

ISRAEL

L.T.-Delco. Thurs. May 16 - '57.

Israel tonight, postponed - the test ship run through the Suez Canal. Deciding - to wait until the Security Council of the United Nations has had a chance to debate the Suez issue.

Last night, France asked for a Council meeting - to consider a French protest against the way Nasser is being permitted to control the Canal. Britain, today - backing up the French appeal to the U N.

So now the Israelis decide - they won't ~~en~~ try to run the Suez blockade, while the proceedings in the U N are going on.

## BRITAIN-ATOMIC

In London, first reports on the success of the hydrogen bomb explosion yesterday. The radio-active fallout ~~is~~ greatly reduced. "To an almost negligible level", said Prime Minister Harold MacMillan today.

The House of Commons was jammed, when the Prime Minister made his report, *Minimizing* - the peril of radiation.

*From*  
*in* Japan, a report - that yesterday's first British hydrogen bomb went off with a blast - equal in violence to the tremendous explosion of the American H-bomb at Bikini. This - determined by Japanese instruments for measuring atmospheric disturbance.

Tokyo - making a new complaint. Protesting to London - against the British atomic experiments at Christmas island in the Far Pacific.

## SUBMARINE

At New Groton, Connecticut, they christened and launched - the skate. Atomic submarine number three - for the United States.

Today's affair - merely routine. The Navy calling the skate - an assembly line atomic submarine. Marking - the end of the research phase. Atomic submarines - now in assembly line production.

There have been two previous under sea craft - named the Skate. One - an old-timer, which distinguished itself in World War Two. Sinking - Ten Japanese vessels. Then - used as a target ship in atomic bomb tests at Bikini. That ~~is~~ Skate - a guinea pig for the atom. This one - driven by atomic power.



## NORTH POLE

Airplanes - landing at the North Pole. Soviet Russia - doing it, this time. A Moscow dispatch stating that a couple of planes landed at the ultimate north - remaining there for six hours. Setting up - an automatic weather station.

*This however is*  
~~not~~ *it's* not the first landing at the North

Pole. Five years ago, a U S Air Force plane did it.

Lieutenant Colonel William Benedict and his crew - stopping off at the Pole for about three hours.



Things improving in Soviet Russia. Where they certainly can stand improvement - Soviet laws are being ameliorated. Not so tough on Ivan Ivanovich - any more.

Professor Harold Berman of the Harvard Law School is in Moscow, studying the Soviet legal system. Getting his information - from the Russian equivalent of a U S Attorney General. Who says - a new system of laws is being drawn up. With the elimination for example - of article Fifty-Eight.

Quite an ~~extra~~ article - this Fifty-Eight. A proviso - that people can be punished for offenses committed by relatives. Somebody doing something off color - ~~and~~ and his innocent family ~~can be~~ penalized, under article Fifty-Eight. *- for something your uncle did!* For example - ~~can be~~ sent into exile to Siberia, But that is being changed.

Actually, according to the Russian legal expert, article Fifty-Eight has been a dead letter - since the death of Stalin. Not a single case of punishing an offender's family - in the past three or four years. Not even in the case

of Beria, Stalin's chief of secret police - who was deposed and executed.

The high Soviet legal authority put it in these words: "What greater traitor has there been - than Beria? <sup>TP ok!</sup> Yet his relatives - were not punished." <sup>^</sup> What humanity, what mildness! Only Beria and a batch of his henchmen - were shot.

Professor Berman of Harvard cites a whole series of changes - now being made in the Soviet law. One, for example is this: - If a worker is late on the job, or absent, <sup>he</sup> <sub>^</sub> it is no longer punished as a crime <sup>- not</sup> <sub>^</sub> Even if he changes from one job to another without ~~any~~ permission - it is not a crime any more.

<sup>Surely it's</sup> ~~not~~ <sub>^</sub> not hard to improve things - when there's so much room for improvement.

## BUDGET

Congress, today, completed action on an appropriations bill for the Post Office and Treasury Departments. Slashing President Eisenhower's request by more than eighty million dollars. In spite of warnings by Postmaster General Summerfield that he would have to cut back postal service in July, if he doesn't get enough money.

Today, Secretary of Agriculture Benson protested against the vote in the House, yesterday, ~~To~~ kill - the administration soil bank. Secretary Benson calling this - "false economy."

And Secretary of Defense Wilson joins - in the battle of the budget. Telling a news conference, today, that inflation is to blame for the ~~imm~~ increasing cost of national defense. He says he tries to hold down the expense, but added: "I am lik<sup>e</sup>~~e~~ a frog trying to jump out of a well."



## CADETS

The Air Force had nominated cadets - to the Air Force Academy. Lads from all over the country - appointed to our aerial equivalent of West Point and Annapolis.

Which news is accompanied by a message from Congressman McCulloch, who represents a district in Darke County, Ohio. He tells me - that Darke County - a birthplace of Annie Oakley and many famous people - has been given two of these nominations. Terry Norris and Dick Arnold of the towns of Arcanum and New Madison.

Congressman McCulloch says this is quite an unusual honor. Darke County, Ohio, once known, I believe, as the richest farming county in America.

Dave Beck has repaid all of the three hundred and seventy thousand dollars he got from the union. Handing back - another hundred thousand. So the Senate investigators were told at their hearing today.

