

STRIKE

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Tonight, the new year looks more rosy to New Yorkers - than it did on New Year's Day. The bus strike - is over. The settlement, worked out after an ultimatum - from Mayor Wagner. Part of the settlement is a pay raise - of thirteen cents an hour. Plus two cents more - in a package deal. Union leader Mike Quill is satisfied - and preparing to put his drivers back into the buses.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy ^{to} ~~will~~ leave Palm Beach for Washington - tomorrow. Mr. Kennedy, cutting short his stay in Florida's vacation city - to prepare for the opening of Congress next week. The Administration has important legislation coming up for debate - on Capitol Hill. And the head of the Administration wants a fast start on the measures to which he is giving top priority.

That's why Mr. Kennedy will begin a series of talks - with Congressional leaders. At the head of the line, Chairman Wilbur Mills - of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

DOMINICAN FOLLOW KENNEDY

The biggest Presidential decision today - concerned the Dominican Republic. President Kennedy, ordering a foreign aid mission - to Santo Domingo. Its purpose - to determine how we can best strengthen Democracy in what used to be the domain of the Trujillo family.

The Council of the organization of American States today voting to lift all economic and diplomatic sanctions against the Dominican Republic - twenty nations voted for Removal - the twenty-first - Cuba - abstaining - now U.S. Aid to start flowing into the Dominican Republic.

VIET NAM

The American contribution to the economic program for South Viet Nam - will be about Two-hundred-million dollars. That much, to raise the standard of living - in our ally across the Pacific. But it won't be all a matter of - Uncle Sam footing the bill. Saigon is contributing a proportionate amount - according to the principle of self-help.

Almost everything you can mention - is included in this program. Health, education, agriculture, roads, flood control - and so on. A massive effort to show the people of South Viet Nam - that they can have both prosperity and freedom.

IDEOLOGY

A roundtable of British experts on Communism agree that Khrushchev is - a Marxist heretic. The London group debated the question - of which Red leader is the true Communist theoretician. Khrushchev - or Mao Tse-tung? The answer in London - is Mao.

The question, as you know - concerns war between the Communist states and the Democracies. Khrushchev, insisting - that war is not inevitable. Mao, retorting - that it is. So - what was Lenin's opinion? Well, the founder of the Soviet state said repeatedly - that there would be a series of "frightful collisions" between the two power blocs. A series of wars - of which only big one has been fought since the Soviet Union came into existence. The rest of the "Leninist conflicts" belong to the future - the rest of this century.

That is, if you believe Lenin - and Mao-Tse-tung. But the heretic leader in Moscow - doesn't believe either

ALGERIA

The immediate future of Algeria seems to hold - peace and war. Peace - because around Paris the belief is growing stronger, that the Moslem rebels will soon come to terms with DeGaulle.

War - because the terms probably will not be accepted by the ultra rightwing settlers. They're determined to keep Algeria French - and they claim to have the sympathy of the French army. Today, the Europeans were out in the streets of Algeria - in a display of open violence. The Moslems - retaliating. Algeria, degenerating into a chaos of - riots, murders, and assassinations.

OCEANOGRAPHY

The latest thing in oceanography - sound like one of the oldest. It's a plan to ride a whale - into the depths of the ocean. The kind of idea you might find in classical mythology - or the notebooks of Leonardo Da Vinci.

The method, however - is strictly twentieth century. Oceanographers in Burbank, California, are going to tag a whale - with a sonar transmitter. Then they'll release it in the Pacific - and track it's movements by means of a floating laboratory on the surface.

The point being - that the whale is still king of the ocean depths. The sea-going mammal can dive deeper - than most submarines. It can penetrate into underwater canyons and caves - where no sub can go. Hence, the up-to-date science of oceanography is asking help from - a whale.

FIRE

That fire in Hanover, New Hampshire - was caused by a barrel of tar. The barrel, exploding - sending flames shooting through the Army's Arctic Research Center. Threatening to destroy one of the world's greatest libraries - devoted to science and exploration up near the North Pole.

Hanover was chosen by the Army - because Dartmouth College specializes in Arctic studies. The old master of such studies has been at Dartmouth for years - famed explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson. And the masterpiece at the Arctic Research Center is - the great Stefansson collection.

Hence the fear that ran through Hanover - at the cry of "fire!" The town fire department was on the scene - almost at once. They received help - from fire departments in surrounding communities. Even so, the blaze raged out of control - for three hours.

Damage to the building is called - "extensive."

But the books and artifacts are safe - so the Arctic
Research Center will rise again.

PHONE LINE

Here's an interesting question. Who would you say are - the most talkative people in the world? If you go by the telephone, the answer is - the Canadians. A report just issued in Washington - breaks the figures down like this. Last year, the average Canadian citizen reached for the phone - five-hundred-and-twenty-five times. The average American - five-hundred-and-fifteen. From there, the numbers drop way down - to less than four hundred in Britain, and around three hundred in France. Now, which group in each country - would you think is the gabbiest? I guess I hardly have to answer - that one. Every parent of a teen-age girl - knows who uses the family phone more than anyone else. And now Dick, have you anything to say/ over the microphone. This is Larry LeBeau and an Howell Thomas would say - So long until tomorrow.

NEW GUINEA

With the tension between Holland and Indonesia over New Guinea becoming worse - lets not ignore a dispatch from New Guinea itself. Dated Hollandia, the dispatch indicates - that the inhabitants of that island will be a problem for years to come. It tells of the Papuans breaking out into - one of their age-old tribal feuds. Warriors of the Kapauku Tribe, caught gathering shells to be used as money - in the territory of the Dani Tribe. Result - Primitive bushmen, attacking one another with spears, clubs, and poison arrows. The toll - at least a dozen killed, scores injured.

New Guinea, no island paradise - no matter who controls it. Still, Sukarno of Indonesia repeats - that he wants the big island off the Northern coast of Australia. At least - he wants the Dutch half of New Guinea. This is Larry LeSueur and as Lowell Thomas would say - So long until tomorrow.

ATOMIC

The Atomic Energy Commission has its collective eye on - a little chunk of earth and rock, lost in the immensity of the Pacific. Johnston Island, Seven-hundred miles from Hawaii - is only a mile long, and a quarter of a mile wide. But the solitude is what makes it valuable to the A.E.C. - which today ordered restoration of Johnston Island as an advance base for an atomic test site. A site to be employed if and when President Kennedy orders - a new series of nuclear explosions in the atmosphere.

BERLIN

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The arrival home of General Lucious Clay this weekend - means that we'll be getting a first-hand report on Berlin. And - from a professional soldier, who knows as much about it as anyone. General Clay is the man who beat the Berlin blockade - in 1948 and 1949. That's why President Kennedy sent him back to the beleaguered city - to study the present crisis. That's why the President is so anxious to hear-what his personal representative has to say about inside Berlin.

DEMOCRAT

The Democratic leader of the House in the coming session of Congress - refuses to be labeled either a liberal or a conservative. Congressman Carl Albert of Oklahoma is, in his own words - "a democrat without prefixes or suffixes." He promises to go down the line with his party - on all the main issues. The democratic leader - conciliating as many democrats as he can.