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REORGANIZATION

Congressional hearings are on - concerning President Eisenhower's proposals for a reorganization of the Defense Department. The lead off witness - Neil McElroy, Secretary of Defense, <sup>who today</sup> ~~he~~ was questioned in a way - indicating that the bill may have rough going in Congress.

Committee Chairman, Congressman Vinson of Georgia, propounded three queries - asking Secretary McElroy to submit written answers.

Question number one - Would the reorganization mean a merger of the several branches of the Armed Forces?...  
Question Number two - Would it create a general staff, one single staff for Army, Navy and Air Force....Number three - would there be a single Chief-of-Staff under the unification program?

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Secretary McElroy was also asked - Would officers be punished for opposing the Presidential plan... To which he replied - ~~That~~, so long as criticism was confined to Congressional testimony, no ~~officer~~ would be penalized. But, added the Secretary, this does not apply to public pronouncements and speeches.

## VETO

A Presidential veto<sup>is</sup> predicted for a Democratic bill to liberalize unemployment benefits payments, if - the measure goes to the President in its present form.

Today, Republican leaders in Congress had a conference with the President at the White House - and, upon emerging, Senator Knowland of California made the prediction of a veto. The Republican leader in the Senate explaining - that the President feels the bill would "seriously jeopardize" the traditional relation between the Federal government and the states.

The President has presented his own proposals to improve benefits for the jobless. The Democratic measure - going much farther.



## TEMPERANCE

A crowded House in the Senate Caucus Room, today.

As hearings began on a bill to halt inter-state liquor advertising. A parade of witnesses - to testify against publicizing of demon rum. Forty Churchmen, educators and students of social problems speaking in <sup>favor</sup> ~~form~~ of the bill.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Clergyman and author, telling the Senate Commerce Committee "If you take liquor out of this world, you'd reduce human problems by seventy-five per cent maybe eighty-five per cent."

Later this week, the Senate Committee will hear from opponents of the bill to outlaw Interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages.



## DEPORTATION

The Immigration Service went into reverse today - in the case of a Finn deported from this country last week. The Department backing down in the case of William Heikkila of San Francisco and ex-communist, who, on Friday, was taken to Canada by Immigration agents, and placed on an airliner bound for Amsterdam. On his way - back to Finland.

Federal Judge Edward Murphy of San Francisco said - The deportation smacked of what he called, "Gestapo rack and thumb screw." Today, in Washington, immigration Commissioner Joseph Swing said there had been "an error of judgement." Heikkila to be brought back to this country at once. Pending further legal proceedings.

## HUNGARIANS

A Congressional committee, today, okayed a bill - to grant permanent residence in this country to thirty-one thousand Hungarian refugees. Admitted - on a temporary basis following the Hungarian revolt a couple of years ago.

President Eisenhower had asked Congress to take action to permit the Hungarians to stay here. Today's action by the House Judiciary Committee, saying - Okay. In fact - allowing a speedier procedure in behalf of the refugees than the President had proposed.

## SATELLITE

Government plans are under way - for sending a satellite all the way to the moon. A ball of aluminum foil - one hundred feet in diameter - which, upon reaching the moon - might go into an orbit around The Queen of The Night.

So stated by government scientist, Dr. Hugh Dryden, who told a Congressional committee on space problems - that the artificial satellite would be a small package, carried by rocket. When, approaching the surface of the moon, the aluminum foil would inflate, becoming - a large ball.

Which, declared the scientist - would be clearly visible from this earth. A sphere of aluminum foil <sup>a</sup> brightly shining object in sunlight.



TITO

Strong declarations, today - by Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia. Who, addressing a Congress of the Yugoslav Communist Party - took a series of slams at Soviet Russia. Denouncing Moscow talk that the Yugoslavs are not faithful to the right kind of Communism, and should be "re-educated." <sup>R</sup> "This is not a way to create good relations," Tito remarked bitterly. His tone was very different when he spoke of the United States. Declaring "our relations with the United States are founded on mutual respect, co-operation and non - interference in each other's internal affairs."

In Communist Yugoslavia a slap for Moscow, and a pat on the back for Uncle.

## ISRAEL

A flare-up --- in the Gulf of Aqaba. That strategic length of water - in dispute between Israel and the Arabs.

The Israelis claiming - that a Jordanian vessel of war attacked an Israeli motor launch. "One Israeli - killed. The Jordanians counter with a statement - that three Israeli motor launches opened fire on a Jordanian Coast Guard vessel. Trouble in the Gulf of Aqaba as the Israelis preparing to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel.

## KOREA

At Pan-mun-jom, Korea, the U. N. Command issues a denial of a charge of espionage. The Reds claiming - that spies have been sent into North Korea.

Today, American Colonel Frank Carr called the espionage tale - an "obvious fabrication."



## INDONESIA

On Sumatra, Government forces - have driven to within fifteen miles of the rebel capital of Bukittinggi, capturing a key town in that vicinity. The rebel government reported to be taking refuge at the town of Solok, in a remote area.

