

Tonight the chancellories of the world are still rocking - from the news of Patrice Lumumba's death. Even in the Congo, where violence is an every-day affair - the assassination of the ex-Premier has created waves of terror from Leopoldville to Stanleyville. The Congo, now split by this -- even more than with Lumumba alive. The Congolese tribes seem headed for Civil War - a conflict between pro-Lumumba and anti-Lumumba forces. The quarrel, still based on the old allegiances - even though the most important leader of one faction is gone.

As for the remaining white population, we hear their situation may be desperate. As one Belgian observer put it - "this means the night of the long knives." Congolese troops in the jungle are expected to go berserk - armed mainly with knives; attacking all the Europeans, and Americans too, that they find.

One thing noticeable in the dispatches from around the world today - was a reluctance to accept the first account of Lumumba's death; the statement about Lumumba and his two companions, caught after their flight from jail -- murdered by villagers.

Western observers are still on a wait-and-see status about it. Were Lumumba's enemies taking no more chances with him? As for Moscow - there they are saying that Katanga's Premier Tshombe -- had his rival put out of the way. The Soviet Ambassador to the U.N. today, referring both to Tshombe and the Belgians -- called them accomplices in a brutal crime. Zorin, denouncing the U N -- for allowing it to happen.

On one thing everybody agrees, that the Congo has entered its greatest period of crisis. A crisis that will have world-wide repercussions.

JAIL FOLLOW CONGO

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A dispatch from Mungulunga in Katanga -- gives us some details about the place where Lumumba was held. The building ~~is~~ - a former private home owned by a Belgian. The walls - made of ~~is~~ sandstone. Inside, one room - nine feet by fifteen. ^{with} ~~And~~ one bed - where ~~the~~ three prisoners slept. The single door, guarded on the outside by two soldiers.

The Katanga version of what happened - goes like this! - Lumumba and his confederates bored a hole in the sandstone wall - during the night. Climbing through, they made clubs - out of tree branches. Then ^{they} stole up behind the guards - and clubbed them unconscious. After which it was a simple matter for the fugitives to run to their get away car and disappear down a jungle road.

U P I newsman, Dieter Steiner reports - some evidence to substantiate the story. For example - there is a hole in the limestone wall,

and the two guards have lumps on their heads -
that look as if they were caused by clubs. The
rest of the Katanga account? They ^{challenge} ~~challenge~~
defiantly ^{saying:} "prove that what we say isn't true."

VENUS

As you no doubt have heard
by now, In May the planet Venus will have a
visitor - from the Planet Earth. But just what kind
of a visit - isn't clear. The Soviet space rocket -
could hit Venus head on. Or, go into an orbit
around the planet.

Whatever happens in that rendez-vous out
in space, it adds up to ^{another striking} ~~a remarkable~~ triumph for
Russian scientists. They must have developed a rocket
thrust of a million pounds - just to launch their
carrier rocket into outer space. ^{Then} ~~They~~ They touched
off the piggy-back rocket - and sent it zooming deep
into the solar system toward Venus. The space
traveller itself is pretty big -- weighing fourteen
hundred pounds. So it's no wonder that astronomers
everywhere - are sending their congratulations to
their opposite numbers in Moscow.

And - the target has a special interest, ^{for}
Venus ^{is} a planet of mystery. The astronomers point
out ^{that} our nearest neighbor in space could have
evolved living things as we know them. It's neither

two hot nor too cold. And it has an atmosphere.

The mystery? We never see Venus. ^{What we} ~~only~~
do see are ^{that} ~~is~~ the heavy clouds surrounding the ~~planet~~ planet
like a shell. What's below the clouds? ^{That's} ~~is~~ a question
astronomers have been asking for a long time. It
looks as if some answers will be forthcoming - now
that the Russians are pioneering a path to Venus.

CUBA

In Havana, they have a new saying - "join the rebels in the mountains, and sleep at home every night." A sarcastic reference to the fact - ~~xx~~ that Castro's enemies have been crossing his siege line in the Sierra de Escambray. The rebels, ^{slipping} ~~bursting~~ out of their mountain lair by night ^{to} ~~harrassing~~ ^{loyal} Castro villages with hit and run attacks. Some of the rebels, even visiting Havana, before recrossing the Castro lines ^{back to} ~~into the natural fortress of~~ the Sierra de Escambray.

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Today, Castro was in - no, not the mountains - the sugar cane fields. The Dictator leading twenty thousand volunteer workers in harvesting the crop. Sounds impressive - twenty thousand volunteers coming out ~~at~~ at Castro's appeal. The catch is - he had asked for a hundred thousand.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy's address before the National Industrial Conference Board in Washington -- was intended to remove the fears that his Administration might be anti-business. The President called on - both labor and management - to hold the line on prices. Saying - Washington can't do it alone. He urged his audience - to expand their factories. Fight - obsolescence. He summed up with the words - "we are anti-monopoly, not anti-business." Whereupon, his audience of business men broke into loud applause. Their verdict - they like what they heard today, and hope the Administration will stick to ~~it~~ this Kennedy policy of favoring neither business nor labor.

ANTARCTIC

On Thursday we had a story about Antarctic
sea ice - twenty feet thick. The ice floes - in the
Bellinghausen Sea. Tonight from the Ultimate South
comes word of ice - a hundred feet thick. The
polar ice cap - extending over the Antarctic
continent. The ice ~~sheet~~^{cap} has just been charted
by an international team, one Argentine, one
Russian, and six Americans.

The group started at McMurdo Sound -
two months ago. They covered the twelve hundred
miles to the Pole - in snow cats. Vehicles with
treads - developed especially for travel across
ice and snow. The scientists, taking geological
soundings, every sixty miles. Finding that ~~at~~
many points they had to drill a hundred feet
through the ice - before hitting the rock surface
of the Antarctic continent.

JAZZ

In St. Louis, Standrod Carmichael, said today -- "it was real hot jazz, and they got the messages." ~~Sounds as if Sam~~ ^{Who is} Standrod Carmichael? ~~ought to be a professional tipster. He's~~ ^{He's} actually an Episcopalian minister - with the official title of "Canon Missioner" ~~of Christ Church.~~

~~That~~ Why the jive talk? ~~Well,~~ The Canon likes rhythm with a hot beat, ~~and~~ ^{and} figures - his congregation might feel the same way. So he decided to increase attendance by replacing his ~~sermon~~ ^{sermon} in the Cathedral - with hymns in Dixieland style. "jazz at vespers," was the way he advertised his evening service.

So a sextet swung its way through "Joshua fit the battle of Jericho," and other numbers from Basin Street. Result - the biggest attendance in the history of St. Louis. The Canon's campaign - a success. In the words of the Reverend Standrod Carmichael - ^{dicta} "when the cathedral is jumping, it's standing room only."

WEIGHT

A team of American scientists have come up with a ~~new~~ Utopian idea. ~~Just~~^{Eat} as much as you like - without putting on weight. How? Why, by acting like - a laboratory rat.

The Lederle lab at Pearl River, New York has been trying out a new drug. It's name - Phentolamine. Injected into rats - phentolamine goes to work on their metabolism, Preventing the cells, from storing fat. So no matter how much these rats eat they stay exactly the same weight.

If this method ever reaches the market - you'll be able to give up dieting. Even the lady with the box of chocolates will be able to face the bath room scales after a dose of - phentolamine.