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CRASH

Near Dayton, Ohio, an Air Force bomber crashed.

No survivors - eleven lives lost. The giant plane plunged into the home of Mrs. Medella Henderson, and exploded. Everything - turned into a mass of flames, bomber, house and all.

Mrs. Henderson, as it happened, was vacationing in Florida. Nobody in the house - when the catastrophe occurred.

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Three hours later another Air Force bomber crashed near Sedalia, Missouri - four lives lost. This one also hit a farm house. Two occupants injured.

MISSILES

In Washington today, the House voted more than fifteen million dollars - for research. One million - to improve a "transonic" tunnel. And build an "atmosphere-entry simulator".

Sounds mighty technical, but it's easy to explain in a general way. Research - for the development of an inter-continental missile. Which would go speeding at super-sonic velocity. So they must investigate problems of a missile - going so fast. Hence, the "transonic" tunnel.

An inter-continental weapon would soar to a great altitude - virtually above the atmosphere. Plunging down a hundred thousand feet at the end of its flight. Re-entering - the atmosphere. Hence the "atmosphere-entry simulator", reproducing this condition.

The missile would travel at fifteen thousand miles an hour. And at such velocity the problem is - heat. Enough to melt most metals. Or, at least, weaken them. One of the critical questions - in the development of what they call - the "ultimate weapon."

EARTHQUAKE

Eighteen days ago, February Ninth, there was a sharp earthquake in southern California. Which produced a spectacular effect - only now disclosed. By a party of scientists - ~~XXXXXXXX~~ returning from a remote area in Mexico, the peninsula of Lower California.

Down there, in the desert, the tremblor cracked open the ground - and warm springs came flowing to the surface. At one point, there's a fissure in the desert - eighteen miles long and a foot wide. ^POne of the warm springs - is really a big one. Pouring forth water at the rate of more than five hundred gallons a minute. The water - at a temperature of eighty-one degrees. Indicating that it is coming from deep down in the rock. Heat, at a great subterranean depth, warming the water. So say the Scientists.

MAYOR

Aurora, Illinois, is having a political rumpus.

The Town Council - demanding the resignation of the Mayor.

Who breathes defiance - saying he won't resign. The trouble -

a letter that Mayor Paul Egan wrote - making a proposal to

Soviet Russia. Addressing Deputy Premier Mikoyan, he suggested

that a couple ^{of} hundred ~~of~~ American Mayors should make a trip to

Russia, ^{quote} "in search of peace," ^{end quote!}

Previously, His Honor had angered the Town Fathers -

in various ways. His election - a stunning surprise. He was on

the Unemployment Compensation Rolls, when the citizens voted

him in as Mayor. Whereupon, he announced - that heavy trucks

would be kept out of Aurora. And had police barriers put up -

to enforce his edict. ~~Then he~~ ^{Then he} tried to fire his Chief-of-Police -

also the head of the State Commerce Commission. At the moment,

he is being sued for libel by ~~the~~ ^{the} City Commissioner.

All of which was a heavy burden for the Town Council.

The letter to Moscow - the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

So the City Fathers are trying to oust the Mayor - who refuses to be ousted.

ROBBER

Los Angeles reports - the arrest of a robber - a sacreligious, blasphemous robber - charged with looting churches - Only churches.

The police report Wesley Pond as confessing: "Every time I pass a church, I get an uncontrollable urge. I just broke into churches."

A few years ago, he went to San Quentin Prison - for church robbery. Released a couple of months ago, he went out and burglarized ten more churches. Until - caught.

One episode - the most curious of all.

The burglar tells how he went into a church, and was confronted - by a clergyman. He told the pastor he had come to pray for help, because he was without a job. The clergyman said - he'd help him. And went off - to procure some money. Whereupon, the burglar robbed the poor box - getting three dollars. The pastor came back, and gave him seven dollars - Christian charity.

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You'd think that would have touched the conscience of the church robber. And it did - in a way. Later, he repaid the seven dollars - but kept the three dollars he had stolen from the poor box.

TREASURE

At Itasca, Illinois, a lawyer was on a treasure hunt - in an old house. Acting as executor - for Miss Cecelia Schroeder, who died at the age of seventy-six. In the house, everything so out-of-date, it was weird.

In a bedroom on the second floor, the lawyer pushed aside a dresser. Behind which - was a curtain. Drawing the curtain aside, he saw - a small door, a secret entrance. Opening the door, he found a hidden room - with a treasure trove of the old and obsolete.

Heaps of coins, some dating back a hundred years. Coins - that have not been in circulation within the memory of living man. Copper half-pennies - and three cent pieces. Thus far, sixty-five hundred dollars in cash has been found.

Also - many pairs of shoes. The old high button fashion. Which women wore - once upon a time. Valentines, dated Nineteen Hundred. Clipped out advertisements from Chicago stores, - which had been out of business for fifty years. ~~Miss Schroeder kept sixteen cats - and never threw anything away.~~

In her will, Miss Cecelia Schroeder left one hundred dollars each - to eleven second cousins. But not one penny - Henry - to nine first cousins. She sure was odd.

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CONVICT

At Sugarland, Texas, six convicts shot their way out of prison today. Fleeing from the central Texas prison farm.

The leader, one Alvin Keatts - described as "A dangerous criminal", serving thirty-five years for robbery and assault.

The convicts over-powered a guard, took his gun, leaped into the prison truck, and sped away as the other guards opened up with their guns. The truck was found abandoned later - the convicts stealing a rancher's auto. Tonight, Texas police are on the alert, setting up road-blocks. During the day, a plane scouted the area - without seeing any trace of the missing men.

COMMERCIAL

The British - as you have heard - are trying out our American system of commercial T.V. Until recently, the BBC shunned commercials.

Now they have come up with a program that has to do with the most revered of all the classics of English literature - Shakespeare's "Hamlet". The play - cut for T.V. - cut to ninety minutes. Sections of "Hamlet" put together carefully - by Shakespeare scholars And then put on BBC T.V. How did it go over? Well, it ended with Hamlet there dead on the stage, with Fortinbras speaking the final oration over the dead Hamlet - at which point suddenly the voice of the announcer broke in. Said he: "I'm afraid we must leave Hamlet." Whereupon there followed - what? You've guessed it - a singing commercial, telling the T.V. audience about the virtues of something.

Up to now that kind of thing just wasn't done in Britain! Follow Shakespeare with a singing commercial? The Prince of Denmark there dead on the T.V.

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stage and a jolly singing commercial comes on!! Henry,
can you imagine the furore in England today?