

BIRMINGHAM
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(Richard C. Mottet substituting)

The combined Senate leadership emerged victorious today, defeating a number of reservations to the nuclear test ban treaty by large votes. One rejected proposal made by Senator Barry Goldwater - who called for a delay in ratification until Russia removes all its forces from Cuba. Today's vote - after two weeks of debate - set the stage for a final roll call on the treaty itself tomorrow morning. One unofficial poll indicates that at least 80 Senators will vote for the treaty - 18 will vote against. Two thirds of the Senators voting tomorrow is needed - and apparently assured - for the ratification.

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A delegation of five white civic leaders from Birmingham, Alabama, paid a call on President Kennedy at the White House today - and gave their estimate of what it will take to solve their city's explosive racial problem. They appealed for Presidential help to keep "outsiders" away from Birmingham and halt racial demonstrations for a "few short days" while conciliation efforts are underway. The civic leaders stressed the desire of their city government and others to try to work out their own solution, if given the opportunity. Later a spokesman for the group told newsmen - that the President said he was in no position to prevent anyone from going to Alabama. The President also met today with a group of clergymen from Birmingham.

At Oxford, Mississippi - the only negro student attending the University of Mississippi was arrested and jailed today for carrying a concealed pistol. Conviction on the charge could result among

**other things in Cleve McDowell's dismissal from the
University - and the restoration of total segregation to
Mississippi schools.**

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DOMINICAN

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INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

Tonight from Lowell Thomas the story about
a friend of his who defies old age and shames youth.

Lowell

HELLO DICK, GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here's news that may be of rather special interest to any of you who have passed your three score and ten. An eighty year old Alaskan has just set forth on a rugged journey into the snowy, icy, Arctic mountains north of the Yukon. His only companions an Eskimo lad, a twenty year old chap from Anchorage, a dog, and a reindeer.

I happen to know this Alaskan mining man rather well, first met him on one of the tributaries of the Yukon River, some forty-eight years ago. His name, Jack McCord. Now eighty years old, still rugged and full of beans, off he goes into the Arctic wilderness in search of rare minerals.

Jack, by the way, makes his home, whenever he stays at home, on his own small island, called Sitkalidak, an island of some seventy four thousand acres. There he runs cattle.

Jack was one of the characters in a Rex Beach novel. He was always famous for his tremendous strength,

A few years ago he attracted considerable attention by marrying a prominent Ohio woman lawyer. The wedding was held at Westminster Abbey in London. And Life Magazine had a spread of pictures showing Jack in his tall silk hat and his striped trousers.

On this one they are using a reindeer instead of any other animal because the reindeer has a cloven hoof, and can dig down through the snow and ice to feed on the tundra.

Word about this expedition headed by an eighty year old Alaskan has been sent to me by Lowell Jr., along with a picture on the front page of the Fairbanks News Miner, Sourdough Jack, his friend Tuck Hurn, dog Kobuk, the young reindeer herder from Kotzebue; and, Bo, the reindeer.

When they return someone ought to do a biography on this Alaskan who has lived such a colorful and adventuresome life, Sourdough Jack McCord, King of Sitkalidak.

Solong,

VIETNAM

South VietNam's "First Lady" Madame Ngo

Dinh Nhu - held a news conference at her Embassy in Rome today ... and once again tried to set the rest of the world straight on the difficulties her government is having with the Buddhists. As students paraded outside the Embassy carrying banners protesting religious persecution, Madam Nhu said the Viet Namese government is NOT fighting Buddhists -- ONLY what she called those communists disguised as Buddhists.

QUINS

There was a tearful display of thanks in Aberdeen, South Dakota, today - when Mrs. Mary Ann Fischer left her tiny quintuplets in the hospital and went home to her other five children. In Mrs. Fischer's words - "I want to thank everyone for everything they've done - I appreciate it more than I can ever tell". As Mrs. Fischer ended her momentous eleven-day stay in St. Luke's hospital, the quintuplet's doctor reported the babies are "getting along fine". Happiness all around in the city of Aberdeen.

GLENN

"Ask not what your country can do for you - but what you can do for your country". Those words spoken by President Kennedy in his inaugural address were echoed today by Astronaut John Glenn. The story comes from the astronaut's lawyer, C. Leo D'Orsey, who says he sat in the same room when Colonel Glenn turned down a one-million dollar job offer from a company President - saying he was only interested in what he could do for his country. If the time comes, says D'Orsey, that that Colonel Glenn decides to retire from the Marine Corps, he probably will take a job in government.

SAN MARINO

Over in East Central Italy, there's a small republic which claims to be the oldest state in Europe. It has a most peculiar government - the legislative power is held for only six months at a time by TWO of 60 elected members of what's called a Great Council - and for many years it was communist oriented. Wine, woolen goods and postage stamps are the principal products and this fantastic country has no public debt. It's name - San Marino - which today signed the nuclear test ban treaty in Moscow - perhaps for old times sake. As the Prime Minister of the 38-square mile country put it - the signing was "a moral gesture". San Marino, you see, while completely surrounded by Italian territory, does worry about the outside world. It even has a big, though not nuclear, weapon:- a rusty cannon that hasn't been fired in more than 300 years.