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The resignation of Jose Miro Cardona from the Cuban Revolutionary Council - was inevitable. His criticism of the Kennedy Administration, making further cooperation with him - impossible. That's why he's off to Costa Rica. Where ironically - he'll have to drop his political activity; stop plotting - against Castro.

As for the other Cuban exiles - they^a are divided. But the trend now seems to be - toward renewing the ties with Washington. The moderates, realizing - what Jose Miro Cardona could never understand - that American foreign policy cannot be left to the whims of the hit-and-run-raiders.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Rusk repeats - that our policy is to get rid of Communism in Cuba. And above all, that we will not permit the Russians on the island - to crush an anti-Castro rebellion. Havana, not to be - another Budapest.

ADD CUBA

What are the chances - of a popular rising in Cuba?
Secretary Rusk didn't speculate - about that. He did point
out however, that the people of the island are disillusioned
- because Castro has ~~been~~ ruined Cuba's economy. The bearded
dictator, now dependant on - Soviet support. And we mean
to make that support - as expensive to the Kremlin as possible.



WHITE PAPER FOLLOW CUBA

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The ex-Chief of the Revolutionary Council issued his white paper - in spite of the appeals of some Cuban exiles. In spite of appeals - from anti-Castro leaders in Central America.

What's in - the white paper? A bitter attack - on the Kennedy administration. The President, accused - of letting the exiles down. Mr. Kennedy, agreeing to another invasion of Cuba - then calling it off, according to Jose Mira Cardona.

"THRESHER"

There seems to be a growing belief ~~am~~ among Navy men- that a defective pipe sent the "Thresher" to the bottom of the Atlantic. Either - a pipe in the air system, ~~or~~ - a pipe in the water system.

The first theory, propounded - at the Board of Inquiry in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Suggested by Lieutenant Ray McCooles, who's lucky to be around to testify - because he was signed aboard the "Thresher". He ~~is~~ missed the final, fatal cruise - because of a leave of absence.

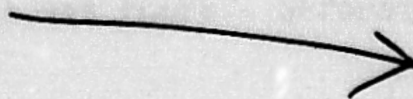
Lieutenant McCooles informed the Board - that the nuclear sub had a history of ~~is~~ trouble with the air system. For example, hydraulic valves - operating in reverse. Opening - instead of shutting; ~~Shutting~~ - instead of opening. Did one hydraulic valve betray the "Thresher" - at the critical moment?

The water system theory comes from Captain Frank Andrews - Commander of the submarine group to which the "Thresher" belonged. Captain Andrews, referring to - the pipes

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that carried salt water to keep the motors cool. If one pipe snapped - then tons of water would have poured into the hull, ~~dragging~~ the sub to the bottom - faster than the ballast tanks could be emptied.

It's the same principle - as the leaky rowboat. If you can bail out water, faster than it comes in - you can stay afloat. If you fall behind in your bailing - your ~~rowboat~~ sinks. The men aboard the "Thresher" - just couldn't "bail" fast enough.



ATLANTIC FOLLOW "THRESHER"

One good thing that's coming out of this tragedy - a better map of the floor of the Atlantic. The search ships of the Navy, sounding every square yard in the area where the "Thresher" disappeared. Noting every valley and canyon - where the derelict sub may be lying. Charting the topography at the bottom of the sea.

Here's one instance - of what they've found. A hole, two hundred and ~~five~~ forty feet deep - and a quarter of a mile across. No one knew it was there - before the "Thresher" went down.

CRIME

At the Law Enforcement Conference in Los Angeles - much discussion of the New York newspaper strike. No, the sheriffs and police chiefs' - haven't ~~been~~ traced the origin of that walkout to the underworld. But they do note a significant fact about crime in New York - during those three months without newspapers.

The fact - that criminals were more active than ever. Major offenses, jumping by six percent - over last year. And that seems to contradict - an old law of criminology. ~~Now~~ We used to be told that there would be fewer crimes - if the papers didn't print crime news. ~~Why~~ The papers weren't printing crime news - or anything else - during the strike. But the ~~at~~ police blotters - were more crowded than usual.

Maybe they don't read the text books on criminology - in the underworld.

ANTARCTIC

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If you ask any mountaineer about the toughest climbs that haven't been made yet - he'd say without hesitation, "the mountains of the Antarctic." Meaning - the conditions of mountaineering down near the South Pole. The peaks themselves not too high - by Himalayan standards. The tallest, about twelve thousand ^{additional} feet - above the ^{10,000 ft high} Antarctic ice sheet. While Mount Everest - almost touches thirty thousand feet.

But in the Antarctic, it's an achievement - to reach the mountains. Let alone - to climb them.

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All of which leads up to this dispatch - from West Germany. An expedition is being formed - to attack the Antarctic summits. Beginning with - the Prince Albert Range. Another first - in the history of adventure and exploration. The ultimate - in mountaineering, mountaineering -- at the Ultimate South.

INSURANCE

The insurance man's dream has just come true - in California. The insurance man - Frank Nathan of New York. Frank's dream - to sell a policy with a face value of ~~xx~~ seven million dollars. Which he did to - an unidentified industrialist. Unidentified - ~~xx~~ but we can guess one thing about him. He sure likes - his beneficiaries. In fact, he's leaving them - the biggest figure ever written on a single life policy.

~~What~~ What do you suppose the premiums come to - on seven million ^{dollars} ~~bucks~~ worth of insurance?

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TRIBE

The latest from Hong Kong is about - one of the signs of our time. Subject - a primitive tribe, caught up in the international conflicts of the twentieth century.

Namely - the Thais of Viet Nam. The Thais - who have terrorized the jungles for centuries. And - are still doing it. Only - they've taken to the ways of the West. When they ambushed a force of Red guerrillas near the Laotian border - they first planted land mines along the trail. When the land mines erupted under the boots of the enemy - the ambushers opened up with automatic ~~RM~~ rifles and machine guns.

How's that ^{for} progress? - ~~corpus~~. The Thais of ^{the} Viet Nam ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ jungle
using modern weapons - along with their traditional spears and blow guns.