

EARTHQUAKE

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All accounts agree - that the earthquake reported, today, was one of the most powerful in history. Seismographic needles, far and wide - were knocked galley west.

The terrific earth shocker - in Alaska, somewhere *along the Yukon, the Kuskokwim - & Kotzebue Sound* between Fairbanks and Nome, [^] Inland - shaking a vast area of tundra, Alaskan wilderness. The quake - felt only mildly in Alaskan cities, like Fairbanks and Anchorage.

At first, the seismologists made all sorts of guesses - about the location of the trembler, which was knocking their needles around. Some thought - South America. But then it became evident - that the shocks were from the north, in the vast Alaskan wilderness.

ICEBERG

The Russians report a giant iceberg. Calling it -
"the largest discovered in our century." Spotted - by the
Soviet Antarctic expedition.

A Russian plane - flying over the ocean, off the
Shackleton glacier. When they caught sight of an iceberg of
almost incredible dimensions. Fifty-four miles long - eighteen
miles wide, and one hundred and twenty feet high. The
supposition being - that the giant had split off from the ice-
shelf near the glacier. Now - drifting around on the polar ice.

PLANE

Tonight, in the sky over the Pacific, approaching the American coast - a huge Air Force plane, a jet strato-tanker. Out to set - non-stop speed and distance records. Flying, without refueling, from Japan - to Spain.

~~Am~~ A high ranking officer at the controls - Brigadier General William Fubank of Welsh, West Virginia. On a flight - of more than eleven thousand miles. From the Yokoto Air Force base, Japan - to Madrid.

If that plane fails to make it, another strato-tanker will take off - to set the records.

BOMBERS

One dispatch on the news wire, today, features two simple words - "fail safe". An engineering expression, indicating - a final precaution against error. Used, in this case - by the U.S. Air Force. To make sure - that ~~a~~ world war will not be touched off by mistake.

Frank Bartholomew, President of the United Press, tells about the Strategic Air Command, ~~The~~ nerve center - for long range atomic bombing in case of war, ~~Where~~ the problem was presented:

A warning comes from the Dewline - that Arctic chain of radar bases. Some unidentified object has been picked up - on a Dewline radar screen. Maybe an enemy bomber or missile - or, maybe, just a meteor, or some other innocent object.

But there's no delay. Our atomic bombers take off immediately - on their way to strike at enemy targets. Flying - according to the pattern of attack.

This, they say, has happened more than once. The bombers always ~~a~~ called back - when they found the suspicious

object entirely innocent. But, suppose, a bomber should not get the "call back" signal. Some accident, some failure with communications. Well, the pilot would just keep going - on his mission of atomic bombing.

Sounds as if an atomic war might be touched off - by that kind of mistake. But that's where "fail safe" comes in. The bomber flies on for a certain length of time - waiting for confirmation of the order to attack. Then, if he doesn't get it, he turns around - returning to his base.

The time limit - the safeguard. So that a failure of communications would not result in an accidental atomic war.

HELICOPTER

A helicopter crash - reported at the atomic proving grounds in the Far Pacific. ~~Several~~ Scientists, attached to the forthcoming nuclear tests - were aboard the helicopter. The crash - killing Dr. Mark Mills of the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California. One other atomic scientist - injured. The remainder of the passengers and crew - unharmed.

MICHIGAN CRASH

An investigation is on - to determine the cause of the air disaster in Michigan, yesterday. A British built airliner - crashing in a snowstorm near the Tri-City Airport. Forty-seven persons aboard - no survivors.

At the moment it's a mystery - why the plane, coming in to land, plunged into a cornfield a third of a mile from the runway. Mechanical failure - human failure? There's no telling.

SUPREME COURT

Today, the Supreme Court threw out the case - to cancel the American citizenship of Frank Costello; ~~often~~ often called - the "Prime Minister of the underworld." The high tribunal - rejecting the measure, which would have enabled the federal authorities to deport Costello back to his native Italy.

Actually, the Justices did not rule on the merits of the case - at all. Did not even refer - to the arguments ~~presented~~ presented by the Department of Justice. Or the defense - advanced by Costello's lawyers.

The trouble was - the government was remiss, failing to comply with ~~the~~^a necessary formality. The law requiring what is called - an "affidavit of good cause." A sworn declaration - that the government has legal evidence to back up its own charges.

This should have been filed at the time the Department of Justice began its proceedings. But it wasn't. So the denaturalization proceedings against Costello - are thrown out.

However, the big-shot is not in the clear - not by any means. He faces - five years in prison for income tax evasion.

STRIKE

CBS - having a strike, tonight. Technicians -
walking out. The network - doing its best to continue operations.
William Fitts, CBS Vice-President in charge of labor relations,
denies ^a ~~the~~ Union statement - that "job security" is the reason
for the strike. Declaring - that it's a case of exorbitant wage
demands and Union insistence - on an "uneconomic use of
manpower."

MARCH

The big anti-atomic march in Britain - didn't live up to its name, today. Called - a "peaceful" demonstration, ~~but~~ violence broke out - ~~a~~ a riotous uproar.

The long column, numbering five thousand marchers, arrived at the Aldermaston Center for Atomic Weapons Research, carrying placards, "Ban the H-bomb", and chanting slogans ^{demanding} ~~that~~ ⁻ that Britain stop all nuclear testing. When they spotted - a truck with a sign reading: "Khrushchev Bunion Derby." And a loud speaker - blaring much the same thing.

