

RAILWAYS *L.J. Ruick, Fisher, Mon. Aug. 22 - '66*

Seven Canadian railways <sup>are</sup> facing the threat  
of a shutdown on Friday with more than a hundred-thousand  
employees ready to walk off their jobs. The strike for  
higher pay <sup>w</sup>ould halt operations of the country's two major  
lines -- the Canadian national and the Canadian Pacific -  
as well as five smaller railroads.

## FIRES

A giant forest fire -- raging across six hundred thousand acres in Yukon Territory, Canada -- has jumped the international border into Alaska and threatens to join up with another big fire near the Far North town of Chicken. The massive fire is said to be out of control partly-mainly because of the remoteness of the area, and the lack of men to fight it.

Farther south in Oregon, more than six ~~thousand~~<sup>9</sup> hundred men are battling the State's worst forest fire in fifteen years. Along the rugged coast range west of Cottage Grove, twenty-six thousand acres are reported ablaze -- with a large area of southern Oregon under a pall of smoke.

SHIPS

<sup>U.S.</sup>  
The Senate has approved a bill that would give

the coast guard broad authority in barring foreign passenger ships from American ports - if they fail to meet certain safety standards. The measure - even tougher than one approved by the House - was prompted largely by the disastrous fire which broke out on board the cruise ship "Yarmouth Castle" - ~~was~~ killing ninety ~~persons~~.

**WILLIAMS**

***Republican Senator John J Williams of Delaware***

***charged today that the construction firm once headed by  
Matthew McCloskey - long a contributor to the Democratic  
Party - was allowed to underbid a competitor after the  
deadline has passed on a twelve-million dollar government  
contract. In a Senate speech, Williams said the revised bid -  
submitted by McCloskey and company - enabled the  
firm to get the contract to build a new Philadelphia mint.***

VIET NAM

The Viet Cong continued its ~~terror~~ terror campaign tonight -- hoping to raise the spectre of fear among the South Vietnamese - and sabotage the national elections set for September eleventh. Bombs and bullets killed a woman and six children in a village outpost, seventy miles south of Saigon. And in Saigon ~~today~~, a grenade was thrown into a jeep carrying four American servicemen - all of whom were injured.

It was also disclosed that Communist guerrillas fired on a helicopter carrying American Army General John R. Deane on a flight near Saigon. An American gunner was killed in the attack, -- ~~but~~ The general ~~was~~ uninjured.

## STARFIGHTER

*The chief of West Germany's air force -*

*General Werner Panitzki - resigned today after accusing political leaders of neglecting the safety factors in the American-designed Starfighter nuclear bombers. His resignation could touch off a political crisis in Bonn - and lead to a general reshuffle of Chancellor Erhard's cabinet. Since being introduced into the West German Air Force six years ago, sixty-one Starfighters have crashed - taking the lives of thirty-five pilots.*

## EARTHQUAKE

The earthquake disaster area of Eastern Turkey  
-  
faced tonight with the threat of cholera epidemic - even  
as rescue teams continue to ~~fix~~ dig for survivors in the  
shattered villages. The official casualty figures - nearly  
nineteen hundred dead and more than a thousand injured -  
~~with the~~ <sup>with the</sup> feared that the toll may go even higher. <sup>Some</sup> ~~One~~  
hundred <sup>and</sup> thirty-nine villages <sup>were</sup> wrecked by the disaster  
which struck last Friday.

## YEMEN

*The South Arabian Federation has decided to close its borders with Yemen - for an indefinite period effective tonight. The action comes after the deportation of one hundred fifty Yemenis because of last week's assassination of a Federation Supreme Council member.*

*U A R President Nasser is supporting the Yemenis in their campaign of terrorism against the formation of the South Arabian Federation - which is due to obtain independence from Britain two years from now.*



CLAY

*It was learned in Louisville today that heavyweight champion Cassius Clay will ask to be deferred from the draft on the grounds that he is a black muslim, and therefore a minister. Apparently this means that Clay will change his appeal from that of a conscientious objector which he has claimed since being reclassified as one-A last February.*

CAPTAIN

*Rugged* *Seventy-two year old Captain William Willis*

*is on a coast guard cutter tonight - on his way to a hospital in Newfoundland after being rescued from his tiny sailboat in the mid-Atlantic. He was stricken by a hernia, while sailing alone on a seventy-day voyage from New York to Plymouth, England.*

*Captain Willis ~~was~~ has quite a record as a lone voyager - having crossed the Pacific twice on a raft. While at sea, he lives on sea water, wheat germ, ~~and~~ olive oil, honey and condensed milk.*

## LEWIS

One more of the nation's veteran news commentators -- Fulton Lewis, Jr. -- has departed from the scene -- at the age of sixty-three. A heart attack had followed surgery. Fulton, a big, friendly, genial man -- whose hobby had been the building and playing pipe organs, was a political conservative who, throughout his radio career constantly opposed what he considered the socialistic tendencies of the Democratic Administration. Millions followed his broadcast -- many with almost religious fervor -- and they knew so well the words he had made so familiar as he signed off:-- "that's the top of the news as it looks from here." Fulton Lewis, Jr., had been on the air for some twenty-nine years. The air waves won't seem the same without him.

## CLOCK

American scientists are developing a new kind of clock -- an expensive one, to measure time to a millionth of a second -- a unit known as a microsecond. When you get down to a microsecond, the definition of time takes on a new significance for there are nearly one-hundred billion microseconds a day. Who needs such a split-second clock? Why, the National Space program, where time must be measured to the nth degree.

Such a clock -- known as the hydrogen master -- will cost about three hundred thousand dollars -- and they say its timing would not be off more than one second, in thirty-thousand centuries.

## ICE

We've all heard the old saying about sending coal to Newcastle -- but how about this? Shipping ice to the Arctic Circle. The Soviet News Agency, Tass, says dry ice is being sent to the Arctic town of Igarka where the ground is far from being frozen the year around. In Summer the tundra is even too soft to support the buildings in Igarka.

They say the dry ice is being packed into holes in the ground to freeze the surrounding soil and give the buildings a solid base. Next will those Arctic Russkies be welcoming the refrigerator salesman, Warren?

## NUDIST

*More than two thousand casually dressed theatre-goers flocked to a ~~ka~~ nudist colony at Glen Gardner, New Jersey, during the weekend - to see a play entitled - "Barely Proper". The play has to do with a very proper English gentleman who was converted to nudism by his German *g*irl-friend. As expected, the show was a sell-out -- tying up traffic for miles around as the customers = many wearing <sup>---</sup>sheepish grins - jammed the highways.*