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Tonight's story about the American Communist party has an ironic twist. Our top leftist, ~~my~~ moving too far to the left - literally. Party boss Gus Hall, stopped by the New York police - on traffic charges. He was caught, crossing too far over - the white line down the center of the street. Charged with failure to keep to the right, improper registration - and driving without a New York State license. Gus Hall, who apparently runs the Reds ~~4~~ better than he runs his car.

That summons may be - the least of his ^{worries.} ~~business~~

The Justice Department today got a federal grand jury - to indict the leaders of the Communist party. Twelve counts against them, for failure to register as agents of the Soviet Union. Gus Hall and company, ignoring the deadline - which was midnight last night.

AUSTRIA

The character of the Soviet threat to Austria - isn't clear. Austria, not as vulnerable as - Finland. Not having the Soviet Union - for a neighbor. Able to make - more independent decisions. So, what has Khrushchev in mind - when he warns Austria to ~~xx~~ stay clear of the common market? The belief in the West is - that he just wants to keep Vienna off balance. And he's succeeding to the ~~the~~^e extent ↗ that the Austrian government is taking another long look at the common market.

DOMINICAN

The government of the Dominican Republic has issued - a new order to the Army, ^{to} ~~the order~~ "get tough" stop the rioting, put an end to the general strike - clear the streets of Santo Domingo.

President Balaguer, cracking down on the demonstrators - who have been attempting to overthrow him by force. His strategy - apparently successful. The troops, again resorting to - tear gas and noise grenades. ~~Again~~ firing - over the heads of the crowds. Driving them back from the presidential palace - with clubs and rifle butts.

Result - the strike, breaking up. Shops - reopening. Communications - restored. Santo Domingo - closer to normal~~cy~~ - than it has been for several weeks.

TSHOMBE

The latest on Katanga's Premier Tshombe may sound rather incongruous to some. The stormy petrel of the Congo is off for Rio - where he'll attend a conference on Moral Rearmament. Tshome may not be considered an expert - on ethical behavior; according to some reports on the way his troops have been carrying on in Katanga. But he's going to do his bit - to promote morality at Rio. Tshombe, of Katanga - and Moral Rearmament.

INTEGRATION

That demonstration in McComb, Mississippi, today could have turned into a major riot. ~~That is,~~ if the police hadn't been ^{alert.} ~~guard.~~ When the Freedom Riders pulled into the McComb terminal, the six passengers, getting out of the bus, ~~and~~ entering the white waiting room - while the mob milled around just beyond the police cordon. Mayor Douglas, making good on his pledge - to see that the peace was kept, when the Freedom Riders came to town.

Newsman covering the episode - not so fortunate.

Three were ^{pushed around.} ~~beaten in McComb today - others pushed and~~
~~insulted.~~

RESERVES

The Pentagon has decided to do something - about the morale of the reserves. Drawing up a policy statement - to control discrimination against the men now called to ~~act~~ active duty. First, the ~~Home~~ ~~Front~~ is being asked not to refuse to hire someone - on the ground that he might soon be departing for camp. Secondly, the Pentagon is trying to stamp out - inflated rent in base areas. The practice of making service men pay more - to have their families with them. Thirdly, the Pentagon is going to keep an eye on prices - to keep ~~out~~ men in uniform from being ~~cheated~~ gouged.

SPACE

American space scientists are insisting that they have no information about - the Russians putting a man into orbit, and losing him. The latest to pick up this rumor, Dr. Herman Oberth - a rocket pioneer and teacher of Werner von Braun. Dr. Oberth puts the disaster - in Nineteen Fifty-Eight. But even his reputation in the missile field - isn't persuading the other experts to accept his judgment. Von Braun ^{Remains} ~~completely~~ skeptical about it, ~~the consensus in the West is - that~~ Major Gagarin ~~was~~ the first Russian to fly into space. And, as we know - they brought him back safely.

Meanwhile, Moscow reveals another important discovery concerning space science. The earth's magnetic field, said to be "caved in" over the South Atlantic. Until now, it was thought that the radiation belt encircled our planet - at a steady four hundred miles out in space. ~~But the~~ Russians say ~~that~~ it descends as ~~low~~ low as a hundred sixty miles - at the point of the "cave in."

SHARES

Back in Nineteen Twenty Four, carpenter Tom Baker of Washington, Kansas, accepted some shares in an obscure company - as part payment for an invention. Later, there was a merger - that left him with twenty four shares at three dollars a share. So he was worth - seventy two dollars.

When he died, his investment went to - his daughter Margaret, who held onto them until her own death last month. Now an accounting shows - the original investment grew from twenty four shares to nine thousand three hundred. Each share that was worth three dollars in Nineteen Twenty-Four - now worth over five hundred dollars. Instead of ^{worth} seventy-two dollars - ~~an~~ ^{just the} annual dividend ^{on them} ~~of~~ ^{now amounts to} twenty-two thousand ~~of~~.

Explanation? The obscure company in which Tom Baker invested forty years ago - ~~was~~ International Business Machines. ~~and~~ ^{all} as we know, IBM has been doing ^{alright} ~~pretty well~~ for its investors - since Nineteen Twenty Four.

ANNABELLE

The death of Mrs. Annabelle Duchan in Chicago - brings memories in the glamour world of the theater. I wonder how many remember - the Peerless Annabelle; the dancer who skyrocketed to fame in the Ziegfeld Follies as "The Original Gibson Girl?"

Olain Annabelle Whitford, up from New Orleans, and just fifteen when she made her stage debut at the World's Columbian Exposition of Eighteen Ninety Three. At that time, in Chicago, Annabelle, - not yet a star, had to go on after - a boxing kangaroo. But she stole the show - with her "butterfly dance."

One evening, the now legendary Flo Ziegfeld - caught her act; and was struck by her resemblance to - the famous Gibson Girl. The stunning, rather aristocratic beauty dreamed up by illustrator Charles Dana Gibson. Result - Annabelle, leading lady of the Ziegfeld Follies. Her name - up in lights. One of the first to be

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photographed by Edison - for his kinetoscope. In
Nineteen Ten, she was making the top salary in show
business - a thousand dollars a week. Which was
before the income tax - when a buck was a buck.

After the World War I, she married - and
disappeared into private life; shunning the headlines
for four decades. Now dead in Chicago, at the age of
eighty-three -- Annabelle, "the original Gibson Girl!"

COSMETICS

Here's something - for the ladies. At least, for those of them - who have ever been annoyed because they couldn't match their shoes with their costume. I'm told that the cosmetics on the market just now - include cosmetics for shoes. A special polish that comes in - twenty-five different colors. Just apply the tint you want - and you can change black shoes to red. Or - brown to blue. Good for any kind of footwear - nylon, suede, leather, straw, and so on.

~~A suggestion for husbands~~ ^{Dick} ~~Doesn't~~ this mean
~~that the lady of the house can~~ ^{Your wife can} make do - with one pair, ~~of~~
~~shoes? Plus~~ ^{can't she - and} a jar of cosmetics?
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