

ANTI-TRUST

L.T.-Calds. Mon. Nov. 23 - '59.

An anti-trust suit - against six steel companies.

Including two giants - U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel. The

charge is that the six companies, ^{entered} ~~headed~~ into a combination ~~of~~

to restrict competition in the sale of steel bars used for

construction purposes. ^{Thus} giving them about seventy-five per cent

of all sales - in seven Western states.

FLOODS

The Puget Sound area of the State of Washington hit by the deluge. Seven inches of rain in 24 hours - turning mountain streams into raging torrents - pouring over the countryside. The flood crest - the worst in twenty ~~thirty~~-five years.

Thousands of acres under water - families washed out of their homes. Rescues - by helicopter. The governor proclaiming one county - a disaster area.

At last reports the rivers were receding, but the effects of the floods will be felt for a long time. It will take weeks to repair washed out communications.

CUBA

That news from Cuba - surprising. The Cuban Federation of Labor - disregarding a personal plea made by Castro in a long harangue. ~~He~~^{He} recommended - a compromise between Communists and anti-Communists. But the Cuban labor unions then voted by an overwhelming majority - to keep the Reds out of any controlling position. Electing an Executive Committee - with not one Communist. Rejecting - Castro's unity plan. ^{Castro has} The first time ~~was~~ taken a setback in an important matter - since his revolution succeeded.

U.N.

At the U.N. - a decision to re-open the question of the Hungarian freedom revolt in Nineteen Fifty-Six. The Steering Committee - voting fifteen to three. Soviet Russia and two puppet states - opposing.

So there ^{are} likely to be further U.N. proceedings - concerning the brutal Soviet oppression. The American delegation, today, charging - that the reign of terror in the afflicted country still goes on.

SOVIETS

There ^{has} been fantastic talk in the Soviet newspapers - about the ~~xxx~~ recent miracles wrought by Russian science. Which has, in fact, accomplished plenty - as the moon-photographing LUnik can bear witness. But Russian journalism has been over-playing the wonders - beating the drum too hard.

Who says so? Three top ranking Russian scientists - headed by a Nobel Prize winner, who accuse the Soviet newspapers of "cheap sensationalism." Dishing out - a lot of high pressure nonsense. Which, they say - tends to discredit Soviet science.

They cite a weird example. Newspapers - telling of a water heater developed in a ~~Mxxx~~ Moscow factory. The contraption - giving more heat than is put into it. ^{Thereby} Violating - the law of conservation of energy. The first cousin, in fact - of our old friend - perpetual motion.

DEFECTOR

A top ranking Intelligence agent of Communist Poland - has defected. Colonel Pawel Monat - ~~at~~ one time Polish military attache in Washington. Last summer, he was ~~was~~ on his way to Yugoslavia, with his wife and family, ~~When~~ - in Vienna, he asked American authorities for political asylum. All kept secret - until ~~only~~ now. The State Department adding - that, today, **he's** in the United States.

TURKEY

Thirteen American officers - removed from their posts in Turkey. The entire U.S. Command - at the Nato base at Izmir. As a result - of the uproar concerning black marketing.

Last August, four American enlisted men were arrested by the Turkish police, charged - with currency smuggling. ~~with~~ There are complaints that ~~statements~~ they were kept in dungeons. At least two of them - beaten. Which aroused a furore of indignation - among the American officers at the Izmir base.

Recently - an investigation ^{was} made by Major General Joseph Carroll, attached to ~~the~~ Nato ~~base~~ in Paris. Which inquiry - is now followed by the removal of the American Command at Izmir.

ASTOR

A headline court battle was to have begun^{in New York} today -- for a large part of the historic Astor fortune. An estate of a Hundred and Twenty Million Dollars -- left by Vincent Astor. But, at the last minute -- the case called off. A settlement filed -- instead of a suit.

Vincent Astor, in his will, left most of his fortune to a philanthropic organization he founded. Bequeathing nothing -- to his half brother, John Jacob Astor the Third. The two -- having long been at odds. Vincent Astor -- disapproving of his half brother's reputation as a playboy.

John Jacob Astor the Third contended -- that he was cut off because Vincent Astor was mentally incompetent, and under undue influence. So he demanded a share of the hundred^S and twenty-million dollars. Declaring he was nearly penniless, although his own fortune had once been estimated at seventy million.

The settlement? Well, John Jacob Astor the
Third gets Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars --
tax free. Agreeing -- to be satisfied with that.

SOCIAL REGISTER

Today - the new annual edition of the Social Register. Always - an event of acute interest for the socalled bluebloods in exclusive circles. What new names appear - in the roster of high society? What names - left out?

Well, the first thing noted is one new name - Mrs. Anne Marie Rasmussen Rockefeller. The girl from a Swedish village - who, at one time, was a housemaid in the Rockefeller home. The girl who married Stephen Rockefeller, son of Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York. Headlined, a few months ago - as a Cinderella romance. So, today, Cinderella makes her appearance in the Social Register.

So does Mrs. Edouard C. Emmet. Which may not seem to mean anything - until we look back at a wedding of long ago. When the daughter of Millionaire Clarence Mackay, patron of music at the Metropolitan Opera,

married Irving Berlin, the popular song writer, who began - as a singing waiter on the Bowery. Irving Berlin - rising to the top, as a composer of hit songs, like "Alexander's Rag Time Band" and endless more. One of the really great music figures of our era. But Mrs. Irving Berlin - was promptly tossed out of the Social Register.

Today, their daughter makes it, by reason - of marriage. Linda Berlin - having become the wife of Socialite Edouard C. Emmet.

So, Dick, that's the news in the Social Register, today.

CHECK

Here's a little matter of \$4,000,000.00.

At Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, a local bank is trying to get back a check - for four million dollars. But Mrs. James Walsh - refuses to return it.

Last Friday, she went to the Hadley Falls Trust Company to buy a counter-check -- for twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents. Something went wrong, and the check she got was for four million, twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents.

When this was noted, the bank was in a hurry - to get the check back, Assuring Mrs. Walsh - that they had fired the cashier who had made the mistake in operating the check-writing machine -- Miss Anne Helliwell.

Mrs. Walsh ^{is} indignant, ^{why} saying - "everybody makes mistakes." So she demanded that the fired cashier, be put back on the job. The bank refused. ^{Whereupon} ~~and~~ Mrs. Walsh said - she would not ~~return~~ return the check.

So that's how the matter stands - a four million dollar dilemma.