

APALACHIN

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1/2 There's a curious background story - in the arrest of twenty ~~one~~ racketeers, who attended - the notorious Apalachin gangland convention, in Nineteen Fifty Seven. ~~It~~ Said to have been - a meeting of the leaders of a national crime syndicate, ~~called~~ - the Mafia.

The indictments charging the hoodlums - with conspiring to obstruct justice. By giving false and evasive testimony - when questioned about the purpose of the Apalachin crime convention.

7 The background story - refers to the fact that the Department of Justice formed a special ~~unit~~ staff to make an investigation. The staff - operating with funds provided by a congressional committee. The committee - impatient when little or nothing seemed to be happening.

So they got up a report - criticizing the investigators for not producing results. Which criticism - was to have been made public today. But a few hours before it was to have been issued - out came the news of the mass arrests.

Actually, a Grand Jury ~~was~~ indictment had been ~~was~~ obtained a week ago. But - kept hidden, ~~For~~ technical reasons - connected with a trial in Pennsylvania.

Along with today's twenty-one arrests, thirty-six others are named - as having attended the Apalachin convention. Called - co-conspirators.

The twenty-one - to go on trial, ~~In~~ what may be - a sensational disclosure of what went on at that mysterious conclave of racketeers. The rally - of the Mafia.

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Here's a footnote - a transaction in real estate.

Joseph Barbara, who was ~~was~~ host at the Apalachin convention - today, sold his home, ~~Where~~ - the meeting was held. Bought, for one-hundred-and-thirty thousand ~~thousand~~ dollars - by a contractor, ~~Who~~ says he's going to ~~was~~ open the place - as a sightseeing attraction. Something for tourists - the house in which the underworld big shots assembled.

## HOUSING

The House of Representatives, today, passed the huge housing bill. The House - taking a keen interest in housing. ~~Which~~ Which, I suppose, is appropriate- as a mere matter of words. The Democratic measure calls for the spending of two billion, one hundred million dollars - for slum clearance and other projects to provide homes for low income families.

(The Republicans, backed by a number of southern Democrats, tried in vain to reduce the figure. The House passing the housing bill - in spite of threats of a presidential veto. The vote - ~~two-hundred-and-sixty one~~ ~~xxx~~ to ~~one-hundred-and-sixty.~~)



## BAPTISTS

The Southern Baptists - have elected a new President. Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, today, the church convention selected - the Reverend Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tennessee.

The retiring President - former Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas, who was defeated for re-election to Congress, because of his moderate stand in the racial segregation issue.

Which adds interest now - to the election of a new President of the southern Baptists. How does Dr. Pollard stand - on racial segregation?

Today, speaking of the Supreme Court verdict on the desegregation of schools, he said: "It is the law of the land, and should be obeyed." But <sup>he</sup> added a qualification. "There are many localities," said he, "where it will take some time for this law to be carried out." It will be necessary - to go slow.

## ROCKET

Another nose cone retrieved. The business end -  
of a Thor-Able Rocket. Launched - at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Five thousand miles to the south, in the neighborhood  
of Ascension Island, search planes were circling at high  
altitude, when they spied - a point of light in the sky. Coming  
down - right in the target area. The nose cone - landing in  
the ocean, twenty-five minutes after the rocket firing in  
Florida.

They fished it out. The second recovery - of the  
part of the rocket that would be a hydrogen bomb warhead, in  
time of war.

GENEVA

The Geneva convention goes on - with squabbling in public, and private negotiations at dinner parties.

Today, American secretary of State Christian Herter, once more, gave Gromyko some plain talk - in response to the Soviet Foreign Minister's propaganda blasts. At the conference table, Herter spoke sharply about Gromyko's "accusation and innuendo". Which, he said, might become - "a very great irritant."

After which the four Foreign Ministers and American Secretary of Defense, Neil McElroy - proceeded to Herter's residence. For confidential negotiations - at the dinner table.



## FLOWERS

In the German city of Nuremberg, with all its ancient legend - a weird fantasy of flowers. In a garden, the leaves of the fuchsias - turning white. As if - by some kind of magic.

This occurred - after a thunderstorm. Which came - from the northeast - the direction of Soviet atomic tests. The rain - radioactive.

Just why this should cause the leaves of the fuchsias to turn white - a mystery. In the garden, the other flowers - not affected. Only the fuchias - changing color after the radioactive thunder storm.

## AUSTRALIA

Here's a story I thought I'd relate this evening - for sentimental ~~reason~~ human interest. How, over in Australia, Arthur Miles was rewarded - for a good deed. Inheriting a rich estate - from old Jim Longfield, a sheep rancher of Queensland.

Arthur Miles - a rodeo rider, who told - of losing a bucking horse competition half a dozen years ago. Because, just as he was winning it - old Jim Longfield fell off the fence, right in front - of the bucking bronco. That Australian cowboy - pulling the horse aside, jumping off - and picking up old Jim Longfield. Causing Arthur Miles - to lose the competition.

*At the time*  
~~But~~ old Jim Longfield said to him: That's one thing you'll never regret doing.

*Old Jim*  
So, when he died recently, ~~he~~ left the rodeo cowboy a fortune - including the sheep ranch.

The story swept Australia. Arthur Miles - telling it on the radio and in ~~newspaper~~ newspaper interviews. Wined and dined - as the buckaroo hero who saved the life of old Jim Longfield.



Then, later today, some follow up news. The hero  
- under arrest. The police checking into his story,  
finding it a hoax. No such rancher with an out back  
sheep station in Queensland. Old Jim Longfield - never  
existed. No fortune, no ranch. Art Miles just dreamed  
it up.

But the most peculiar thing - a string of railroad  
cars. Half a dozen box cars - which were standing on the  
track. The wind - blowing in the direction of the rails, so  
violent - it started the box cars rolling. Sweeping them  
along - as if they were a sailing ship. The cars - picking  
up speed. Running - for sixteen blocks. Until they were  
going so fast, they ran off the tracks.

Stormy times - in Texas.

## STORMS

~~It was~~ *a* tempestuous night - in the southwest.

With an epidemic - of tornadoes and thunderstorms, in Texas.

Worst of all - along the Gulf Coast, ~~where~~ four hundred miles of Texas shoreline - was lashed by a wind squall. Hitting

hardest - in the neighborhood of Galveston. ~~Harvor among~~

~~Ships and boats =~~ Blown galley west - by winds up to ~~eighty~~ <sup>90</sup> ~~seven~~ miles an hour.

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