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FLYERS

The two American flyers who were in the RB-47 shot
have now
down by the Russians *^* confirmed the American statement that
was issued at the *^* time. Captains John McKone and Freeman
Olmstead, telling today's news conference - they were definitely
over international waters when the Soviet fighters jumped their
plane. In fact, they were at least fifty miles - from Soviet
air space.

Were McKone and Olmstead brain washed by the Russians?
They say - it's a question of semantics. No torture - but they
were "very uncomfortable". Harrassed by cold cells - with light
constantly on. And Russian interrogators, brow-beating them -
attempting to make them confess they were on a spy mission.

COMMUNIQUE

The Prime Minister of New Zealand agrees with the President of the United States - on the menace of Red China. As - why shouldn't he? Prime Minister Holyoake knows a lot about Red aggression - in Southeast Asia. So he and President Kennedy couldn't have had too much trouble in reaching an agreement - during today's conference at the White House. Afterward, the two statesmen issued a *The* [^]communique noting the aggression of Mao Tse-tung in New Zealand's part of the world. [^]Communique expresses the hope that the Red menace can be turned back. Especially - in Laos.

Meanwhile, the State Department accuses Russia - of stirring up the war in Laos. Spokesman Joseph Reap, confirming reports, of massive Soviet aid to the Laotian rebels. Reap, suggesting *With* [^]that's why Khrushchev keeps stalling. [^]But also the Kremlin [^]hoping to engineer a Communist victory - then magnanimously propose a peace conference on Laos.

CONGO

From the Congo, reports of sporadic fighting - between
Congolese troops and the forces of the UN. ~~In Banana, a~~
~~report~~ *At* the mouth of the Congo River - soldiers from the
Sudan had to rescue their radio operator by force. In Luluabourg ,
firing was heard in the jungle - where the soldiers from Ghana
are on patrol. In Leopoldville a Tunisian officer - was
kidnapped. His men had to be restrained by other officers
- from storming into the Congolese camp and shooting it up.

EXPLOSION

That explosion in a mine near Terre Haute,
Indiana - was probably caused by gas and coal dust.

The force of the blast so terrific - it shattered
the mine for a quarter of a mile. Steel loading cars,
weighing two tons, were flattened against the wall.
Their tracks twisted - into grotesque circles. The
rest of the machinery - smashed into twisted heaps of
junk.

The toll - twenty-two dead. Tragedy - on the
Banks of the Wabash.

FIRE

Let's make a quick rundown - of some famous paintings.

"The Actor" - by Picasso. "Worn-out" - by Van Gogh. "Yellow Harbor" - by Paul Klee. "Portrait of a Lady" - by Gilbert Stewart. Well, I could keep going - but this isn't a story about an art exhibition.

It's about a fire. The blaze that swept the New York

Governor's mansion - last night. Burning out most of the first *floor*
of that obsolete old chrome - the mansion in Albany.
~~floor.~~ Compelling Governor Rockefeller, members of his family,

and a corps of servants - to wait on the second floor, until firemen rescued them.

Furniture, carpets, woodwork - going up in flames,

And - many art masterpieces. Including seven paintings in

the drawing room - that former Governor Harriman had collected.

And eight belonging to - the Rockefellers. Total value - three-

~~hundred~~ hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Fortunately, covered

by insurance. But that's not much consolation to art lovers-

like the Rockefellers. They're still stunned by the
destruction of the Picassos, Van Goghs, etc.

EISENHOWER

You don't often get a unanimous vote - in the House Armed Services Committee. But today they went right down the line - 35 to none. "The Senate Armed Services Committee followed the House lead with unanimous approval." Subject - restoration of five-star rank in the Army for Dwight D. Eisenhower. Informed of the Committee action, former President Ike sent a special message of thanks.

SPACE

At Jodrell Bank, England, Sir Bernard Lovell said today - "I don't like this rock and roll." No, his lordship hasn't been trying those crazy American rhythms. England's great astronomer was referring to - the Soviet Venus-probe. It's gone dead - all of a sudden. Sir Bernard's theory - malfunction of the stabilizers. Sending the rocket tumbling end over end - toward Venus. Or, in his words - "rock and roll".

An interesting idea - rock and roll in outer space.

ANTARTIC

Down in the Antarctic, two American ships have finally got ^{them} clear of the ice - in the Bellinghausen Sea. The two ice-breakers "Glacier" and "Staten Island" were trapped - for over a week, ~~surrounded~~ by giant ice floes - twenty feet thick. The submerged part of the floes - grinding against their hulls, ~~turning~~ them back - from one opening after another. The ice breakers, gingerly feeling their way forward - finally slipping through a gap in the ice. Getting into - open water. Tonight they're pushing on, in the deepest penetration ever made - of ~~the~~ ^{unexplored} Bellinghausen Sea. The farthest ships have ever sailed - into the ultimate South.

ARMSTRONG

America's most famous trumpeter - is back home.

Louis Armstrong, just in from his good-will tour - of Europe and Africa - and wildly applauded - everywhere.

In the Congo, he even got them to stop shooting long enough - for a jam session. Says the State Department - "This good-will mission was well received." Satchmo puts it differently, says Satchmo "those cats over there really have the beat."

KING

Here's one way of meeting defense costs - just call
in the pawn brokers. That's what King Henry the sixth did
back in 1470 - ^{that is} according to documents on display in the London
Records Office.

Remember King Henry the Sixth in Shakespeare? More
of a saint - than a monarch, ~~He~~ was placed on the throne by *the Earl of*
Warwick, the Kingmaker; - then, pulled down, and murdered. The
throne passing to Edward the fourth as the Wars of the Roses
moved on to their climax - with Richard the Third.

Anyway, Henry the Sixth had a financial problem - just
like modern governments. Even in medieval times, a king had
to pay for - defense, diplomacy, and the departments of the
administration. Henry couldn't raise enough money - from his
barons, ~~so~~ he sent for the pawn brokers - and hocked his golden
sword inlaid with sapphires. He did the same with a gold tablet,
dedicated to St. George - England's patron saint.

Did he realize enough - to run the government?

History - doesn't say. Shortly afterwards, Warwick,
the King-maker appeared. Henry the 6th - disappeared.
The Royal Pawn brokers? They stayed around for a long
time. Presumably hanging on to - that golden sword;
and that golden tablet - dedicated to St. George.

And now Dick Noel - in Denver.

MURDER

In London - the murder of Mrs. Elsie Batten sounds -
like a case for - Sherlock Holmes. The victim - wife of a
prominent sculptor^{she was}. Also a clerk at a curio shop featuring
the products of - African headshrinkers. It's call - "The Shop
of the Shrunken Heads."

Today someone walked into the shop, picked up an elegant
Chinese dagger - and stabbed Mrs. Batten to death. Afterwards,
he coolly left shop - and disappeared ^{in crowded} London. Behind him,
his victim lay crumpled - on the floor, surrounded by - fantastic
curios. The jewels of the dagger - shimmering in the light.
The shrunken heads from Africa - gazing down on the murdered
woman.