

SHIP

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Tonight the race is on to see who gets to the Santa Maria first - American or Portuguese warships.

We won't know the winner - until the weekend. Meanwhile,

the ~~captured~~ ^{luxury} liner is barreling down the Atlantic -

between Brazil and Africa.

~~The rebel~~ ^{Galvao, now}

~~is~~ in command of the Santa Maria - has

agreed to a shipboard conference with American Naval

officers. Subject - the fate of the six hundred passengers,

~~including~~ forty two Americans. Galvao admits our right -

to safeguard our citizens; And it's taken for granted

that any such conference would have to include - the

other passengers. None of whom wants to get caught in

the cross-fire -- should Salazar's Navy arrive and start

shooting. Galvao is asking us to prevent him ~~from~~ from

being attacked - should the transfer take place.

The U.S.,

~~our~~ landing ship "Hermitage" - ~~is on the way~~ ^{homebound}

~~is~~ from South Africa. ~~She's~~ ^{is} She's large enough - to take

off all the passengers. But she won't be able to

rendezvous with the Santa Maria - until Monday. By which
time the Portuguese warships - should be on the scene.

FLIERS

President Kennedy ^{has} ~~backs up~~ another first. ~~The~~
~~First time he's flown~~ ^{flight} in a helicopter - since ~~he~~ ^{we} entered
the White House. Occasion - the return home of Captains
McKone and Olmstead. The President, flying to Andrews
Air Force Base, Maryland - to greet McKone and Olmstead
personally. Conversing with them privately - for a few
minutes. Then - back to Washington ~~■~~ by helicopter.

How about the two Captains? They look in good
shape - except for the pallor caused by six months in
a Soviet ^{prison.} ~~jail. ■~~ ^{Vigorous} They certainly were strong enough - ~~■~~
to embrace their wives, ^{and} ~~to~~ - shake a lot of hands, ~~And~~
to go through the rest of the welcoming festivities -
including afternoon coffee at the White House.

Today, European Commentators had a lot to say -
about the release of ^{the fliers,} ~~most~~ of it - in warning tones. Warning
us that the Soviet leopard - hasn't changed its spots.
Khrushchev playing the liberal - for his own purposes.

SOLDIER

Attorney General Robert Kennedy announces - the arrest of Herman Marks, of Milwaukee. Marks, a soldier of ~~future~~ fortune - who went to Cuba to fight for Castro. Rising to the rank of Captain - becoming security officer at La Cabana prison. Nick named "the but^ether" because of his part in two hundred executions. Marks lost his citizenship - because he served a foreign power. Later, sneaking back into this country - illegally. Now under arrest - facing deportation. Castro's executioner - Herman Marks of Milwaukee.

LAOS

The pro-western forces in Laos - have broken through the Communist lines. Two columns, joining - south of Luang Prabang. Throwing the Reds - back. Keeping open - the road to Vietienne. Meaning - Premier Boun Oum can continue to reinforce Luang Prabang. Also send food by truck - into the beleaguered city.

The Premier's troops are now regrouping - for a drive on the strategic Plain of Jars, ~~that's~~ where the Soviet airlift to the Reds - has been unloading supplies. The Loyalists forces are hoping to neutralize the airlift - by capturing ~~the~~ ^{the} air fields in the Plain of Jars.

PLANE

Winter weather over the North Atlantic - has
impeded
~~started~~ the search for the military transport plane
missing since yesterday. The one that disappeared with
~~many~~ twenty three aboard - when it was only minutes
away from a landing at Argentia, Newfoundland. A radar
plane reported - an explosion in the sky. *Since then*
~~Starting -~~
an air and sea search of the area. *has been*
~~The search,~~ handicapped
- by falling snow and heavy seas. The hope of finding
any survivors - almost nil.

TAKE OFF

In Chicago, Pilot Harold Wyant spun the propeller of his single engine plane - and started under the wing to climb in. Ah, but his tempermental aircraft - wouldn't wait. It started to take off - by itself. Wyant *made a* ~~grabbing~~ for the wing - but ~~he~~ ~~wasn't~~ couldn't stop it.

The plane picking up speed - gaining ~~at~~ altitude. Then bouncing along ^{ML} ~~Migs~~ ² Field - and out across the ice of Lake Michigan. The last bounce - hitting open water.

The plane - submerged in Lake Michigan tonight. The pilot, vowing he'll never spin a propeller so vigorously - unless he's in the cabin.

KANSAS

Now let's salute - The Land of the South Wind.

Also known as The Sunflower State. The great state of Kansas. Sunday will mark exactly a century - since Kansas entered the Union. So native sons are getting ready for the festivities - commemorating January twenty-ninth, Eighteen Sixty One.

But of course Kansas history - goes back a lot farther than that. Coronado the Conquistador reached The land of the South Wind - in Fifteen Forty One. Later it became known as "the great American Desert." The title, given to it by thousands of drivers - who jolted their prairie schooners across Kansas toward the Pacific. And many historians claim - the Civil War began in Kansas. That bitter struggle - between pro-slavery and free-soil groups.

Great names pass - through Kansas history. John Brown - who began his anti-slavery campaign there.

Three women in Iowa and Virginia - have one thing in common. They're accused of embezzling money - from the known atrocity of the Civil War. Gunslinger Wesley Hardin - notorious in Abilene at the northern end of the Chisholm Trail. Marshal Wyatt Earp - in Dodge City, and so on.

The greatest living Kansan? Well, there's Dwight D. Eisenhower. And there's Alf Landon, candidate for President in Nineteen Thirty Six. Alf will be on hand in Topeka to help his state celebrate its birthday. Kansas - a hundred years old on Sunday.

The other two women worked at a bank - in Shilington, Virginia. Mrs. Jo Ann Stevens - a bookkeeper, Miss Lucy Fortney - assistant cashier. Their story has a touch of fantasy too. Mrs. Stevens, handling more than two hundred thousand dollars - at present unaccounted for. Miss Fortney - twenty-three thousand. Each - a lone wolf, working independently. Each aware of what the other was up to.

EMBEZZLEMENTS

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GAMBLING

In Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mrs. Edward Thorp said today "my husband never gambles." Then she went on - "he's just an average bridge-player." Which doesn't sound like a very good recommendation for a man who claims he has a surefire system. A system that is straight mathematics.

Ed Thorp - a mathematical wizard who teaches at MIT, joined up with an electronic brain - for an attack on gambling casinos. He terms his new system - "ninety-nine percent accurate." That sure of calling the hands correctly - in "blackjack" and "twenty one". The MIT mathematician plans to take on Las Vegas. All he wants is a month's room and board. And - ten thousand dollars to play with. A mere ten grand.

So far - no takers. But the Thorp phone - keeps ringing. Callers from all over the country - asking about the Thorp system. Hoping to get in on it. But Dick, none offering to put up that ten grand!

BOMB

loser
Tokyo ~~has just lost~~ a memento of World War Two -
seen
and they ~~are~~ happy to see it go. A five hundred pound
bomb - dropped during one of our air raids on Japan.
It fell into Tokyo harbor - and lay there unnoticed
for sixteen years. Discovered accidentally - by a Japanese
diver, *A* floating crane lifted the bomb out of the mud -
onto a sea wall. There, an American demolition squad -
gingerly removed the fuse. ~~De-activating - the bomb.~~
with a
~~Sending it off to - the Tokyo dump. A~~ big crowd lining
the seawall, giving a cheer - as an army truck carted
away ~~their~~ *is* reminder of World War Two.