

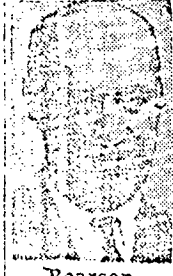
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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# GM Wants Antitrust Suit Dropped

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It isn't being advertised, but Lloyd Cutler, the astute auto industry lawyer, dropped in at the Antitrust Division the other day to argue Assistant Attorney General Donald Turner into dropping the civil case against General Motors for monopolizing the locomotive market.



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Cutler is the man who has cajoled, pressured and persuaded some members of the House Commerce Committee over to the auto industry's side on safety, also represented the big drug companies when the issue of safe drugs was before Congress.

He has become one of the most versatile big-business attorneys in Washington. And the fact that he used to belong to the same law firm as antitrust chief Donald Turner hasn't hurt him a bit.

Turner is the man who recently took a trip to St. Louis in the Anheuser Busch private plane to see the All Star baseball game, shortly after dropping an antitrust suit against the big brewing company.

When John Doerfer, President Eisenhower's chairman of the Federal Communications Commission was a guest on the

Storer yacht while entrusted with regulating Storer broadcasting stations, Eisenhower demanded his resignation.

It will be interesting to see what happens in regard to Turner on two counts: First, whether LBJ requests his resignation; second, whether Cutler persuades Turner to drop the civil case against General Motors.

GM has been accused, among other things, of telling railroads it would not ship its autos or other equipment over their lines unless they purchased GM locomotives.

GM was first indicted in a criminal case in the Kennedy administration, April 12, 1961. The criminal case was dismissed in Chicago Dec. 28, 1964. Now GM wants the civil case settled, too.

## Nasser Has Problems

Watch for some Near East fireworks this week in Egypt. President Nasser will celebrate the anniversary of his advent to power on Saturday and, in addition to a big military parade, is expected to launch some of the missiles concocted by the ex-Nazi scientists now working in Cairo.

Behind this show of strength is the fact that Nasser is having a tough time politically and economically and needs some spectacular missile launchings to divert attention from his problems.

One of his chief problems

is the enmity of other Arab leaders, highlighted during the recent visit of King Faisal to Washington when the King of Saudi Arabia laid it on the line to the State Department that he did not relish the big food grants the United States is extending to Nasser.

Although King Faisal was snubbed in New York City because of his anti-Israel remarks, there is one thing he has in common with Israel—opposition to Nasser. This was one of the reasons why the U.S. food agreement with Egypt was not extended when it expired June 30.

Meanwhile, most of the Egyptian infantry is still fighting in the Yemen against forces friendly to King Faisal. This is why Nasser will pump up a display of tanks, armored combat vehicles and missile launchings surpassing the one he staged last year.

Actually three types of missiles have appeared in the past:

1. El-Raed, a two-stage missile, range 440 miles, with a warhead of one ton.
2. El Kaher, range 75 miles, a warhead of 1,500 pounds.
3. El Zafir, with a warhead of 1,000 pounds and a range of 235 miles.

It's also reported the Egyptians will parade Russian-made missiles of the SAM-2 variety, together with sea-to-sea Russian-made missiles of the Komar type, now being used

on 14 gunboats off the Egyptian coast.

Real fact is that all these weapons have been shown before, and the chief significance of the display will be an over-exaggerated show of military might to calm Egyptian unrest.

It's reported that the 70,000 troops fighting in the Yemen are so fed up with Nasser that it would be dangerous to bring them home. Nasser also faces problems from his deteriorating economy, now almost on the verge of bankruptcy. So the display of Cairo fireworks this week will attempt to cover up a lot of hidden weakness.

## Texan's Best

The wounded veterans whom Secretary McNamara took on the cruise down the Potomac didn't know it, but the delicious Texas barbecue they enjoyed was largely through the courtesy of Tom Finan, Maryland candidate for Governor, and of Big Brothers. Mrs. Esther Coppersmith, dynamic sparkplug of the Finan campaign, had arranged for the LBJ Ranch barbecuer, Walter Jetton, to come to Washington from Fort Worth to do the Big Brothers barbecue on Saturday evening and the Finan-for-Governor barbecue on Monday. Having taken the long trip from Texas, Jetton obliged the Secretary of Defense by donating and cooking the best food Texas can offer for the veterans just returned from Vietnam.

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