On the insurgent side, the word is - that rebel warplanes have bombed a couple of small islands held by the Jakarta regime - the Air Force - based on the large island of Celebes where the rebels are in control.

## MONACO.

The government of Monaco issued an expulsion decree, today - against Lady Docker, wife of a London shipping magnate. The charge being - that Lady Docker, publicly, made insulting remarks about Prince Rainier and his Princess, the former Grace Kelly. Also - that her ladyship tore up a Monacan flag.

Lady Docker - noted for being original - driving - a gold-plated limousine. Also - for playing an expert game of marbles. *Lady D usually having all the marbles!*

In Monaco, she and her husband, Sir Bernard, were to have attended a palace reception, celebrating the Baptism of Prince Albert, infant heir to the Monacan throne. But they wanted to bring their nineteen year old son along - he having no invitation, and palace officials replied, No.

Later on, in a hotel dining room - Lady Docker expressed her indignation so forcefully, that the decree of expulsion was issued. Telling her - to leave Monaco.

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But that's not all of it. A copy of the decree - forwarded on to Paris. The French government - called upon to ban her ladyship from all the French Riviera. Which is one of her favorite haunts.

It is explained - that there's a treaty between France and Monaco, according to which - anyone expelled from the principality shall also be excluded from other parts of the French Riviera.



## **RAILROADS**

The administration asked Congress, today to lend seven hundred million dollars to the railroads.

Secretary of Commerce Weeks handing the program to the Senate commerce committee - which has been studying the plight of the lines.

The government loan to help the railroads make improvements, modernize equipment, and so on.

## BELINN - HELICOPTERS

I kept a promise today that I made sometime ago -  
to make a flight over the world's largest airway system over  
which only helicopters are flown.

One-hundred<sup>and</sup>-twelve flights, by helicopter, are made daily  
from Los Angeles International Airport, to sixteen heliports -  
that service sixty towns and cities - all the way from Santa  
Ana to San Fernando, and from San Pedro to Pomona, Fontana  
and San Bernadino.

To indicate the trend here in Southern California, one  
city, Pomona, is eliminating its railway station and planning  
a heliport right in the heart of the down-town section.

Among the places where we came down this morning were -  
the roof of the Los Angeles Post Office, and a well designed  
heliport at Disneyland.

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During a large part of the year, over this

helicopter system they not only fly to capacity but there are from five to ten persons for each seat available.

Why? No enuf equipment. But - big multi engine jet turbine 24 pass helicopters have been ordered.

The second largest helicopter service in the world is operated by Sabena, out of Brussels, to points in Belgium, Holland and Northern France.

Over this Los Angeles airway system there are some four-hundred and fifty flights each day - with a ninety-nine per cent on-time schedule. If a helicopter is more than one minute late a written report is rushed to President Clarence Belinn, the human dynamo who built up this new way of getting around.


The secret of the success of this L A helicopter service? Master Mechanics. That's a large part of it. Men who are real wizzards at keeping these whirlybirds in the air.



## SERGEANT

Over in England a U. S. Airman, Sergeant James Lee of Fitzgerald, Georgia - ~~is~~ a friendly sort of southerner; ~~was~~, was driving his car through the town of Fakenham, when down the road he saw - a blonde riding a bicycle. Quite a blonde - young, shapely, good looking. So, when he passed her, he slowed down his car, and gave her - a pat on the back. A "friendly pat", he says. The kind - a friendly southerner might give a beautiful blonde.

After which - the sergeant drove on, until he came to a pub. Being also a thirsty southerner, he went in - and was having a pint of beer, which the British call - "bitter".

He was feeling happy about things in general, and all the more so - when who did he see walking in. That same blonde. Coming right up to him. 

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She had followed him and what could be more flattering to a friendly southerner from Georgia.

The only trouble being that she placed him under arrest. The beautiful blonde - a policewoman, June Stevenson. Who, after the "pat on the back" had taken the number of the automobile. Then had seen it standing in front of the pub.

Today, in a London court, the lady policeman testified that the sergeant had given her, what she called a humiliating wallop. *Said she it was* ~~calling~~ a "real stinger, on the place where I've never been hit before."

Whereupon the Magistrate imposed a fine of fourteen ~~dollars~~ <sup>— —</sup> in pounds and shillings, of course, ~~on~~ that friendly southerner from Georgia.

## ROBBERY

Here's a news dispatch with a scandalous and shocking sound.

Two robbers - holding up a reducing studio in Dallas, Texas.

And it isn't <sup>the</sup>/robbery - that has the shameful sound.

There were eighteen customers - busy with slenderizing exercises. When the two hold-up men walked in robbing the ladies of one-hundred-and-fifty dollars. Then, to keep the victims from pursuing them - they made the ladies - take off their clothes.

But, wait a minute - it wasn't so shocking at all.

Those two robbers had a sense of the proprieties. They made the ladies go into the steam-room to disrobe, and hand out their clothes. So, you see things ~~are~~, sometimes, <sup>are</sup> not as bad as they sound.