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The Merchant Marine Association of London has absolved Captain Stanley Lord of the "California."

If the reference doesn't mean anything to you—the rest of the story will certainly ring a bell. This is about one of the unforgettable ships of all time—the "Titanic."

When the "Titanic" hit that iceberg and went down on April Fourteenth, Nineteen Twelve, the board of inquiry accused Captain Stanley Lord of being in the vicinity and of making no attempt—at rescue operations. Ignoring the S.O.S.—keeping the "California" on route to London.

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Lord's defense—he was not in the vicinity. His vessel, too far from the scene of the disaster—to pickup survivors. But there was a ship nearby—a Norwegian sealer that refused to stop because it had been poaching seals. Her captain afraid to let anyone see what he had aboard.

## TITANIC 2

The discussion has been going on-for half a century.

Now-apparently ending. If Captain Stanley Lord had

lived two years longer-he'd be gratified by the

formal decision in London. The skipper of the

"California" in no responsible for the disaster-.

For President Kennedy, a trip-from St. Patrick's

Day to the Little Common Market. Sounds like a remarkable fair, but then the Irish never admit that anything is impossible-on March Seventeenth. And-that's only two days away. And, there is something celtic about John Kennedy.

Put the two together—and you have today's ceremony at the White House. The Irish ambassador, calling with a bunch of shamrocks from Wexford—in a vase of Waterford glass, Making a few quips about Ireland and England—that kept the President chuckling.

What about—the Little Common Market? Mr. Kennedy had to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day today—because he's preparing for his trip to Costa Rica. Boning up on the problems to be discussed—in San Jose. Of which one is—the possibility of a Central American federation.

A Little Common Market.

### RUSSIANS

The Uruguayan Embassy in Havana-contradicts Castro.

Subject-the four Cubans who smashed through the embassy fence in a jeep. Castro claims that the four-fired on his militia. To which the Uruguayans answer-"not so."

The Cuban refugees unarmed. So they couldn't have engaged in a gun battle-with Castro's bully boys.

Heanwhile, more refugees are leaving Havana-by air. Many of those who arrived in Miami today-either minors or hospital cases. Going the other way-first from Miami to Havana-ransom. Mostly medicine and baby foods.

And attorney James Donovan-is back in the Cuban capital, has sounding out Castro about-those
Americans who are still in Castro's jails.

A Communist magazine corroborates—what Western
Kremlinologists have been saying for some time. The
World Marxist Review, asserting—that Mao Tse—tung is
determined to get rid of Khrushchev. The Red journal,
published in Prague, adding—that the boss of Red
China won't be satisfied with Khrushchev's scalp. He
wants Mikoyan's too—and Gromyko's. In fact, Mao is out
after—every Russian leader who okehed the policy of
peaceful co—existence with the West.

In the words of the World Marxist Review-" Perking is striking at the entire leadership of the Soviet Communist Party."

All of which makes it seem impossible—that Khrushchev will go to Peiking to confer with Mao. The trouble being—that he's in a dilemma. If he accepts the invitation to Pe#king he'll look like a defendant answering an indictment. If he refuses the invitation to Pe#king—the split in the Communist bloc will get words.

## BIDAULT

One thing seems clear tonight-about Georges Bidault.

The man who admits that he's been plotting to overthrow DeGaulle-won't stop plotting. He won't agree to drop his political activities—as the price for a permit to stay in West German Bavaria. If the Bavarians insist—Bidault will move on. "To the ends of the earth, if necessary,"—as he puts it.

#### VAN ALLEN

Some scientists abroad—and at home too—are both pleased and angry by what Dr. James Van Allen said today. Pleased—because he has vindicated their prediction.

Angry—because he doubted their prediction when they made it.

Remember our Atomic explosion in space-last July? There was much squabbling among the scientists—at the time.

Many, protesting—that such a blast would disrupt the Van Allen Radiation Belt around the earth. But Van Allen himself, took the other side. His opinion, one reason—why we went ahead.

Today, Van Allen admitted he was wrong-about the Van Allen Belt. The scientific Jeremiahs-right. The girdle of radiation around our planet-disrupted for at least a decade.

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The latest word in space science is-OSO. The initials of-Orbiting Solar Observatory. We launched the first thing of its kind-last year. It's findings, now made public-in Washington.

OSO's most exciting discovery -the sun sends out radiation in a definite pattern. Nearly identical phases-in the type and amount of radiation: For example, sub-atomic particles are drawn together-by the sun's magnetic field. A certain number of particles create-an unstable condition. Result- A tremendous atomic explosion that erupts from the solar disc. The familiar-sun spots.

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The first major legislation of this session of Congress-concerns the draft. Selective Service for the Armed Forces—to be continued for another four years. If you're of the masculine persuasion, between the ages of eighteen and one-half and twenty—six, and sound of wind and limb—you can expect a tap on the shoulder. You won't have to look. It'll be Uncle Sam.

Meanwhile lets listen to Dick Noel.

In Rome, the ex-queen of Iran said today-"After all I couldn't run a shop." Then she added, "I have no training for it."

Beautiful Soraya, explaining-why she's going to make a movie. Soraya, who would still be on the Peacock Throne-if she had produced an heir to that throne. She and America—didn't-and she's been wandering in Europe ever since the Shah divorced her.

Now, she says-she's tired of wandering. And-has passed a film test. So, she'll appear in a movie-as soon as she okehs a script. The romantic screen for Soraya-one of the romantic beauties of our time.

and now from Salt Lake lity and the Wasatch Mta, where we are having still another tremendous snow storm-s-l-u-Monday.