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SHIPS

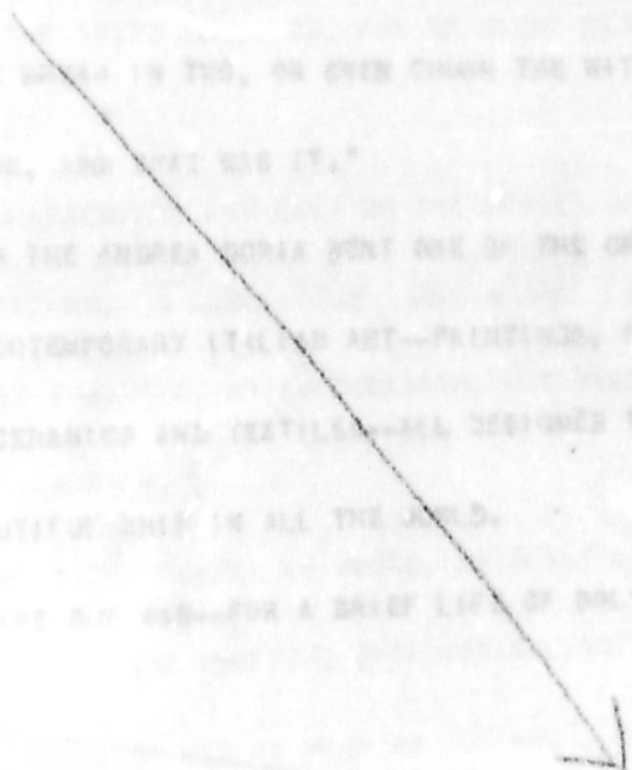
The pride of the Italian passenger fleet - the luxury liner Andrea Doria is at the bottom of the Atlantic tonight - but virtually all her seventeen hundred passengers and crew are safe in New York, or on their way to safety aboard rescue vessels.

So far as the coast guard can determine - five lives were lost, six persons seriously injured, and scores treated for shock and bruises.

The 29-million-dollar Italian liner - one of the world's most beautifully appointed ships - received her mortal blow from the Swedish-liner, Stockholm, 45 miles south of Nantucket, Massachusetts around midnight - during a night so foggy that visibility was almost zero - and for some reason that most modern radar failed to warn of the impending crash.

The Andrea Doria began to list immediately -

thousands of gallons of water pouring into her side where the Stockholm had ripped her open. A few lifeboats got away - but most passengers climbed down Jacob's ladders into boats sent over from the Stockholm and from a half dozen other ships that hurried to the scene - among them, the French line's "Ile De France".



DILWORTH

THE STOCKHOLM--ALTHO BADLY DAMAGED, CLOSED ITS WATER-TIGHT DOORS BELOW THE WATER LINE, AND HEADED FOR NEW YORK WITHOUT ASSISTANCE.

THE ANDREA DORIA SANK LOWER AND LOWER BUT HELD HER PROW ABOVE WATER FOR NEARLY 11 HOURS. THEN, MINUTES AFTER THE CAPTAIN WAS TAKEN OFF, THE 29-THOUSAND-TON SHIP WENT DOWN. EYE-WITNESSES DESCRIBED IT AS AN ALMOST PEACEFUL SCENE-- "SHE DIDNT BREAK IN TWO, OR EVEN CHURN THE WATER. SHE JUST WENT DOWN, AND THAT WAS IT."

AND WITH THE ANDREA DORIA WENT ONE OF THE GREATEST COLLECTIONS OF CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN ART--PAINTINGS, FRESCOES, MOSAICS, GLASS, CERAMICS AND TEXTILES--ALL DESIGNED TO MAKE HER THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SHIP IN ALL THE WORLD.

AND PERHAPS SHE WAS--FOR A BRIEF LIFE OF ONLY 3 YEARS AT SEA.

DILWORTH

ONE OF THE MOST VIVID REPORTS OF THE ACCIDENT CAME FROM MAYOR RICHARDSON DILWORTH OF PHILADELPHIA--A PASSENGER ON THE ANDREA DORIA. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE RESCUED AND TAKEN ABOARD THE ILE DE FRANCE.

