

SHIP

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The drama of the "Ansoa-tegui" - is approaching a climax. The hi-jackers of the Venezuelan freighter, threatening to blow it up - rather than surrender. And those appear to be the only alternatives - suicide or surrender, as warships of the Venezuelan Navy race to the scene. Caracas, branding the insurgents as "pirates" ^{and} refusing - to dicker with them.

Besides being pirates - they are Communists - members of the Red underground - attempting to overthrow President Betancourt. They ^{probably didn't find} ~~couldn't have found~~ the hi-jacking too ^{difficult} ~~easy~~. The second officer aboard ship - is one of them.

LINER

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The escape of the passengers aboard the Dutch Liner Maasdam, was, a model of a rescue at sea. Every man at his post - when the liner hit that submerged wreckage in ~~Bremerhaven~~ ^{the} Harbor at Bremen,

No one hurt - by the collision. But the skipper ~~was~~ afraid \wedge his vessel might go down, ~~he~~ ~~he~~ gave the order - abandon ship!

The alarm sounded - from stem to stern. Stewards ran from cabin to cabin - making sure that everyone below decks had heard it. The four hundred and fifty ~~ms~~ passengers calmly filed to their stations - and into the lifeboats. Then - they were lowered away, ~~And~~ picked up almost immediately - by a Bremerhaven tug boat and ~~kwat~~ trawler.

A skeleton crew remaining - aboard the Maasdam, bringing the liner into port - for repairs.

BULGARIA

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The African students who arrived in Vienna from Sofia - are bitter about the way the Bulgarian Reds treated them. One girl from Ghana says that a Communist militiaman knocked her down - and dragged her along the street by the wrist. A girl from Togo charges that she was pushed along a line of militiamen -- and punched repeatedly. Several of the men in ~~the~~^{the} group - in a worse condition, ~~They were~~ beaten by the Reds - and need^{ing} medical attention in Vienna.

These African students tell of wide spread racial prejudice - in Communist Bulgaria. ~~And they~~ ~~even~~ That anti-African feeling is encouraged by the Red regime in Sofia.

ASSASSIN

That plot to assassinate DeGaulle - was like something out of Edgar Wallace. You know - the scene. The would-be assassin - holed up in a room overlooking a boulevard, spending his time - polishing his high powered rifle with the telescopic sites. Then - the climactic moment. A motorcade - passing below. The hero of the occasion - waving to the crowd. The assassin, crouched at the window - lining up his target along the barrel of his gun. Gently, his finger presses the trigger. And, --

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But, you'll have to go to Edgar Wallace - to find out what happens next. In DeGaulle's case - nothing. The plot against the President of France was cracked - before he came along in his car. Gunman and rifle, both in the hands of the French security police - when DeGaulle ~~was~~ rode to the War College outside Paris.

SOLDIER

I suppose we all hope that the Army is lenient with - Sargeant Douglas Watson of Tuscumbia, Alabama. The Sargeant - may have deserted; ~~But~~, he did a lot more than that - while he was in uniform.

Douglas Watson, a hero of - World War Two. One of the marines who stormed ashore - on the island of Iwo Jima. Plunging into one of the most savage battles - of the entire conflict. ~~And~~ young Watson ~~was~~ in the forefront of the ^{at} battle, ^{and cited} ~~several~~ several times ~~+~~ by his commanding officers. Especially for rushing an enemy pillbox; in the face of machine gun fire. Taking the pillbox - with grenades.

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He may be tired of the army - now. When he was a Marine he won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

SATELLITE

The mystery of the missing satellite -
may ~~xx~~ never be solved. Here's why. Syncom is
about the size of a bass drum. And no one knows
how close to the earth - or how far away - it is.
It could be - only one hundred miles out in space.
Or, it could be twenty-two thousand miles. If
Syncom ~~is really~~ lost; ~~it could~~^{may} be lost forever.

~~What went wrong?~~^{the} stabilizing rocket
either failed to fire - or else mis-fired, ~~in either~~
~~case~~, leaving Syncom - far out of its planned orbit.

FIRE

In the Santa Susana Mountains of California
- Los Angeles firemen are feeding a fire tonight.
Blowing air - into the tunnel between the Simi Valley
and the San Fernando Valley. Reason - there's not
a thing they can do about the blaze in the tunnel.
The shaft - almost one thousand feet long. Walls -
lined with timber. ~~And~~ the walls ~~are~~ burning -
far beyond reach of the fire hoses.

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The only recourse - let the fire burn
itself out. With the assistance of - power driven
fans at each end. Firemen, whipping up an inferno -
inside the Santa Susana Mountains.

BAG

That bag that lay for hours on a sidewalk in Columbus, Georgia - well, it was nothing but an old gunny-sack. Pedestrians - carefully stepping around it. One of them kicked the sack into the gutter. And it might still be there - except that somebody noticed a Brinks label.

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You can guess the rest. It was a money bag - from a Brinks armored truck. The crew of the truck forgetting it - when they drove off. No wonder they were a trifle sheepish when they came back. *And,*
There was almost eight thousand dollars - in the bag no one wanted.

KHRUSHCHEV

The Red Chinese Ambassador to Moscow should have quoted Shakespeare today. Pan Su-li should have said - "the lady doth protest too much;" Hamlet, Act Three Scene Two.

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That famous Shakespearean line - certainly fits Khrushchev. The boss of the Kremlin making a big display of affection for Red China. Seizing the Envoy from Peking - by the ~~side~~ elbow, clapping him - on the shoulder. Pumping his hand, up and down. Telling everybody at the party - ~~me~~ that Russia and Red China are good friends, and - allies.

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They say that Pan Su-Li was obviously bewildered. The Muscovite cordiality - a little too forced. Khrushchev - like Hamlet's mother, - would ~~protesting too much~~ you say, Dick?

DANCER

Here's a question - if an attractive young lady takes off her clothes on horseback - is that cruelty to animals? The question came up in Cologne, West Germany because of exotic dancer Angela Hoffman. Angela has a night club routine in which she ends up sans clothes, only Hans her horse. Where's the cruelty?

The authorities report they haven't found anything wrong with the horse. Says Angela:- "I haven't caught cold yet and I don't see why Hans should either".