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Rockefeller congratulates Ford. That is, the President of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dean Rusk, said tonight that the new Ford grants are "magnificent." Dean Rusk adding, that Ford support for our colleges, universities, hospitals, and medical schools - will help sustain our free society.

The grants total half a billion - and that makes the Ford Foundation ^{quite} a Santa Claus. ~~if there ever was one~~ More than two hundred million ^{to} ~~will~~ be distributed among more than six hundred colleges and universities - liberal arts and science institutions, ~~that are~~ privately supported, and accredited, ~~by the~~ authorities. A large part of this money will go for teachers' salaries.

The largest grant for this ~~purpose~~ goes to New York University. ^{Says} ~~the~~ Chancellor, ~~Henry~~ Heald, ^{of N.Y.U.} ~~reacted~~ to the news by saying, "This is ' the greatest thing

that has ever happened in educational philanthropy."

Another two hundred million goes to thirty-five hundred hospitals - to provide hundreds of thousands of new beds, and to replace obsolete buildings.

Finally, ninety million are allotted to privately supported medical schools - many of which have suffered from a long financial crisis.

All of this money amounts to more than the total the Ford Foundation has given away since it was set up in Nineteen Thirty-Six. I guess all of us agree with Dean Rusk - that what the Foundation is doing is - "Magnificent."

President Eisenhower had a ~~full round of~~ sessions with G.O.P. leaders at the White House, today. ^{Several of them.} During the morning,

he talked with both Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, and Budget Director Hughes. ~~That session, devoted to~~ ^{By} the fiscal

situation - ^{i.e.} in relation to schools, highways, and water

resources. Afterward, the White House reported that both ~~Sec's.~~

Humphrey and Hughes believe they can balance the budget next year. ^{And that} ~~which~~ could mean a tax cut in July.

In the afternoon, ^{the President} ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ talked over a whole series of problems with his Republican colleagues - things like farm legislation, civil rights, and postal rates.

The point is that ^{Pres.} ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower will send his legislative program to Congress next month - and today, he was discussing the problems involved with the leaders of his Party and his Cabinet.

~~The President will confer~~ ^{he will meet} tomorrow with Secretary of State Dulles - who will brief him on foreign policy. ~~After~~

~~that, Mr. Eisenhower will be off for~~ ^{Then - off to} Gettysburg again. ^{To the farm.} ~~He's~~

The idea being to slow down for the next few days. Shake off those signs of fatigue. All who saw him today say he looked great - top shape. Congressman Halleck of Indiana came away saying that he's "certain" he will run again.

SYRIA

^{reported}
Syria is rushing reinforcements to her southern

border - following last night's battle with Israeli commandos.

The attack came in a driving rain - the commandos, swimming the River Jordan, then attacking Syrian outposts ^a ~~in the~~ ^{sector} mountains.

The Israelis ^{were} supported by an artillery barrage laid down by field guns and gunboats on Lake Galilee. The battle ^{lasted} ~~went on~~

~~for~~ ^{with} some hours, ~~and~~ four Syrian outposts were overrun - before the Israelis withdrew.

Israel claims that the attack was caused by the Syrians - who fired on Israeli fishermen on ^{the Sea of} ~~Lake~~ Galilee.

Both sides ^{report many} ~~agree that there were a lot of~~ casualties - although they ~~differ on the number~~ ^{seems to be} - each side minimizing its own losses.

^{with} ~~That is why~~ Syrian reinforcements ~~are~~ moving into the border area. ^{tought} ~~And~~ Egypt is conferring with Syria about a common defense. - ^{As} the tinderbox of the Middle East shows more signs of blazing up into war.

The British Foreign Minister believes that Russia has switched her attention from the West to the Middle East.

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Harold MacMillan, saying that, in the Commons this afternoon.

The Foreign Secretary pointed out that the Kremlin has been halted in the West - by Nato and the new West German republic. Bulganin and Khrushchev, knowing they can't go any further there - without starting a war.

So according to MacMillan, ~~SECRET~~ the Soviets have turned to the Middle East - as a place where they still can gain something from stirring up trouble. That's why they're offering arms and economic aid to the Arab nations. The British Foreign Secretary termed this "a new and menacing situation."