THE MAYOR TOLD REPORTERS BY SHORT-WAVE RADIO FROM THE FRENCH LINER: "IT WAS A PERFECTLY HARROWING EXPERIENCE. I WAS SOUND ASLEEP WHEN THE SHIPS COLLIDED, AND WE DIDNT KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT FIRST."

"BUT THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE ANDREA DORIA WERE ABSOLUTELY AMAZING." *Then he added:--*

"IT WASNT A MATTER, OR AN OCCASION, FOR PERSONAL HEROISM. EVERYONE WAS CALM."

FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF HOURS, WE DIDNT SEE ANY RESCUE SHIPS AROUND US, AND WHEN THE SHIP BEGAN LEANING CRAZILY, EVERYONE TRIED TO GET AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE. BUT IT WAS NO GOOD TRYING TO GET FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER ON THE SHIP BECAUSE OF THE WAY IT WAS LISTING. TO DO SO, ONE HAD TO CRAWL OR HANG ONTO SOMETHING AND DRAG HIMSELF ALONG."

"THEN, "MAYOR DILWORTH CONTINUED, "LIFE BOATS WERE LOWERED FROM THE LEE SIDE--THE VESSEL WAS LISTING TO STARBOARD, I THINK ABOUT SIX BOATS GOT AWAY AND IT WAS WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST. BUT AFTER THAT, NO MORE BOATS COULD GET AWAY."

"AFTER THE LIFE-BOATS HAD BEEN LAUNCHED, AND NO MORE COULD BE LAUNCHED, EVERYONE WANTED, ~~EVERYONE~~ MORE THAN EVER, TO GET AS HIGH UP ON THE SHIP AS POSSIBLE--BUT STILL, THERE WAS NO PANIC."

WENT ON:-

"AND"--THE MAYOR ~~SAID~~ "IT WAS AMAZING, WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT A ~~VERY~~ LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW WERE OVER 40 YEARS OLD--AT LEAST HALF OF THEM."

"BUT THEY WERE CALM, EVEN WHEN THEY HAD TO FACE THE HORROR OF LOOKING DOWN THOSE ~~DOWN~~ JACOB'S LADDERS TO THE SEA."

"I CAME THRU THIS FINE, BUT MY WIFE SUFFERED A TERRIBLE CRACK OVER THE EYE," SAID THE PHILADELPHIA MAYOR.

THATS THE ACCOUNT FROM MAYOR DILWORTH OF PHILADELPHIA.

ADD SHIPS AND DILWORTH

~~ADD FOLLOWING AFTER DILWORTH STORY~~

LATE TODAY--THE ILE DE FRANCE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK HARBOR--RECEIVED ~~THE~~ ^{quite a} WELCOME AS IT BROUGHT BACK 700 SURVIVORS OF THE ACCIDENT.

~~EVERY~~ EVERY SHIP IN THE HUDSON RIVER SOUNDED ITS HORNS AND WHISTLES IN SALUTE.

ON THE DOCK, AT 44TH STREET--THOUSANDS OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, AND SIGHT-SEERS, SURGED FORWARD-- AS IF TO HELP PULL THE GREAT LINER TO ITS MOORING PLACE. 300 POLICE HELD-BACK HYSTERICAL MOTHERS AND FATHERS WHO WANTED TO RUSH ABOARD THE SHIP BEFORE THE GANG-WAY HAD COME DOWN.

A DOZEN AMBULANCES WERE READY TO CARRY ANY INJURED TO THE HOSPITALS. RED CROSS FOOD AND CLOTHING UNITS WERE READY ON THE DOCK.

A JOY-FUL ~~AND~~ RE-UNION FOR THOSE WHO SURVIVED THAT FRIGHTENING ~~AT~~ ^{experience} AT SEA.

FOLD DILWORTH

Inevitably - the accident is being compared to history's worse maritime disaster in time of peace - the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Again - a foggy night - a luxury liner speeding thru the North Atlantic - suddenly - an object dead ahead - the sharp command to the ship - but too late - the great liner rammmed a giant ice-berg with crushing impact.

