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Canadians and Americans alike - will shudder at this question. Is Niagara Falls - on the way out? I mean - will there be a drastic cut in the amount of water spilling over the American and Horseshoe Falls?

From time immemorial, that incredible volume of water - has been tumbling into the gorge. A steady two hundred thousand cubic feet - every second. But already this amazing source of power has been tapped to such an extent - that the level of the Niagara River is falling drastically. The cascade booming less loudly. The whirlpool - whirling less furiously. The lower rapids - less rapid than they were.

The threat of more power installations - has galvanized the people of the Niagara frontier. ^{and} They're appealing for help to all those who want America's most famous beauty spot - to remain as it is. If you spend ⁺ your honeymoon there - maybe you're ready to rush to the defense of Niagara Falls.

ROCKEFELLER

That wisp of smoke rising from the New Guinea jungle - turned into a bitter disappointment for Governor Rockefeller. His surmise - it might be his lost son. Michael Rockefeller - ~~possibly~~ possibly trying to signal for help. But a helicopter that ~~quickly~~ flew over the area - found only a small brush fire. No sign - of Michael.

Tonight Governor Rockefeller is still ^{*in New Guinea,*} ~~on the island~~ still hoping, postponing his departure until tomorrow - when he says he'll definitely leave for home. That is - unless there are firm indications that his son is alive.

Dutch officials on New Guinea don't expect - any hopeful signs. They discount - the finding of a second gasoline can in the water, And point out - that the yearly monsoon is building up. A devastating meteorological phenomenon - the rainy season in New Guinea. It will stop the search - and make the survival of Michael Rockefeller highly improbable.

HIJACK

In Caracas, Venezuela - a leaflet raid. Five students, hijacking a crowded DC-6 -- by pulling a gun on the pilot, ~~Forcing~~ him to circle over the capital - so they could bombard the city with Leftist leaflets. Calling on the people of Caracas to overthrow the government - and set up a Communist police state on the lines of Castro's Cuba.

When the last bale of leaflets had disappeared over the side - the hijackers ordered the pilot to fly to the Dutch island of Curacao. There they were disarmed and arrested upon landing - by the Curacao police. The plane, then flying back - to Venezuela.

The hijacking, so well planned - the whole thing took only about an hour. Most Venezuelans didn't know that anything had happened - until it was all over. *and most of them didn't know it even then,*

ATOMIC

Russia's proposal for a four-power agreement on atomic testing - is getting a cool reception in the West. Reason - it's the same old demand for a voluntary moratorium on nuclear explosions. The kind of agreement that we have said ~~that~~ we will not enter again - not after the way Khrushchev violated the first one.

At the U.N., American Spokesman David Popper told the General Assembly - that we still stand behind the Anglo-American proposals offered to the Geneva Conference. We still want - not a voluntary moratorium - but a foolproof inspection system.

SPACE

According to an old adage - it's pretty difficult to find a needle in a haystack. But suppose that the "needle" happens to be a copper wire - less than an inch long. Only one-third as thick as - a human hair. Moreover, suppose ~~that~~ the wire is - two thousand miles away. I think you'll agree - it would be rather hard to spot.

That's the problem facing - Air Force radar.

~~But~~^{But} ~~Fortunately~~^{Fortunately} it's not just one copper wire ~~they~~^{they're} looking for in outer space. It's - three hundred and fifty million of them. The horde of tiny satellites - that we put into orbit last month.

The ^{new} copper wires got lost - almost as soon as they got beyond the earth's atmosphere. The Air Force has been scanning the heavens with radar - for five weeks. Now the astronomers think they may have picked up signals from - those three hundred and fifty million elusive satellites. The trouble being, that the Air Force can't tell - where in the ^{— —} cosmos they are.

ADMINISTRATION

As you know, there was much skirmishing on the new frontier over the weekend - and the exact meaning won't be clear until the dust has settled. Oh yes, the personnel changes - are official. President Kennedy, shifting some of his closest advisors - to the State Department. Beginning with Roving Ambassador - Averell Harriman. The President, bringing Brooks Hays of Arkansas - from State to the White House.

The most interesting change - we have a new Under-Secretary of State. George Ball, moving up - replacing Chester Bowles. Critics of Bowles have often predicted - that he would be one of the first to lose his job in Washington. The Under-Secretary's friend^s, retorting that he would probably move from administrative work, which he doesn't like, - to policy-making, which he does like.

That interpretation - evidently correct. Bowles, getting the post of - Roving Ambassador. Still riding high on the new frontier - although he ^{has} changed horses. The rest of the Administration posse - regrouping behind President Kennedy.

To vary the figure of speech - the game of musical chairs is on in Washington. It will be interesting to observe who stays on which chair - and for how long.

SOCIAL REGISTER

If you aspire to a place in the Social Register, you should be warned - it's as tough to get into as ever. The cocktail set had predicted a relaxation of the standards - following the death of Mrs. Bertha Barry. Bertha, the Cerberus who used to stand at the gates of high society - keeping out everyone who looked at all shady to her. Exit Bertha, exit the rules - they thought. Henceforth, everybody who was anybody - would be in.

Ah, but the Social Register for Nineteen Sixty-One -- is just as stern as it was before. Excluding a lot of candidates - for matrimonial reasons. Here are - a few of the "outs". Gail Whitney - who married an official of the Sun Valley Lodge in Idaho. Kathryn Pierrepoint - who married a Swiss scientist. And Helen Ziegler - who ^{the} married ~~Bill Steinkraus~~, captain of the American Equestrian Team.

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~~A lot of~~ critics are muttering ~~tomorrow~~ ^{what with the Twist I feel that} that if being married to our ace horseman keeps you out - ^{I say, old chap, is there any} ~~there is not much~~ point in being in the Social Register?

DYNAMITE

The big football game in Los Angeles' Coliseum on Saturday - could have been an explosive one. Even more exciting than the ten-to-seven score -- that gave U.C.L.A. the victory over Southern California. Putting U.C.L.A. - in the Rose Bowl.

I use the word "explosive" - in its literal meaning. Before the game, three sticks of dynamite were found - near one goal post. The dynamite, attached by copper wire - to the wall in front of the U.S.C. cheering section. Some ^{half-mad} ~~people~~ rooters, evidently intending - to touch off an explosion during the game.

A stupid prank, because they used enough dynamite - to kill anyone ~~near~~ near the explosion. So, the police are questioning ^{many} ~~the~~ under-graduates ~~at U.S.C.~~ trying to find out who was responsible. Whoever it was - is likely to be sorry. More sorry - than when he saw U.C.L.A. beat Southern California.