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By ROBERT AMON After wavering on the side of a 61st street route, Mayor John V. Lindsay has decided on the 63rd street crossing favored by Queens commuters for the proposed East River subway tun-

nel. The disclosure came yesterday after a joint news conference scheduled by

Lindsay and his transportation administrator, Arthur Palmer, was postponed because of the Mayor's illness. City Hall was silent on the purpose of the conference, but it was learned that the recommendation for the 63rd street tunnel was to be announced at that time. The recommendation, Lindsay spokesmen said, was also to include a

proposal for an underground arcade, lined with stores, to connect a new station with the existing BMT-IRT station complex in the vicinity of East 60th street and Lexington avenue, Manhattan, The walkway was offered, spokesmen indicated, to pacify opponents of the 63rd street location.

These opponents included leaders of the Citizens **Budget Commission**, Citizens

Union and the Commerce and Industry Association, which all favored routing the tunnel by way of 61st street for a possible interchange with the existing East Side (Lexington Ave. IRT) line.

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Queens interests, however, opposed the 61st street tunnel on the ground that pouring more riders into the Lexington avenue IRT would

be like pouring more water into an overflowing barrel. Queens leaders protested that the 61st street tunnel would shortchange Queens subway riders for the benefit of East Side interests represented by the Manhattan business and civic groups. As the result of a five-

month study by three outside engineering consultants last year, the Transit Authority had legal authority to go ahead with the 63rd street tunnel.

But TA Chirman Joseph O'Grady resubmitted the re. port endorsing the 63rd street crossing to incoming Mayor Lindsay in January. In the following month, Lindsay said the 61st street tunnel made "more sense" because of the possibility of a connection with the East Side IRT.

But he shifted his position behind the 63rd street tunnel yesterday.

The final decision was said to be based on two factors: cost and time. The TA, which had continued to press for 63rd street, contended that, based on private engineering studies the 61st tunnel, would take as much as 15 months longer to build and could cost \$20 million more.





TOOTHSOME TOT

Mrs. Lou Mina of Bayside, smiles as she shows her baby's two front teeth. The tot, Frank Nicholas, was born Sunday at Flushing Hospital. It's the first baby for Mrs. Mina, 23, and her husband 33. Dr. William Dorsey says Frank will keep the teeth "if they don't cause any problems."

DeG Demand We've Got A Brings Swift LBJ 'No!'

WASHINGTON (AP) -The Washington Post reported today that President Johnson had responded with a swift "no" to French President Charles deGaulle's demand that United States troops and bases in France be put under French command and control.

Thus, Chalmers M. Roberts said in his story, the long - simmering Franco-American dispute over the future shape of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization reached a dramatic and critical point.

THE POST said Johnson in effect served notice that the U. S. is prepared to move its military establishment out of France rather than switch it from control by NATO as a whole to that of France alone.

There were strong indications that this stand has the backing of the 13 other NATO nations, the Post naid.

DeGaulle's request was made in a letter to Johnson. The letter was handed to American Ambassador

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Top Scientist

Queens today is the home of the nation's number-two young budding scientist. Barry J. Klyde, 17. of 141-

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15 72nd avenue, Flushing, was awarded a \$6,000 second-place scholarship last night in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

Klyde, a senior at Forest Hills High School, was one of four scholarship winners

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in the competition among 40 semi-finalists from 20 states. The announcement of Klyde's award was made at a dinner in Washington, D.C., concluded a five-day

science fair. Klyde's experiment was on the modification, by controlled breeding, of an inherited fatal defect in mice.

REACHED last night in his Flushing home, Barry's father, Charles Klyde, said his son had raised over 1,000 mice in the 3-year biology experiment performed at the Cornell University Medicat

Center. He said Barry had been interested in genetics since

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than anyone else. . . .

SOURCES CLOSE to Rockefeller reported the governor had decided to abandon his position that the state's minimum wage should not be increased until the federal minimum also is raised.

The Republican governor had vetoed two Democratic bills proposing to increase the state minimum from \$1.25 to \$1.50 an hour. He had contended that, without comparable federal action, industry would be tempted to move from New York into lower-wage states. Rockefeller's decision came

as the Democratic - controlled Assembly prepared to force passage today of another \$1.50 wage bill. Reat five Boston daily newspublicans controlling the papers were silent for the Senate agreed to hold the third day as federal and bill in committee until the state mediators worked to.

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tax package. Senate Majority Leader

Earl W. Brydges of the Republican-controlled upper house and Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson, Sen-

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Spy Suspect **Goes Free**

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (UPI)-The federal government today dismissed charges against George J. Gessner, former Army nuclear weapons specialist once sentenced to life imprisonment for passing nuclear secrets to the Russians. He had been awaiting a new trial after his conviction was overturned.

Gessner's release from the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., where he has been held since his conviction in 1964, was expected later today.



partment today - a report that the nation's jobless rate dropped below 4 per cent last month for the first time since the Korean War.

In addition, the White House said yesterday that business investment for new plant and equipment - another key economic indicator -is expected to go "slightly above" last year's 15.5 per cent jump.

IN ITS January report to the President, the Council of Economic Advisers said the plant investment advance "is not expected to match the 15.5 per cent of 1965."

Johnson's \$6 billion tax package, presently being debated by the Senate, is part of the administration battle -"in moderation"-against inflation.

But it was based on a plant investment rate estimated at only about 12 per cent higher than last year's.

Trafalgar, 1966

For more than 150 years, the 134-foot Nelson Monument had stood in the heart of Dublin, where it was erected by public subscription in . 1809. An early morning explosion today left the top two-thirds in a heap of rubble at the statue's base. Police blamed the outlawed Irish Republican Army for the explosion. Erected to commemorate Admiral Lord Nelson's victory over the French at the 1805 battle of Trafalgar, the statue has been the object of much resentment in Ireland. Photo at left was taken in 1961.

Mighty Casey Voted Into Hall of Fame

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) - Casey Stengel has special committee that hanbeen voted into Baseball's dies old-timers. Ted Wil-Hall of Fame by a unani- liams, former Boston Red mous vote of the 11-man Sox star, was named earlier veterans' committee in a this year by the vote of the

HE WAS elected by the

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