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*(Hottelet substituting)*

*In the years since world war two, the United States has been a signatory to three major agreements with the Soviet Union - in 1959, the 12-nation treaty limiting the Antarctic to peaceful employment. In 1956 the Austrian Peace Treaty. And in 1963 - the limited nuclear test ban treaty. The Senate gave its constitutional consent this morning - ratification of the nuclear treaty by a roll call vote of 80 to 19. At some time in the near future, this latest pact will become effective when the instruments of ratification are deposited by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union in each of their respective capitals. But what happens, if somewhere along the line, the treaty is broken? Sources in Washington reported today that our atomic agencies are keeping up to date with*

preparations for resuming atmospheric nuclear tests IF the Russians violate the pact. The administration's objective is to be ready to go about two months after an order from President Kennedy.

Underground tests are not banned by this treaty, and recently Mr. Kennedy promised to continue weapons research through this underground testing. While standing ready to resume atmospheric testing if the actions of others require it.

## DEFENSE

The Senate had barely finished the roll call on ratification when it turned to the question of maintaining our defense establishment. With a unanimous 77 to nothing vote, the Senators approved a giant defense appropriations bill - providing more than 47-billion dollars in military spending. It's just one-point-seven billions less than the President requested - but more than he got from the House of Representatives. The measure now goes to a House Senate conference committee for a compromise between the different versions.

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## CONGRESS

*The Kennedy administration began a big job in the House this afternoon - trying to get an eleven-billion dollar tax cut through the Congressional mill by the end of this session. The Republicans backed by some Southern Conservative Democrats, have indicated they'll vote approval of the reduction ONLY if the President promises cuts in federal spending for this year and next. The House vote is scheduled for tomorrow. But then hits a probable log jam in the Senate. The Tax Cut bill will be passed to the upper house in time to collide head on with the Administration's Civil Rights program which is certain to produce long debate.*

## INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

Lowell Thomas tonight gives us some thoughts  
on a particular phase of our economy. Lowell .....

## CARS

Hello Everybody:

I wonder what you would make of the following phrase. "Seven million - back to back." Sounds cryptic - until you put the phrase in context. Then it means - a vital part of our national economy.

Donald MacDonald in THINK Magazine says that this year will see the second boom in a row for the auto industry. Seven million cars - being sold. Hence the phrase I just mentioned. "Seven million - back to back."

Which leads to - an interesting question. How about a triangular boom? A third year - of seven million car sales?

The piece in THINK insists that this is a real possibility. For one thing, the auto industry has learned a lot about pleasing the public. And the public is in a burying mood. Again there's that trend to suburban life. And the

greater the number of people in the suburbs - the more cars on the road.

In general, the auto industry rises - with our rising economy. So it could be that the industry will set a fantastic record next year - a sale of twenty one million cars in three years.

How about it.

Solong,

## GOLDWATER

*The Goldwater-for-President forces received a big boost today in New Hampshire - the state which will have the first Presidential primary election next March. Senator Norris Cotton made his long expected declaration of support for the Senator from Arizona, saying he wants to see the nation do an "about face" from what he called a "march toward disaster".*

*Mr. Goldwater expressed pleasure at the New Hampshire Senator's support, but he again insisted he has not decided whether he will be a candidate. Informal polls in New Hampshire have given Goldwater an edge over New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller.*



## BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, Alabama, received two self-described "friendly guests" today - former Army Secretary Kenneth Royall and former Army football coach Earl Blaik. The Presidential representatives flew into the industrial city to help white and negroes patch up racial differences. Both men were non-committal about their plans - saying "we are here to do what we can". They were met at Birmingham's airport by Mayor Albert Boutwell, who offered all the information at his disposal to help Royall and Blaik appraise the situation and make recommendations.

## UNITED NATIONS

*It was another busy day of public statement and private diplomacy at the United Nations. Secretary of State Rusk saw the Foreign Ministers of Indonesia and the Philippines - expressing Washington's strong concern over their feud against the new Federation of Malaysia. This country not directly involved - but very worried about peace in the South Pacific, and with no desire to see our principal ally Great Britain kicked around. But also - the US Ambassador in Jakarta is the dean of the diplomatic corps there. The storming of the British Embassy, dumps that violation of general diplomatic practice specifically in his lap. The Philippines, at least, are looking around for a solution - today they asked Secretary General U Thant to use his good offices in smoothing over the quarrel with Malaysia.*

## COURAGE

A 13-year-old boy lies in a hospital in Tipton, Oklahoma, with the courage of a hundred mountain lions. Stanley Manning was just about the best young baseball player in his state ... UNTIL September fifth, when his bicycle and a car collided while Stanley was on his paper route. Fortunately, a doctor was nearby, and the boy's life was saved - but he lost a leg. That amputation, however, didn't destroy Stanley's will to live. Due for another operation today, he said "Just as soon as I can get a new leg, I'm going to practice walking - then I'll learn to run again". With hard work Stanley knows he'll be able to play baseball again - but he has one real worry. He's afraid people will pity him when he leaves the hospital, and - he says - "I've never been babied before, and I don't want to get started now".