

GENERAL MOTORS

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The decision by General Motors to maintain its price list this year -- is regarded as a stabilizing factor in the auto industry. And ~~for~~ ^{the} American economy generally. Because the sale of cars influences so many other industries. Like steel and rubber.

A few figures tell the story. Last year, G.M. turned out nearly three million cars. Fifty-five per cent of the American market. Profits of one point five nine billion dollars. A record.

So you can see the significance of this announcement. G.M., not raising the cost of its cars, ~~intends~~ ^{intends} help the nation ~~to~~ control ~~in~~ the inflationary spiral of wages chasing prices.

One -- added point. G.M. is standing by this decision -- in spite of the negotiations with the United Auto Workers. Negotiations that could end in -- the top-labor contract in the history of the auto industry.

POLITICS

The phrase on which Barry Goldwater hammered today - "national suicide." The Republican candidate thus characterizing -- President Johnson's handling of our armed services, and our weapons.

And President Johnson attacking Goldwater by reputation - but not by name. Castigating -- "the reckless and rejected extremes of American life," as he put it.

MUNDY

Senator Karl Mundt, from South Dakota -- is fed up with this year's campaign.

No one really believes in his heart, says Senator Mundt -- that Barry Goldwater is a raving demagogue, or that President Johnson is a crook. The Senator from South Dakota wants both candidates to campaign on the issues.

GLADYS

As
~~As~~ Hurrigan Gladys blustered her erratic way further up
the Atlantic coast, the ~~little~~ ^{at the tip} village ^{-- in} of Cape Hatteras, North
Carolina -- was trying to dig itself out of [^] sand.

Sand -- blocking the highways and roads. Deposited by
the enormous tides ~~that~~ ^{coastal} battered the [^] sand banks and dunes.

~~The~~ Sand piling up so high that several villages -- were
isolated. Highway crews moving in today -- to see what they
can do.

Meanwhile further north -- especially in New England --
large scale preparations were under way. Preparations to deal
with ^{wild} Gladys. ~~Stated as -- "a potential killer."~~

In New York, police, firemen, emergency workers and
disaster teams at the ready. Both entrances to the Battery
Tunnel sand-bagged -- to prevent flooding. All Coast Guard
leaves cancelled. Ships, reconnaissance planes and helicopters --
moved to safety. Hundreds of small vessels, yachts, ~~boats~~
fishing boats around Long Island and along the Connecticut
shore -- moved into rivers, canals and bays. Even the World's

Fair -- ready to drain off water from its lake. If the water should rise too high.

All ferry runs to Nantucket cancelled. About fifty war ships ~~at~~ Newport, Rhode Island, seeking refuge in Narragansett Bay. Jet bombers at Westover Air Force Base -- preparing to fly inland.

Quincy welcoming committee -- ~~at~~ lined up for Gladys.

GROMYKO

A few years ago, the following Soviet proposal would have been treated as -- mere propoganda. Something that the Russians would like to see - the free world adopt. Without any thought of respecting it -- behind the Iron Curtain.

This time however -- there's no doubt that Gromyko really means what he says. Namely, that all nations should renounce force -- in settling frontier disputes. No attempt to shift frontiers -- by an appeal to the sword.

I'm sure you know -- why the Soviet foreign minister is sincere ^{in this, right now} the most explosive frontier in the world -- is the one between Russia and Red China. ^{with} Mao Tse-tung demanding, that Khrushchev return the lands in central Asia and Siberia -- that were rent from China by the nineteenth century Russian imperialists. The -- czars.

In fact, Mao has published maps -- that show the changes he wants, and, intends to get, if he can. To which the Russians are saying -- "these lands are forever Russian." ^{Saying to and extracting} their Chinese comrades -- "please, let's not fight about it."

COMMUNISM

now on at

That Red Youth Rally ~~in~~ the Kremlin -- seems to have forgotten all about the first order of business. To wit -- a fierce condemnation of the United States. Something that has been standard operating procedure for international communist gatherings -- ever since Stalin.

Khrushchev would like to see the habit -- continue. But, the Chinese Reds are saying "nyet." Not that Mao Tse-tung's representatives -- love America. They just hate Khrushchev -- more. And said so today ~~in~~ *there within* the Kremlin *walls*.

At least, the choicest epithets of the delegation from Peking -- were reserved for the Soviet premier. And these touched off a barrage of anti-Mao remarks -- from the Soviet side. A verbal brawl that drowned out the speaker -- who was supposed to give the signal for an anti-American demonstration. ~~Quite~~ *Quite* remarkable. ~~spectacle~~ Anti-Kremlin remarks -- inside the Kremlin.

KASHMIR

The possibility of civil war inside the Red bloc - should not make us forget the mutual antagonisms of the free world. The reminder this time over Kashmir. That beautiful region far up in the Western Himalayas, as you know, is claimed by both India and Pakistan -- both two key nations -- on our side of the Iron and Bamboo Curtains.

Kashmir, long a vexed question with no answer. But an answer may have to be found -- because tonight there is new shooting in Kashmir. An Indian patrol in a clash with a Pakistani patrol. The Pakistanis - virtually wiped out in this one.

New Delhi claims that it took place on the Indian side of the cease-fire line - this latest battle over Kashmir.

FLEET

The NATO naval exercise in the Atlantic -- is still being shadowed by the Soviets. Russian ships and planes -- in the words of the London Dispatch, "swarming into the area." Sticking so close that they might almost be part of -- the maneuvers.

One British admiral remarks with a the dry jocularly of his service -- "we should ^{invite} them to join us." They'd make a good-- simulated enemy." They would indeed, although ^{is} "simulated" ~~is not exactly the~~ ^{the right} word? These NATO exercises are being held because of the possibility -- that someday Western naval power may face the Soviet navy in a shooting war.

DE GAULLE

The children of the Louis Pasteur School in Bogota, Columbia -- had an expert choir leader today. As they sang -- the Marseilles. ^{An} ~~any~~ expert -- on the song's meaning, anyway. President Charles de Gaulle on the school's balcony -- singing out heartily in a deep, if not too melodious, bass. The Marseilles, the French national anthem, symbol of France's freedom -- and her grandeur. Dear to the heart of -- Charles de Gaulle.

As he walked among the crowds in Bogota, the tall French ~~man~~ ^{man} had his ~~body~~ security guards -- really worried. The general, insisting on shaking hands and talking to the people, in spite of rumors to the effect that he is once more -- marked for death, ~~by~~ -- the French terrorist underground, and that one of that organization's top terrorists -- is on hand to do the deed. ^{It appears} ~~No~~ terrorist is going to prevent Charles de Gaulle -- from doing what he wants to. Now back to you, Dick.

OPERA

Here's what sounds like -- a bizarre remark. The rehearsal of "Lucia di Lammermoor" was accompanied by -- an orchestra. ~~To~~ which the proper comment would seem to be -- that an orchestra is basic for any opera.

~~As~~ But not at -- the New York Metropolitan Opera. Not in recent days, anyhow. The musicians' strike forced them ~~to start~~ rehearsals ~~to begin~~ -- without music. Great voices, diminished to -- mere talk. Speaking the lines -- that will be sung from the stage.

Now, a truce -- a temporary agreement to extend the old contract. The orchestra, back in the pit. Giving Rudolph Bing ^{the pleasant} ~~a new~~ sensation of -- "Lucia de Lammermoor" with instrumental accompaniment at -- the Met.