

SYRIA

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Today's coup in Syria - is an old story, for that nation of the Middle East. The military junta has been a fact of ~~mixx~~ political life for the Syrians - ever since World War Two. Between Nineteen Forty-Nine and Nineteen Fifty-Four -- five governments in Damascus were toppled by the Army. It looked as if stability might have come to Syria in Nineteen Fifty-Eight -- when it became part of the United Arab Republic. But last year, an anti-Nasser rising -- broke up the U.A.R.

Now - one more coup in Damascus. This time, the Syrian army alleges - internal causes. The generals, using that familiar phrase of military men in politics - "corrupt reactionary politicians." They say that they'll Syria - until an honest civilian government can be organized. So, as of tonight, Syria has one more strong man - General Abdul Kerin Zahredeen.

The outlook, according to experts on the Middle East - Syria independent, uncommitted, moving toward modified Socialism.

## BERLIN

President Kennedy's military advisor has this to say - of Russian harassment of the access routes to West Berlin. "Senseless, pointless nonsense," says General Maxwell Taylor. General Taylor flew along the air corridor - where Soviet fighters have been holding exercises. He actually saw Russian planes - from the window. He also saw - how ineffectual they are. Disregarded - by British French and American pilots.

Today, General Taylor told a news conference - "The Soviet planes didn't disturb me or my crew, and they will not disturb the people flying to West Berlin." A frank statement - from an old soldier. And a warning to the Russians - that their harassment of the access routes isn't getting them anywhere. In particular - it isn't getting them into West Berlin.

## ALGERIA

The latest report from Algeria - is favorable. That is, favorable for Algeria. Only sporadic murder and mayhem - no big battle between the French Army and the OAS. In fact, the terrorists appear cowed - by that shooting the day before yesterday. Today, the European settlers confined themselves - to public mourning for the victims. Not attempting - a second defiance of DeGaulle's men.

Still, the new French High Commissioner isn't getting any response - from the partisans of <sup>a French Algeria.</sup> ~~the French Algeria~~ Christian Fouchet appealed to the Europeans - to support the coming Algerian Algeria. To which one man on a street in Algiers retorted - "We'll commit suicide first."

He could be - a prophet. Opposing DeGaulle is beginning to look - suicidal.



ARGENTINA

The question in Buenos Aires is - how long can President Frondizi hold out? His generals and admirals are still demanding - his resignation. Today they put their own guards - outside the presidential palace. And seized key points in Buenos Aires - like the Communications Ministry. But Frondizi is still the legal occupant of the palace - and he repeats that he'll stay where he is.

He's already proven - one thing. He's about as tenacious a fighter - as Argentine politics has ever had.



## ATOMIC

American scientists are going to explode at least one atomic bomb - hundreds of miles over the Pacific, next month. So say sources close to the Atomic Energy Commission - referring to the tests that we have scheduled at Christmas Island.

The purpose of a nuclear blast that high up - is to see how the stratosphere is affected. One theory is that a "shield" could be spread - across the sky. A band of sub-atomic particles -- that would trigger the mechanism of rocket warheads. Causing them to explode harmlessly - far above their targets. If this theory is correct - naturally we want to know about it, as fast as possible. Because the Russians - may already know about it.

How many atomic bombs will go off - in the Christmas Island series? We are told - less than the forty exploded by the Soviets <sup>last year</sup>. And Kennedy won't imitate Khrushchev - by ordering a monster megaton bomb. This American series is tailored - to the gathering of scientific information. No American attempt - to terrorize the world.

## STEEL

The agreement hammered out in bargaining between the steel companies and the union - covers fringe benefits. Vacations, pensions, job security - and so on. All of which will apply to four hundred thousand steel workers - at the rate of ten cents an hour. So a substantial amount of money is involved, despite the fact - that there won't be any wage increase, for another year at least.

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## FLOODS

In Sioux City, Iowa, the formula is - "Operation Dike Hike." Meaning - elevation of the barrier between Sioux City and the Cedar River. State troopers, National Guard, and hundreds of volunteers - working frantically to get half a million sandbags into place.

The point is - that the Cedar River is rising toward its flood crest. Threatening to inundate much of Sioux City - if it should go over the dike. Hence the phrase - "Operation Dike Hike."

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## FIRST LADY

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The newsmen of London got an interview with Jacqueline Kennedy today - all because her brother-in-law lost his key.

What's the connection? Well, when the First Lady left Buckingham Palace - she hurried straight to the home of Prince and Princess Radziwill. Her sister - and brother-in-law Mrs. Kennedy, refusing to pause - to answer questions.

But at the ~~front~~ front door - Prince Radziwill began to fumble through his pockets. He couldn't find the key - ~~to the front door~~. So he had to ring - for the servants.

During the wait - newsmen crowded around with questions. They got - this much information. The First Lady and the Queen confessed to - a mutual admiration of their taste in clothes. They discussed - their families. They talked about India - to which each has paid a spectacular visit.

For one newsman's question - Mrs. Kennedy had no answer. The question - did the Queen watch Jackie's TV tour of the White House? That one evidently didn't come up - at

Buckingham Palace.

The queries were being hurled from every side at Mrs. Kennedy - when suddenly the door opened. She slipped through - into the house. The door slammed shut - in the faces of those inquisitive newsmen of London.

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Let's have a word now from

Dick Noel

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A dispatch from Monte Carlo reminds us - that Europe still has an absolute monarch. [ Prince Rainier of Monaco - who retains the rights and privileges that his dynasty held, back in the Middle Ages. ]

Three years ago, <sup>PRINCE RAINIER OF MONACO</sup> ~~the present Grimaldi~~ ~~testamentary~~ ~~the~~ suspended the monagasque constitution. Suspended it - by divine right. He didn't like the way he was being criticized - in the Monte Carlo parliament.

Today, Prince Rainier - restored the constitution to his principality. His motive - settlement of that simmering dispute with France. He wants to have the constitution operating - when his delegation arrives in Paris. Thus giving to any agreement - the sanction of the legalities.

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# PLANE

The crash of that Cubana Airlines transport - was caused by engine trouble. The plane - a Soviet-built Ilyushin-Fourteen. The pilot - Tito Salgarella, veteran of thousands of flights. He had hardly taken off from the airport at Santiago - when he reported that his engine was sputtering. He tried to turn back to Santiago - but lost altitude too rapidly. The plane, crashing - into the sea. The toll - twenty-two dead.

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physical factor in a particular crash. The solution? CAB critics are saying - assignments. The CAB and the FAA.

AIR

In Washington, there's a battle - of the alphabet.

C-A-B -- against F-A-A. In other words, the Civil Aeronautics Board - against the Federal Aviation Agency. Reason for the dispute - a difference of opinion over authority in the investigation of air disasters.

Legally - the main role should be played by the CAB. But unofficially, it's charged that the FAA has been intervening. Administrator Najeeb Halaby defends the FAA - by saying that the job of his department is to suggest improvements, to prevent accidents. The job of the CAB - to decide how a given accident happened.

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critical factor in a particular crack-up.  
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