The witness - a bookkeeper for the Teamsters Union, Donald McDonald. Who said - the money taken by Beck was not carried on the union books as a loan. In fact, McDonald didn't know that Beck had been using union money. Which leads the investigators to repeat - that Beck "took" the money. Instead - of having "borrowed" it.

Dave Beck took the stand again, today - with the same old result. Fifth amendment - on all points. He took the self incrimination plea even in the case of one question - which his attorney advised him to answer.

Committee Chairman, Senator McClellan of Arkansas, asked Beck - if he would help the committee locate his missing son, Dave Beck Jr. Whom the committee wants to question. The lawyer told him to say - "no." Explaining -

that there was no ~~xxx~~ reason why Beck should help the committee.

But, in spite of his lawyer's advice, the union President took the Fifth Amendment - on that one too.



## ROCKEFELLER CENTER

A New York ceremony - staged on the ~~xxx~~ west side of Sixth Avenue, near Fiftieth Street. Signaling the fact that Rockefeller Center is <sup>now</sup> extending across the Avenue of the Americas, as it is more formally called.


A ground-breaking ceremony - to begin the construction of the new Time and Life Building. Nelson Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board of Rockefeller Center, and Henry Luce, Editor in Chief of Time - presided. Operating a couple of pneumatic drills - starting the seventy million dollar project.

GRAHAM

Billy Graham had a meeting with five hundred ministers, today. Telling them - that ~~his~~ his campaign to bring religion to New York may be the last opportunity in a long time. He put it in these words: "This may be the only chance for this generation to awaken the city spiritually."

The North Carolina Evangelist was delighted with - his first revival service, at Madison Square Garden, last night. A near-capacity turnout - and he said that seven hundred and six persons had come forward. Responding to the Billy Graham appeal - to "make a decision for Christ."

The revivalist - urging New York ministers to channel these converts into their various churches.



ADD GRAHAM

In Chicago, round-the clock prayers for the success of Billy Graham's New York revival. In the Loop district - prayers began in a chapel - at dawn. To continue, without stopping, for forty-eight ~~xxxxx~~ hours. Chicago, hoping that New York will be saved.



## TORNADO

Twenty lives lost, at least - in the devilish tornado that ripped and smashed along in the Texas Pan handle, last night. Creating - fantastic havoc.

There was a whole string of tornadoes - hitting a series of towns. The worst of all - a twister at Silverton, Texas, where most of the casualties occurred. Twenty-five homes destroyed - fifteen badly damaged. Five grain elevators knocked over - and one cotton gin.

When the huge funnel-shaped cloud ripped into the cotton gin, the result was like - the devastation of war. The building blown away - a mass of wreckage, ~~which~~ piled up - twenty feet high. At the place where the cotton ~~gin~~ gin had been - a crater! A huge hole in the ground - that looked as if it might have been blown out by dynamite.

So you can imagine what it was - with cottages in the farming community. Nothing left - but the foundations. People inside - blown away, along with the wreckage/

Further north, in Oklahoma - raging floods.

Following - a ~~ix~~ deluge of rainfall. Nearly a foot of rain last night, turning the streams - into huge cataracts.

Cimarron River, Turkey Creek and Boggy Creek - swirling through the towns of Dover and Enid. In the town of Enid, the water - ten feet deep, today.

## SUICIDE

In Mexico City, the doctors are ~~wait~~ waiting for Rafael Duenas - to regain consciousness. Apparently, he'll get well - after stabbing himself with an ice ~~pick~~ pick. They want him - to continue the message he left.

In a suicide note, Rafael wrote: "I killed myself - to see what it felt like." They want him to tell what it felt like - although he didn't kill himself.



## MARQUIS

In a stately church in old Madrid - two women sat in mourning, today, a funeral mass, a requiem - for the Marquis de Portago, the Spanish automobile racer. Killed in that automobile racing horror <sup>the other day</sup> in Italy.

One woman - his widow, the former Carol McDaniel of Charleston, South Carolina. From whom - he was estranged. The other - American movie actress Linda Christian. Who had been expected - to be the next wife of the ~~Marquis~~ Marquis de Portago.

The two women - taking no notice of each other. Their places - far apart, as Madrid funeral services were enacted - in the Church of Santa Barbara.

WISCONSIN

The State of Wisconsin - presented with a record-breaking bill. A claim - for twenty-one million dollars. Handed in - by Wilfred Schmidt of Wauwatosa.

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A business consultant -- who says his advice has enabled many Wisconsin business firms to multiply their profits. So, therefore, they paid the state a lot more taxes, many millions of dollars more. But he says he was never paid enough by the business firms. So he thinks the state should make that up -- to the tune of twenty-one million ~~dollars~~. A mere fraction - of the extra taxes.

Brother Schmidt of Wauwatosa requests, further - that the sum be paid in twenty-one checks. For a million - each. Maybe ~~is~~ because - it would be easier to cash them. After all, it would be awkward to walk into a store - trying to cash a check for twenty-one million, Henry .

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If it's <sup>only</sup> ~~just~~ a million - easy!  
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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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Instead of me ~~sing~~ doing the recalling tonight it's Station WDAE in Florida, operated by the Tampa Daily News - which sends me a wire saying: "Our Chief Engineer, Bill Moore, has been on the job with us ever since the opening day of Nineteen Twenty Two. I wonder if this could be a record for the industry - Chief Engineer Bill Moore on ever since WDAE opened in Nineteen Twenty Two? All I know at this moment is that it's time to say --

Solong until tomorrow.