <sup>And</sup> Below the surface, a flotilla of polaris ~~in~~ submarines.

The Navy, <sup>tapping</sup> ~~plucking~~ one of its best men -- to command this task force. A post that calls for ~~a Rear Admiral~~ Hence the demotion of Vice Admiral <sup>to</sup> a rear Admiral. <sup>With a chance of course that</sup> Hayward <sup>Hence the possibility that</sup> he'll end up -- as boss of the Navy.

U N

Here's a follow up to the State of the Union message. Subject, American money for U N bonds. One of the things President Kennedy came out for yesterday.

Some observers believe - this is the riskiest proposal in the presidential address. Risky, because it commits the Administration to all-out support of the U N. ~~THE~~ just when congress is becoming somewhat disenchanted with the international organization. For example, with regard to the Katanga operation, ~~And~~, the Soviet veto. ~~as well as~~ other points ~~that~~ you've ~~all~~ heard about.

The argument is, that Congress just might say: "No", to special financial support for the U N. If so, President Kennedy would have to revise his foreign policy. Which means that the administration's prestige is on the line -- along with the U N bonds.

LAOS

The resumption of American aid to Laos -  
was expected. Everyone knew that the suspension was  
merely a prod - to reluctant Prince Boun Oum. Washington,  
suggesting in a persuasive way, that the pro-Western  
prince meet again with his neutralist and pro-Communist  
opposite numbers. Boun Oum, finally saying, O.K.  
America's aid quota for January promptly sent on to  
Vientiane,

## NEW GUINEA

Diplomatic observers around the world - are watching New Guinea tonight. Watching - for an expected outburst of violence. No, not an assault by the Indonesian army - although that may be in the cards. The immediate threat - the fifth column that's already ashore on the island. Thousands of Indonesian <sup>invaders</sup> ~~invaders~~ said to have slipped in by night. Guerrilla fighters ready to challenge the Dutch. A challenge that may be already under way - in the ~~same~~ tropical jungles of New Guinea.

## BERLIN

One of the things hardest hit by the winter weather -- ~~the~~<sup>at</sup> wall, in Berlin. The bricks and mortar crumbling -- in the freezing cold. The ~~ramshackled~~<sup>ramshackled</sup> structure cracking wide open -- ~~in several places~~.

Leaving gaps - through which refugees from East Germany might escape. The threat so obvious -- that ~~at least~~<sup>at least</sup> Russian officers toured the wall today, giving orders for its immediate repair. Warning the East German police to inspect every inch of the barrier, every day.

Meanwhile, an East German Major has defected to the West, ~~he~~<sup>a Major who</sup> was in command of an engineering unit on the border. He sent his men in one direction, took the other direction himself -- and slipped through to freedom in West Germany.

ALGERIA

"The orange trees will soon flourish again."

This sentence, broadcast by the right-wing Algerian

underground, is decoded to mean the beginning of -

of Snowdon, brother in law to the Queen. He's also another reign of terror. Another outbreak by the Anthony Armstrong Jones -- artistic xxxxx adviser to Ultras - who oppose both the Moslem rebels and DeGaulle. the London Times. His job, preparing special features

The last reign of terror started with the cryptic xxxxxx for the rotogrevure section.

message - "the cigarettes are burning"

Meanwhile, the daily violence in Algeria

continues. Five thousand Europeans, rioting in a

seaport - forty-five miles from Iran. Elsewhere in

Algeria, more attacks by Moslems and settlers; with

fourteen killed today and twenty three injured.



ROYALTY

(52) The Earl of Snowdon is having union trouble. Doesn't seem plausible -- in the case of Princess Margaret's husband. Ah, but he's not only the Earl of Snowdon, brother in law to the Queen. He's also Anthony Armstrong Jones -- artistic ~~xxxxx~~ adviser to the London Times. His job, preparing special features for the rotogravure section.

The Times, paying the new hand in his editorial office, nine thousand pounds a year. And thereby hangs the dispute. An ordinary employee working at the same job, for union wages -- gets nine hundred pounds. So, a lot of disgruntled newsmen are asking: "Who is this Tony Armstrong Jones anyway?"

52 1/2 Answer <sup>Why, Dick -</sup> he's the Earl of Snowdon, ~~Dick~~.

## MILITARY

The Army is said to be jittery tonight due to word leaking out of the Pentagon - about a coming shakeup of the old line commands. The plan has been around - for years. But never put into effect.

You can judge how massive the resentment there is likely to be. Scheduled to lose their autonomy - ordnance, quartermaster, transport, chemical and signal corps.

Reason for revamping the Army, - too much overlapping and too many bottle necks. But doing this as the former Army Secretary Lovett said, will be like backing into a buzz saw.