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SHIP BLAME

WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRASH????--AN
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF INQUIRY WILL DETERMINE THAT--BUT
THE ITALIAN SHIP-OWNERS FEDERATION ALREADY HAS HURLED
THE FIRST VEILED CHARGE.

FEDERATION PRESIDENT ANGELO COSTA DESCRIBED
THE ACCIDENT AS "INCOMPREHENSIBLE"--SAID HE COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND HOW SUCH A CRASH COULD OCCUR WITH SUCH AIDS
AS RADAR AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS.

THEN, COSTA SAID: "IN ORDER TO HAVE CAUSED
SUCH GREAT DAMAGE, THE STOCKHOLM, BEING A SMALLER SHIP,
MUST HAVE HIT THE ANDREA-DORIA AT A RIGHT ANGLE, WITH ITS
ICE-BREAKER BOW."

According to ¹ ~~THE~~ THE U.S. COAST GUARD, ~~SOME~~ "THE STOCKHOLM
WAS OUT OF HIS REGULAR STEAMER TRACK."

FEATURE

The sinking of the Andrea Doria had its lighter moments, too.

Actress Ruth Roman, who was among those rescued, recalled her farewell interview as she left Cannes, France last week, when she prophetically said: -

"I like any role - provided it is dramatic and violent." She more than got her wish.

STEEL

WORD FROM NEW YORK TONIGHT THAT A SETTLEMENT IN THE
STEEL STRIKE WONT BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE TOMORROW -- FINAL
DETAILS ARE STILL BEING HAMMERED OUT.

UNION PRESIDENT DAVID MACDONALD TELLS US : "WE HAVE
NO AGREEMENT, BUT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE."

INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN JOHN STEPHEN, SAYING : "I DONT MEAN
TO BE EVASIVE, BUT THIS IS A KIND OF DELICATE MATTER, AND
WE DONT WANT TO UPSET THINGS."

SO, IT ^{will be} ANOTHER DAY AT LEAST BEFORE A NEW CONTRACT
IS READY FOR APPROVAL.

FRYING PAN

THE HOUSE HAS IGNORED A LAST-MINUTE TELEPHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND KILLED THE 156-MILLION DOLLAR FRYING-PAN ARKANSAS RECLAMATION AND IRRIGATION PROJECT IN COLORADO.

THE PRESIDENT CALLED GOP LEADER MARTIN OF MASSACHUSETTS AND URGED HIM TO DO WHAT HE COULD, BUT THE BILL WENT DOWN TO DEFEAT, 194 TO 179.

POSTAL

THAT CONTROVERSIAL BILL TO RAISE POSTAL RATES HAS
DIED IN THE SENATE POST OFFICE SUBCOMMITTEE.

SENATORS--ABANDONING THE BILL, AS BOTH HOUSES
INCREASED THEIR SPRINT TOWARD ADJOURNMENT BY WEEK'S
END. IN FACT, HOUSE SPEAKER RAYBURN THINKS CONGRESS WILL
QUIT FOR THE YEAR SOME TIME TOMORROW. IN ANY CASE, THE
SENATORS DECIDED THERE WASNT TIME FOR THE POSTAL BILL--
AND ITS DEAD FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

POLIO

THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE REPORTS GOOD NEWS ON THE
1956 POLIO RATE--LOWER THAN ANY YEAR SINCE 1947.

JUST HOW MUCH OF THIS CAN BE CREDITED TO THE SALK
VACCINE CANNOT BE DETERMINED--BUT THE FIGURES SEEM
IMPRESSIVE. LAST YEAR--54 HUNDRED CASES OF POLIO; THIS YEAR
39-HUNDRED.

HOWEVER THE HEALTH SERVICE ADDS--FOR SOME UNEXPLAINED
REASON--THE BIG REDUCTION HAS COME IN NON-PARALYTIC CASES.
THE PARALYTIC RATE ITSELF IS ALMOST AS HIGH AS A YEAR AGO--
ONE OF THOSE MYSTERIES STILL UNSOLVED IN THE LONG BATTLE
AGAINST POLIO.

