

RHODESIA

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The Parliament of the Central African Federation - is in emergency session tonight. Summoned by Prime Minister Welensky - to discuss the mounting tension in Rhodesia. Sir Roy <sup>will</sup> asking authority - to defy Britain; Reject the London scheme - for an equal partnership of both races. He says he's confident of getting that authority, and points to the fact that he's not the only Rhodesian talking about a possible declaration of independence. Rhodesia threatening to snap it's British ties - as did the American colonies. This - rather than accept greater political power for the Africans.

Ironically, as you know - the Africans are ~~an~~ opposing London for the opposite reasons. They still refuse to accept equal partnership with the white man - claiming that their big majority ought to give them a bigger voice in the Salisbury Parliament.

## WILLIAMS

Today a British newsmaster said with some asperity - "G. Mennen Williams is America's personal brick dropper in Africa." A pretty strong statement in Britain - where a brick dropper is one with a genius for saying the wrong things at the wrong time. London feels - that the former Governor of Michigan qualifies for the title.

Reason - certain statements attributed to "Soapy" during his African tour. Especially the remark - that we don't want the new African states to fall under, "another kind of tyranny." Now - could that be a reference to British rule in Africa? London thinks so. The speaker denies it - but adds "I withdraw the phrase." Explaining - "I don't mean that the British are tyrannical."

An explanation that doesn't placate London - a bit. Fleet Street and the B B C calling "Soapy" Williams - "tactless, crude, misinformed."

## MENZIES

Today's lunch at the White House was devoted mainly to - Southeast Asia. Appropriate, because President Kennedy's <sup>guest</sup>~~desk~~ was Prime Minister Menzies of Australia. And Australia is ~~very~~ much concerned with events - to the North and West of that vast continent Down Under. The key event of the moment - is the fighting in Laos. On that subject, the Prime Minister and the President - are siding with the King. Menzies and Kennedy, expressing the hope that King Savang Vathana - will be able to work out a neutralist solution for his kingdom.

The joint communique signed at the White House reveals a general agreement - between Australia and the United States. With emphasis on - a common support for the U N - and the Secretary General.

## ECONOMY

The national economy will probably show a great improvement - in the next couple of months. *says*  
So ~~testified~~ *to* by Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges, *before* a House Sub-Committee. Secretary Hodges, *today*  
*ed* defending the Administration plan - for a minimum wage of a dollar twenty five an hour. He describes our economy as - "in a little trouble at the moment."  
But he also predicts *that* we'll start moving up again in about sixty days.



## DOLLAR

One of the measures that President Kennedy sent to Capitol Hill - was expected. The proposal that the amount of duty free goods be cut - for Americans returning from abroad. The ceiling used to be five hundred dollars - for articles on which it was unnecessary to pay customs. The President wants the ceiling <sup>again</sup> lowered to one hundred ~~dollars~~.

Meanwhile, from Europe comes word that service men abroad are helping <sup>that is</sup> to stop the dollar drain. ~~That~~ They <sup>are</sup> obeying - a government appeal <sup>by</sup> Buying American cars instead of foreign models.

## BIDDLE

Our new Ambassador to Spain is a career diplomat. One with a famous name - Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, who has served in our embassies from Spain to Poland. He's also known as a trouble-shooter -- who dealt with governments in exile, in World War Two. Recently Adjutant General of Pennsylvania - Biddle now returns to diplomacy, in Madrid.

## SUICIDE

At Knoxville, Iowa, the classical pattern of - a money shortage at the bank, and suicide by the official involved. Several hundred thousand dollars, unaccounted for at the National Bank And Trust Company. Almost as the discovery was being made - Bank President Eldon Job was taking his own life. Those who knew him say he was a pillar of Knoxville society - and a leading philanthropist. Now the authorities are trying to figure out - just what happened to the money in his bank.

## MISSILE

Today's Atlas shot from Cape Canaveral -  
is called - "perfect". The eighty foot missile,  
blasting off - with a rocket thrust of almost four  
hundred thousand pounds. Arching into the sky -  
leaving a trail of smoke and flame behind. Zooming  
down "missile alley" between Brazil and Africa.  
Landing in the target area - in the Atlantic, West  
of Cape Town. Distance of the flight - seven thousand  
miles.



## FLOOD

In Hattiesburg, Mississippi, the problem <sup>today was</sup> ~~is~~

- looting. The flood, in possession of half the city.

Putting it under several feet of water. Five thousand

inhabitants fleeing to higher ground - leaving their

houses and shops unprotected. Which would provide

a field day for looters - except that the National

Guard ~~xxxx~~ rushed back to Hattiesburg, <sup>and</sup> tonight <sup>they</sup>

<sup>are</sup> patrolling the streets - in row boats, <sup>and</sup> using

helicopters by day to make sure - ~~that~~ looters don't

slip in behind them.

Yes, the weather has done strange things this Winter. While we left Mt. Tremblant and the Laurentians buried deep in new snow today, most of the region we've driven thru here in New Eng. today has been washed out by rain - Springtime! But - Winter may return at any moment - probably will

## WORK

The manager of a garage on the Isle of Wight has come up with something new in labor-management relations. Norman Henderson, referring to what he calls - a work break. Meaning, a brief spell during the day ~~devoted to work~~, The ordinary jobs around the garage. Manager Henderson points out <sup>that</sup> his employees have "breaks" for practically everything else. He just wants to add one more - a "work break". Today he remarked - "this work break will not interfere with the coffee break, the tea break, lunch, the selling of football tickets, or rehashing last night's television programs.

Now Dick, here's a work break for you.

## AIRPORT

The President of France has unveiled - a new example of French art. A pretty big one, big as an airport. In fact - it is an airport - the Orly terminal, which Parisians expect to become as big an attraction - as the Eiffel Tower. The main building - six stories of shimmering aluminum, glass, and stainless steel. It includes two hotels, a shopping center, a movie palace, five restaurants, and a chapel. Passenger capacity - fifteen thousand a day. The whole thing a combination of jet age efficiency - and historic French splendor. ~~new~~ a spanking new airport just outside Paris - the <sup>new</sup> Orly Terminal.