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ALASKA.

THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA SAYS THAT THE JAPANESE FISHING BOATS
IN THE HARBOR OF KODIAK ISLAND - WILL BE HELD ON CHARGES OF VIOLATING
ALASKA'S TERRITORIAL WATERS. THE SKIPPERS FROM TOKYO, SAILING UP
ALONG THE ALASKA PENINSULA, ^{a bit} VEERING TOO FAR INSHORE, CATCHING FISH -
WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE COAST.

THE ALASKA COASTGUARD WENT ABOARD THE VESSEL - WITHOUT INCIDENT.
THE JAPANESE, OFFERING NO RESISTENCE, AS THEY WERE TAKEN TO KODIAK.
PRESUMABLY, THEIR DEFENCE WILL BE - THAT THEY WERE FISHING ON THE
HIGH SEAS. GOVERNOR EGAN SAYS - ALASKA WATERS! ALASKA FISH! AND
A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

BERLIN

The latest controversy over West Berlin has to do with the so called "New American Plan for West Berlin;" the plan now under discussion in Washington - between Secretary of State Rusk and Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin.

We haven't been told officially - what they are talking about. But an unofficial leak in Bonn made one of the American suggestions public; it is said to call for - committees of East and West Germans, to handle technical problems along the access routes to West Berlin. The West German consider this a retreat from the previous allied position. A concession that would give an air of legitimacy - to the East German Red regime, and that would make more difficult - the eventual reunification of Germany. One West German paper says flatly - "The Washington-Bonn relationship is severely strained." Adding - "Kennedy is guilty."

President Kennedy, on the other hand - is described as not pleased with the West Germans; and

annoyed because of the way the American proposals became public. West Germany, making them known - before Secretary Rusk could broach them to the Soviet Ambassador

Still, neither Washington nor Bonn-- wants to disrupt the Western alliance. Chancellor Adenauer's officials denied - that they had anything to do with the news/ leak, and are trying to tone down - the anti-American criticism. They point out that there's nothing under discussion in Washington - that hasn't been discussed before; at least - in exploratory talks with the Kremlin.

The Kennedy administration - is also reaffirming our permanent bond - with West Germany. Stating quickly and emphatically - that we are not planning to reduce our Berlin garrison by thirty-five hundred men.

HIGHJACKER

The attempted hijacking of a Dutch airliner took place, without the passengers knowing.

A K.L.M. plane bound for Brazil. It was hardly in the air, when the would be hijacker - burst into the cockpit, shoved a gun - at pilot van Keppel; and, ordered him to fly to East Berlin.

Van Keppel did some fast thinking. He said the airliner was having engine trouble. The chances of a crackup so great - that he would have to land at the nearest airport. And, the intruder - was convinced. In fact he stood by as Van Keppel swung around, and returned to the Amsterdam Airport.

When the airport police swarmed aboard, then was when the sixty-one passengers first learned about the drama in the air. Cause of it all? A disgruntled former employee of K.L.M. - trying to take it out on the airline.

EXCOMMUNICATION

The action taken today by the Catholic Archbishop of New Orleans - was inevitable. The Canon Law of the Catholic Church gives the head of a diocese - the right to regulate faith and morals. And the integration of the parochial schools - comes under that heading. So does any attempt by a Catholic layman - to interfere with an ecclesiastical decree.

Three members of the archdiocese, Leander Perez, Joseph Ricau and Mrs. Gaillot - defied the Archbishop, with their pro-segregation campaign; and refused to heed a pastoral warning. Today the three were excommunicated.

BRIDGE

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UTAH

I wonder how many Americans are preparing for a possible atomic holocaust in the way they are doing it in Utah? The Mormon Church going about this in a most impressive way.

In recent days, on my way up to Alta, in the Wasatch Mountains, to ski with the legendary Alf Engen, Hack Miller, sports editor of the Deseret News, Felix Koziol, head of the Wasatch Forestry Service, and others each morning and evening, at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, we passed an operation that may be the most impressive thing of its kind in this country.

High upon the canyon wall, is the mouth of a new tunnel. For a year the Mormon's have been drilling and blasting in that solid granite. For another year they will continue to do this. For they are making great rooms deep in the granite cliff, where they plan to place all of the important records, sacred objects and

so on, that mean so much to the church of the Latter Day Saints, - the people who were lead to Utah by Brigham Young, and turn the desert into a near paradise.

I have just been talking to governor George Clyde of Utah who, by the way, is an engineer and not a professional politician. He tells me the Mormon Church feels it must take this step in order to make sure the records of the church will still be available, if some mad man ever does touch that button.

Incidentally, some suspense novelist, some mystery writer, ought to come out and take a look at these great granite rooms in the Wasatch Mountains and use this as a setting for one of those hair raising stories that I never have time to read. Oh, yes, and at least fifty thousand ardent skiers ought to come out and take advantage of the gorgeous Spring snow that will be here in the Wasatch and Rockies and other western ranges, right through May.

ISLAND

The former inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha - are ready to face the volcanos. Yes, they say they want to go back to their lonely island in the South Atlantic, no matter how dangerous it is.

Some weeks ago, we had the technical report on Tristan da Cunha. British scientists, deciding the island would have to remain derelict - because of the smoking craters that drove the inhabitants into exile. Today, the exiles announced their intention to fly in the face of that scientific verdict; as soon as London will arrange transportation. There's no place like home, even if its far off to Tristan da Cunna, and its volcanos.

Now, Dick -

GRENADE

In Grumello, Italy, the school kids keep up the tradition of - an apple for the teacher. As a result, fourth grade teacher Maria Martini - almost got blown up today.

The story? Little Giovanni Moleri brings an apple to school every day - and places it on his teacher's desk. This morning, on his way to school - Giovanni found something well shaped like an apple. A metal sphere with a checkered pattern. He found it in a field. It seemed a bit heavy. The youngster picked it up, carried it to school and deposited it on teacher's desk.

Giovanni, expected a pat on the head. He may get a pat somewhere else. School Marm Maria, taking one look and calling - the caribinneri. It was a loaded hand grenade! As the Italian school teacher said - "Au reviderci - s.l. - u - t - m!"