NEW TOP MARINES

~~CLAIMS ENTIRE MARCH STAY AND SOB FOLLOWING~~

THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED ITS CASE AT PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA--THE COURT MARTIAL OF STAFF SERGEAN MATTHEW MCKEON.

IN THE FINAL TESTIMONY--A NAVY DOCTOR DECLARING THAT MCKEON WAS NOT INTOXICATED DURING THE FATAL MARCH IN A SWAMP--A MARCH IN WHICH SIX YOUNG RECRUITS WERE DROWNED.

MEDICAL LIEUTENANT R J ATCHESON SAID HE GAVE MCKEON A BLOOD TEST, AND OTHER EXAMINATIONS, AND FOUND HIM WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SOBRIETY. ★/

DEFENSE COUNSEL EMILE ZOLA BERMAN SAYS HE'LL BEGIN PRESENTATION OF HIS CASE ON MONDAY.

SMOG

EVEN AS THIS CONGRESS GETS READY TO GO HOME--
REPRESENTATIVE JAMES ROOSEVELT IS PLANNING A BILL FOR
THE NEXT ONE--A MEASURE CONCERNING SMOG.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE'LL PRESS FOR FEDERAL ACTION
TO HELP SOLVE AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN LOS ANGELES
AND OTHER AREAS. HE WANTS THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL TO
INVESTIGATE THE HEALTH DANGERS, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES
TO SET STANDARDS FOR SMOG-CONTROL DEVICES ON CARS AND
INDUSTRIES.

EGYPT

THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT SAYS IT ^{has} HIT UPON A PLAN TO GET THE MONEY FOR THAT ASWAN DAM ON THE NILE RIVER.

PREMIER NASSER SAYS HE'LL NATIONALIZE THE SUEZ CANAL AND USE THE REVENUE TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUGE DAM. HE OUTLINED A PLAN TO PURCHASE CANAL STOCK AT THE CURRENT VALUE ON THE PARIS EXCHANGE. SHARES ARE HELD BY THE BRITISH DUTCH , FRENCH , AND OTHER COUNTRIES. NO COMMENT FROM THOSE STOCK-HOLDERS, YET.

ARABS

INTRIGUING WORDS FROM CAPITOL HILL TONIGHT--TALK
THE UN TRUCE CHIEF--GENERAL BURNS OF CANADA--HAS
CALLED UPON ISRAELI AND JORDAN LEADERS TO STOP THE NEW
SERIES OF BORDER INCIDENTS AROUND JERUSALEM.

BURNS MET WITH BOTH SIDES THIS AFTERNOON, AND WARNED
OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE BLOODY SKIRMISHES. EVEN THE
TRUCE TEAMS THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN FIRED ON, AND 5 MEN WOUNDED.

WHETHER BURNS GOT MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT FROM HIS TALKS
IS NOT YET KNOWN.

BUT ONE INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION--
WAS THE SUDDEN FLIGHT BACK TO UN HEADQUARTERS OF SECRETARY-
GENERAL DAG HAMMARSHOLD. HE BROKE OFF HIS EUROPEAN TOUR, AND
HEADED FOR NEW YORK TO DIRECT THE EFFORTS TOWARD ENDING THE
NEW CRISIS.

SECRETS

INTRIGUING WORDS FROM CAPITOL HILL TONIGHT--TALK
OF "PERFECTLY FABULOUS" SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS IN AMERICAN
WEAPONS--STILL ON THE SECRET LIST.

THE REMARKS CONTAINED IN A PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT OF
RECENT HEARINGS BY THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIR POWER.

GOP SENATOR DUFF SAYING IN PART: "THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE AREN'T GETTING THE REAL PICTURE. I'M SICK OF LISTENING
TO HOW GOOD THE SOVIETS ARE. WE'RE MAKING PERFECTLY FABULOUS
PROGRESS."

AND THEN--JUST AT THE POINT WHERE WE'D EXPECT TO
LEARN WHAT DUFF IS TALKING ABOUT--THE TRANSCRIPT ENDS--HIDDEN
BEHIND THAT LABEL "SECRET."