But he also had a bit of optimism for the Commons. He noted that Bulganin and Khrushchev have been extremely crude in dealing with the Middle East - and may go so far, as to get burned with their own fire. Said the British diplomat, "They may even fall into traps - of their own making."

KHRUSHCHEV

The Rover Boys from the Kremlin arrived ^{back} in New Delhi today - and were given an enthusiastic reception by Nehru. They were taken out to the village of Bhatgaon, which the Indian government has developed as a show place for its housing program. In that town, Khrushchev got in some typical Communist propaganda. He said that the way to raise the standard of living - is to put political power into the hands of the peasants. The Kremlin boss adding, that in Russia, it's the peasants who run the state - that old Communist line about the dictatorship of the proletariat. Khrushchev plainly hinted that the Soviet system might be good for India.

During his tour of the town, he was handed a booklet explaining what the community development is all about. One interesting thing - nowhere does that booklet mention the fact that America ~~has~~ contributed ~~twelve~~ million ⁵ of dollars for that ^{particular} development. And apparently no one thought to mention the fact.

Khrushchev and Bulganin attended a series of games -

weight lifting, wrestling, and so on. Khrushchev, as ebullient as ever, ~~insisted on~~ posing with the wrestlers, ~~for some~~

~~photographs~~ ^{also,} And he ^{is} showed interest in a Hindu Swami - who was able to stop his own pulse, and then ^{start it up} ~~bring it back~~ again.

^{Soviet} The spokesman for materialism didn't say what he thought of

that mystical performance, - the result of ~~Yog~~-training ^{in Yoga}.

Indian officials still seem pleased with their guests - particularly since that Khrushchev declaration - that Kashmir belongs to India and not to Pakistan.

COMMUNISTS

An army of East German Reds attempted to invade West Berlin today - storming across into the French sector. ~~They~~

Obviously intended ^{to} start a lot of trouble - in Communist fashion. ~~But~~ ^{quickly} they were routed almost ^{by the West Berlin} ~~at once by specially~~

~~trained~~ police - ~~who attacked~~ with night sticks and water hoses.

The dispatch says that ^{Red} ~~Communist~~ demonstrators have never been

seen to retreat so fast before. And, ^{many} ~~they~~ submitted to arrest, ^{rather quickly} ~~without causing any trouble~~ - more than two hundred of them ~~are~~

in jail tonight. ~~A strange end to~~ Communist demonstration -

that was supposed to touch off ~~all kinds of~~ rioting in West

Berlin.

BATTLESHIP

The Defense Department announces that the battleship is coming back. Once ~~it was~~ the "queen of the fleet" - ~~but~~ ^{ing} lost that title to the aircraft carrier ~~during~~ ⁱⁿ World War Two. ~~Some experts~~ ^{Many} thought the battleship would ~~even~~ ^{completely} disappear.

But now another use has been found for it - ~~this is~~ ^{as a} ~~to be~~ ^{rockets} the base for launching rockets, capable of hitting targets more than ~~a~~ [^] thousand miles away. The Defense Department states that the battleship is the perfect platform for ~~the~~ ^{such} missiles.

The first battleship to be ~~equipped~~ ^{so} with the atomic missiles will be the U.S.S. Kentucky - ~~which has been~~ ^{so that past 10 years} in moth balls since the end of the war. Now this ~~battlewagon~~ ^{Kentucky} ~~will be~~ completed ~~in time~~ to carry the first of the new rockets.

MERRILL

A fabulous figure of World War Two died today.

General Frank Merrill - of "Merrill's Marauders", the legendary unit that operated behind the Japanese lines in Burma. Merrill, whom I last saw in India in Nineteen Forty Six had formed his famous outfit in Nineteen Forty four, to help clear the way for the Ledo Road - through Burma and on into China. They were in the jungles for five months where they fought five major battles, and some thirty lesser ones. The climax ~~as~~ came when "Merrill's Marauders" crossed an eight thousand^{foot}/mountain range and ~~also~~ captured the Myitkyina Airfield. That cleared the way for supplies to begin moving into China.

Later, Merrill was aboard the "Missouri" Big Mo, for the Japanese surrender. Then home, and retirement.