The peaceful marchers didn't like that, and some of them attacked the truck. Tearing down the sign - "Khrushchev Bunion Derby." Dragging ~~out~~ ^{out} the driver [^] of the truck - and beating him; ~~A~~ London free lance writer, Norris McWhirter, who had been conducting a campaign against the anti-atomic march.

Police intervened - and, after a battle, rescued McWhirter; ~~who~~ said: "It was like being in a lion's den - although they ^are supposed to be doves of peace." ^P The whole thing ended in a huge rally outside the atomic research plant.

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Addressed - by Paster Martin Niemoeller, the German clergyman,
who was an anti-Nazi leader in the time of Hitler. Paster
Niemoeller - making an address in the style of a revival meeting.
he shouted,
Declaring: "The only holy war[^] is a war for peace on earth."

Which might remind us - of World War One. When the
slogan was - "a war to end all wars."

CUBA

Havana, today, was plastered with signs - that a general strike is in the offing. The rebel underground - urging people to put in supplies, in preparation for a tie-up.

The strike is on already in the city of Camaguey, an important center of highways and communications. With reports in Havana - of extensive sabotage on the railroad line near Camaguey. A tie-up in that area - would isolate the eastern third of Cuba.

Meanwhile, the Batista government reports military successes against Fidel Castro's rebels in ~~the~~ Oriente Province ~~the~~ insurgent stronghold. But there's no further word of ~~the a~~ government claim - that Castro, with a force of rebels, has been trapped.

INDONESIA

On Sumatra, the forces of the Indonesian government claim successes. The rebels admitting that enemy troops captured a town on the way to a vital road junction. The insurgents adding - that their own forces drove back government soldiers, who were attempting to cross a strategic river.

In Washington, the State Department expresses regret - that the Sukarno government at Jakarta is getting supplies of armament from Communist sources.

PRINCESS

At Windsor Castle, yesterday, Princess Margaret had a long talk with her sister, Queen Elizabeth. The royal family celebrated Easter together - and, in the afternoon, Prince Philip took the royal children for a walk. While the two sisters were alone - for a two-hour confabulation.

Nobody knows what they talked about. But leave it to London - to have plenty of rumors. One surmise being - that Princess Margaret may become governor of one of the British Commonwealth countries. Which - would break a precedent. The tradition being - for a prince to become a royal governor. But not - a princess.

However, they say that Margaret, now twenty-seven years old, is lonesome. Not surprising - after the way her romance with Group Captain Townsend has been broken off. So she'd like to have something to do - more than the usual royal round of laying cornerstones and attending banquets in Britain.

Princess Margaret, in fact, is now scheduled for a series of travels. A Caribbean tour, this month - and, in July, she'll visit Canada. There's also talk that she may make a trip to British possessions in the Pacific. So, now, on top of this, reports that the Queen may name her - a royal governor, somewhere in the British Commonwealth.

But there's another line of rumor - that Margaret, in the course of her travels, may marry Townsend quietly and settle down some place abroad. Following the example of her uncle, the Duke of Windsor. Who, after his marriage to the Duchess, became Governor of Jamaica.

NOVA SCOTIA

Nova Scotia - having Easter, today. That is, Easter weather - the kind that flooded ~~the coast along~~ the east coast of the United States, yesterday. The rainstorm - moving north during the night. Violent winds and a downpour of rain - bringing new threats ~~of trouble~~ for Nova Scotia. Where they had - still another kind of trouble over the weekend.

High tides - the highest in eighteen years. Which means - a virtual cataclysm on the coast of the Bay of Fundy, .
Where the tides are, normally, ~~among~~ the highest in the world.

P At the city of Windsor, yesterday, the tide was - twenty-nine ~~feet~~ feet high. Surging in - with a raging fury, ~~Along~~ the coast - smashing dykes. The sea - pouring into Windsor. The same thing - at the town of Parrsboro. People - fleeing from inundated homes. The tidal flood - moving upstream in the rivers, and washing out railroad lines.

The deluge of the tide - and, on top of that, the rainstorm today. *On the other side of the continent - snow! Howard Head, designer of skis, told me today the snows in the Sierras were as deep little were shut down - waiting for some of it to melt.*

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House, today - the annual Easter Egg Roll. President and Mrs. Eisenhower welcoming - six thousand youngsters on the South lawn. The small fry - whooping it up with shrill yelling and cheering. Then ^{they} - ~~A~~ didn't quite know what to do.

After all, ~~what is an~~ Easter Egg Roll? The kids, apparently, thought it meant - you throw the eggs. There were plenty of these around - and there was a bombardment. The White House lawn - littered with smashed Easter eggs of all colors.

As usual, there were a lot of lost children. Including one five year old - who couldn't remember his name, not even his first name. Then his seven year old girl friend showed up, and said ~~his~~ name was - Mark. Adding the enlightening information - that his grandmother was "Dodo."

Don, In time, "Dodo" showed up, and took Mark home.

GENERAL MOTORS

In Detroit, a fashion show - of automobiles.

Especially - for the ladies. Motor cars - now styled in a way to suit the feminine fancy. General Motors - putting on an exhibition of ten automobiles - especially tailored by women designers - with new colors, new fabrics, and unusual features.

The purpose of this fashion show of automobiles - to get the feminine reaction. Find out - what the ladies prefer.

The colors on display have all the sound - of a fashion show. ~~THE~~ Automobiles - that range from alabaster white to royal purple. Pale yellow, heather green, metallic rose, and - star-fire blue. Subtle shades - that sound like something for your summer dresses, ladies. But - they're for your automobile.