SUBMARINES

A BIT OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FROM THE PHILIPPINES TONIGHT--A U.S. NAVAL SOURCE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT RUSSIA HAS THE BULK OF HER SUBMARINES IN THE PACIFIC NOW.

THE SPOKESMAN, WHOSE NAME WAS NOT REVEALED, SAID THE SOVIETS PROBABLY HAVE TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR UNDER-WATER CRAFT IN PACIFIC WATERS--BASED AT SOVIET ASIATIC PORTS, AND RED CHINA.

HE DECLINED TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF SUBS INVOLVED.

FILLER

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SAYS IT WILL BE A FEW WEEKS ^{more} ~~NOT~~ BEFORE HE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE UP GOLF AGAIN, ^{in a big way,} ~~IN SERIOUS FASHION.~~

THE PRESIDENT MADE THE STATEMENT IN CHATTING WITH 96 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOYS' NATION WHO CALLED AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE GROUP ASSEMBLED IN THE ROSE GARDEN AND MR EISENHOWER SHOOK HANDS WITH THE YOUNGSTERS FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.

HE WAS TOLD BY SEVERAL OF THE BOYS THAT THEY HAD FINE GOLF COURSES IN THEIR STATES. THEY INVITED HIM TO COME FOR A VISIT AND TO TEST HIS GOLFING SKILL.

THE PRESIDENT LAUGHED, ^{and} ~~HE~~ SHOOK HIS HEAD, ^A HE SAID HIS PHYSICIANS, "DON'T LET ME PLAY FOR A FEW WEEKS YET."

~~THE PRESIDENT TALKED FOR A MOMENT WITH JOHN FINE OF WASHINGTON, D.C., PRESIDENT OF THE BOYS' NATION. HE DISCUSSED THE ORGANIZATION, A JUNIOR CIVIC GROUP SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION.~~

AT THE SAME TIME, WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY HADLEY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WAS IN ^{high} ~~THE MOOD~~ OF SPIRITS AS HE CHATTED WITH THE YOUNGSTERS.

~~THEY AGREED THAT THE PRESIDENT LOOKED WELL.~~

STASSEN

A TRUCE--A NOTE OF COMPROMISE--IS REPORTED BY HAROLD STASSEN AFTER A MEETING WITH GOP CHAIRMAN LEONARD HALL.

STASSEN SAID THEY HAD A FRIENDLY BREAKFAST THIS MORNING, AND HE AGREED TO CONDUCT A NEW "POLL" TO SEE WHETHER HIS DUMP-NIXON DRIVE WAS JUSTIFIED.

IN STASSENS WORDS: "IT IS NOW MY INTENTION TO TAKE A NEW NATION-WIDE POLL NEXT WEEK, TO CAREFULLY RE-EVALUATE THE FACTS INVOLVED."

HE SAID THE POLL WILL WORK THIS WAY: A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ELECTORATE WILL BE ASKED WHETHER THEY PREFER EISENHOWER OR STEVENSON FOR PRESIDENT. THEN, THEY'LL BE ASKED--IF VICE PRESIDENT NIXON IS ON THE TICKET--WOULD THAT AFFECT THEIR VOTE. OR--DO THEY PREFER GOVERNOR HERTER.

STASSEN SAID HE'LL HAVE HIS SURVEY READY BY NEXT THURSDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, WHITE HOUSE NEWS SECRETARY HAGERTY HAS FLATLY DENIED REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER INTERVENED IN THIS DISPUTE--ASKED HERTER TO AGREE TO NOMINATE NIXON.

NOT SO--SAID HAGERTY--THE WHOLE MATTER WAS HANDLED

Chairman Len Hall,

by

INSERT STASSEN

Oh yes, and Stassen today identified the financial backers of the poll - the men who'll pay for the expensive survey - as H F Johnson, President of the Johnson Wax Company, Bailie Vinson, GOP Committeeman from Oklahoma; Carl Stiefel of Missouri; Elroy Bromwich, Committeeman from Missouri; and a New York Republican, Adolf Toigo, President of Lennen and Newell. Stassen said still others are involved, Mr. Toigo will announce them later.

So - the Stassen - Nixon hullabaloo isn't over yet - by a long shot - I guess!