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HURRICANE

That exodus from the Gulf Coast of Louisiana -- might better be called a flight. The number of those evacuating their homes -- has now passed one hundred thousand. With thousands more ready to move out -- once it becomes definite that "Hilda" is heading their way. Said one evacuee -- "you just dump your clothes in a sheet, and roll it up, and go." Even rugged football players are unable to face Hilda. The game between Duke and Tulane at New Orleans -- tomorrow - cancelled.

"Hilda" -- is still far out at sea in the Gulf of Mexico. But the coast is already feeling the effects -- because this monster whirlwind covers an area -- greater than Mississippi and Louisiana combined. The most striking effect on the hurricane thus far -- tides twelve feet high.

The question now - is one of direction. Will

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*"Hilda" -- continue on course -- and storm ashore
into Louisiana?*

FIRE

We have some figures on the fire that has been raging - near Santa Barbara, California. The Inferno - just brought under control and now allowing the authorities - to take a deep breath - and survey the damage.

The casualties include - one dead. Forty-seven - injured. Amount of terrain scorched and seared by the flames - more than seventy thousand acres. Homes and other buildings destroyed - seventy-eight. Damage around twenty million dollars.

The Santa Barbara blaze, one of the worse - in the history of California.

GOLDWATER

After Ohio and Indiana - comes Illinois; for Barry Goldwater - on his whistle stop tour through the midwest. Illinois, a key state - in the Goldwater strategy. President Kennedy carried it - by less than nine thousand votes; and many Republicans will tell you that voting irregularities - gave Illinois to the Democrats in Nineteen Sixty.

This time Barry Goldwater wants to make sure! - For he wants those twenty-six electoral votes. His tactics today the type of slam-bang whistle stopping for which he is becoming known. Today, the Republican candidate called President Johnson - "Lyndon come lately". Meaning - L. B. J., hastily picking up the programs that Goldwater has been promoting all along.

Goldwater thinks that he can document the charge - from the military draft to violence on the streets of our cities.

UNIVERSITY

The student resistance at the University of California - is bipartisan. Republicans and Democrats - liberals and conservatives - making a common demand that they be allowed to engage in - political activities.

The trouble began on the Berkeley campus - with undergraduates distributing party literature. Soliciting - membership. And - raising funds. This being - against the rules of the University. In consequence - eight students were suspended.

That was what set off - the demonstrations at Berkeley.

Politically-minded members of the student body- demanding the right be reinstated. Also that political activities be approved - by the University of California.

DRINK

Here's a problem of aviation - that you may not have thought of before. Although - its perfectly logical. If drunken driving is a hazard on the road - why not drunken flying along the airlines?

I'm not referring to the passenger who comes aboard a commercial plane - half soused. The airlines know how to deal with - this type of nuisance. The story is about - private pilots who fly their own planes.

Doctor M. S. White, the Federal Air Surgeon, says that one hundred and fifty-eight of them - were killed in crackups last year, and that one-third of these had been drinking - before taking off. This proven - by autopsies.

A hazard of the sky - drunken flying.

PLANE

The French plane that crashed in the Mediterranean - was a D C 6, enroute from Paris - to Maratania, - North Africa, with - eighty aboard.

The pilot made a routine stop - at Majorca. Then took off - for the flight across the Mediterranean. After that, silence - until word came that the wreckage had been spotted in the water. Forty-five miles south of - the Spanish seaport of Mazarron.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Now let's go back to the period of -- the Cathaginian Empire. The period before the Punic Wars. Before -- Hanibal. Before the Romans drove a plow -- across the rubble that had been Carthage.

The Carthaginian fortress that has just been discovered on Sardinia dates back twenty-five hundred years. Back before the rise of Rome -- before even the rise of Athens. The palmy days of Carthage -- when the North African City was Queen of the Mediterranean. With fortresses -- from Syria to Spain. From Egypt -- to France.

After the fall of Carthage -- these fortresses were abandoned and gradually covered by -- centuries of dust and debris. Just found by archaeologists on Sardinia. A massive fortress -- unearthed, full of relics -- weapons, ornaments, utensils, recalling the Carthaginians who in ancient times made the island -- a key to their power in the Western Mediterranean.

COFFIN

The title "nineteen years in a coffin" -- is not from Edgar Allan Poe. It's from "Pravda." The Soviet paper -- telling the story of -- Alexander Balinsky of Moscow.

In Nineteen Forty-four, Alexander Balinsky thought of a dodge -- to stay out of the Red Army. He put a coffin - in his attic. And disappeared into that coffin - for the duration of the war. When peace came, he was afraid of being short - as a deserter. So - he stayed put in his coffin. That is -- he stayed put -- until last week.

His parents spread the word - that he had been killed fighting the Nazis. But his father died. His mother became too infirm - to climb the stairs to the attic. Alexander -- hungry -- began to call -- for food. And -- his brother-in-law heard him. And told.

The story of Alexander Balinsky -- who was twenty-one when he went into that attic. Forty --

*when he came out -- Dick -- The Muscovite who
spent -- nineteen years upstairs in a coffin.*

BRITAIN

In Limehurst, England - the Prime Minister was getting back into his car after a campaign speech.

Suddenly he felt what he thought was - a pat on the back.

"A rather heavy pat on the back" - as he said later.

Alas - it wasn't a pat of any kind. The Limehurst ~~Electors~~ Elecorate had opened up - with the missiles of their trade. Namely - eggs. A few of which - were over ripe. One of the voters scored a direct hit - with his hen fruit. Getting the Prime Minister - in the middle of the back.

So there was some furious activity in his car - as he drove to the next polling place. His wife doing a hasty mop-up job - on Sir Alex Douglas-Home.

What a dirty trick!