Ironically, he died today, just as a new civilian career was opening before him - he had just been elected President of the American Association of State Highway officials.

~~General~~

General Frank Merrill dead at fifty two. Merrill of "Merrill's
Marauders" who wrote a blazing page of history through the
Burma jungle.

CRASH

American Air Force units, based on Rabat, Morocco, are scouring a desolate part of the Riff Mountains with helicopters. ~~They're~~ ^Searching for an Air Force transport that crashed last night. Our legation ^{at Tangier says} ~~says that~~ there were at least eight ~~persons~~ ^{the} aboard at the time - and ~~the~~ ^{the} plane apparently came down in an area near Spanish Morocco, where the peaks of the Riff ~~Mountains~~ rise over seven thousand feet.

SATELLITE

Today the Navy awarded a contract to the Aerojet General Corporation of Azusa, California - a contract for a liquid motor. The story? Well, it's to be a motor to be used to ~~be~~ carry an artificial satellite into outer space!

We've already had a lot of stories about that man-made moon - to circle the earth ~~in~~ at eighteen thousand miles an hour - traced by optical and radio instruments. The contract for the launching rocket and for the first stage power - has already been awarded ~~to~~ to the Martin Aircraft Company of Baltimore.

But the rocket will go up in three ~~stages~~ stages - and today's contract concerns the second stage. Aerojet, to build the liquid motor that will take over when the first thrust weakens.

Another step - forward -- into the world of tomorrow.

MRS. WHITE

The Indianapolis housewife who thinks that "Robinhood" is Communist propaganda - today told newsmen about her campaign against books that were suggested for the Indiana schools. Mrs. White's opinion carrying some weight - because the lady is a member of the State Textbook Commission.

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Last Friday, the Commission followed Mrs. White's recommendation - and banned a health book and a home education book from the schools. Mrs. White says that she opposed the health book - because it puts too much stress on alcoholism and narcotics. ~~Mrs. White~~ ^{she} claiming ^s that books like that increase the number of drunkards and drug addicts.

She dislikes the education book on the grounds - that it suggests that people who own property are not good or honest. Also, Mrs. White charges that the text makes fun of those who came over on the Mayflower - instead of treating them, with reverence.

When she put
~~Mrs. White~~ stated her objections before the
that body
Commission - ~~which~~ agreed to withdraw ~~these~~ ^{the} two books.

MRS WHITE

But - refused to go along with Mrs. White on two others -
dealing with geography and history, that she also wanted ~~the~~
withdrawn, because she said the geography showed America and
Britain as land grabbers, but not Russia.

SHIPS

A dispatch from Vancouver brings memories of that drama of the sea - remember Captain Carlson and the "Flying Enterprise" - four years ago?

This time it's the Greek Freighter "Macedonia", and the Canadian tug "Sudbury."

Seven weeks ago the "Macedonia" developed propeller trouble on the run from Japan to Vancouver. The Captain sent out an SOS - and the "Sudbury" under Captain Harley Blagborne, was promptly dispatched to her aid. It took the tug fourteen days to reach the freighter.

After the tug hooked up a line to the freighter -
Vancouver,
for the long tow back to ~~Vancouver~~ they ran into a series of terrific storms - winds of seventy miles an hour. The tow line snapped four times in one day. When they got there they had covered more than three thousand miles. A record.

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Three students from Indiana University climbed out of a cave last night - after more than forty hours underground. Barbara Reahard, Lawrence ~~Enk~~ Cooke and Robert Jordan were with a party that entered an abandoned cave, from which salt peter was mined during World War One, to ~~an~~ make gunpowder. The party slid through the cave entrance - to explore the passageways underneath. Three of them managed to get up on the ledge - but they loosened an avalanche of dirt and rocks, that trapped the other three, down below.

Those above gave the alarm - and soon ~~in~~ blankets and coffee were being lowered to the students trapped below the ledge. Imagine how terrified they were by the thought that there might be no other way out.

But ~~the~~ other students said there was a second entrance. And four went through that. And they made the rescue. By a lot of squeezing through narrow openings and wading in underground water several feet deep for a quarter of a mile -

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in the inky black of that cave. How would you like an adventure like that, Hugh?