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BERLIN

Nikita

Pres.

The message sent by Khrushchev to Kennedy - is verbal, informal. Carried from Moscow to Washington by John McCloy, the president's disarmament chief. The contents of the message - not made public yet. But informal reports describe the Soviet dictator as ~~was~~ worried - by President Kennedy's firm stand on Berlin. Khrushchev, disturbed - because his bluff had been called. Complaining that his position is being distorted - by the American president.

One guess is that this message from Moscow - proposes further talks on Berlin. Khrushchev, trying for a face-saving device - that would allow him to tip-toe away from the crisis. Nikita, not so pleased about the Berlin Crisis he started - now that he's getting some tough talk from Washington. Now that the Khrushchev chickens - are coming home to roost.

RESERVES

The speedy Congressional action on calling up the reserves - reflects the Berlin Crisis. Congress, moving to give President Kennedy the military strength he needs - to counter Khrushchev's threats.

President Kennedy asked for authority to order a quarter-of-a-million men - to active duty. And - to extend their period of service. The President made his request - only five days ago. The Senate passed the bill - on Friday. The House, following suit - today. The measure, sent right on to the White House - for the Presidential signature.

SOVIET

A Paris newspaper today carried this headline -
"The Russians will have everything free, except freedom."
A shrewd French comment on - the new Soviet economic plan.
Khrushchev's promise that in twenty years' time - citizens
of the Soviet Union won't have to pay for anything.
Everything - handed out to them by the State. Which is
what prompts the Paris editor to say - Everything free,
except freedom.

Actually, there's much skepticism about the economics
of the Khrushchev Plan - even in the Communist Bloc. Poland
and Yugoslavia seem as doubtful as we are - that Russia will
surpass the United States within two decades. President
Kennedy has said it won't happen - within the twentieth century.
A verdict that seems to be generally accepted - outside the
Kremlin. Professor Max Beloff of Oxford called the Khrushchev
document - "A tissue of illusion."

BRITAIN

The political plunge that the British government took today - is setting up ripples throughout Europe, and around the world. Also - some heavy surf, and perhaps a tidal wave or two.

The maritime figure of speech - meaning one thing. Prime Minister MacMillan, telling the Commons - he's going to apply for British membership in the Common Market of Continental Europe. London, as we know, has had a policy of on-again off-again, with regard to the international alliance based on economic interest. Now London has come up with - a firm decision. Britain, to form permanent ties - with the European heartland. The group of nations, extending - from Holland to Italy.

MacMillan's object, of course, is to open the Common Market to British industry. Allow British goods to sell on the continent - without running head-on into Common Market Tariffs.

~~was~~, The first hostile criticism began - as the Prime Minister was speaking. MacMillan, repeatedly interrupted by shouts of - "Shame! Shame!" And - "Resign! Resign!" Those in the Commons who shouted loudest - were members of MacMillan's Party. Conservatives who insist that the Prime Minister is hurting - British sovereignty. Taking the chance of - wrecking the Commonwealth. This last charge - echoed in several Commonwealth nations. New Zealand, particularly bitter because she might have to compete with Denmark and Holland - in selling to the British public. The public that now buys over ninety per cent of New Zealand's dairy products. Similar protest, in Canada, India, and Ghana.

But MacMillan received more cheers than boos - in the Commons today. Conservatives and Laborites, applauding - what they consider the only feasible solution to Britain's financial crisis. They want to tap the enormous market across the channel - the Common Market. Besides, the Prime Minister

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promises to negotiate - about protecting Commonwealth interests.

Try to get concessions - by the Continental group.

At any rate, a new chapter is opening - in British

history. During the Middle Ages, London was - a power on

the continent. Holding vast provinces - in what is now France.

Then came - the modern era. The British, becoming insular

and imperial. Now the wheel has turned full circle. The

British, again aspiring to - union with the Continent.

JERRY BARBER

Did you see that remarkable finish to the P.G.A. tournament on TV this afternoon. Don January and Jerry Barber a tie at what should have been the end of the tournament yesterday. An 18 hole playoff today. On the 18th green Jerry Barber made his putt. Don January - had a mere ten footer to tie it all up again. Over ten thousand dollars riding on that putt. He missed it by a whisker. Jerry Barber the new P.G.A. champion.

TENNIS

Here's an interesting title - "The Most Lethal Tennis Ball in History." The title - claimed by the tennis club of Forez, France.. It seems like a justifiable claim - after what happened when one amateur gave the ball a terrific whack. His aim, not as good as his right arm. The ball, zooming sidewise off the court - landing among the spectators. Rebounding off three heads - with the following results:-

One spectator got hit on the ear - which blossomed into a beautiful big cauliflower. Then the ball caromed off and struck his neighbor between the eyes - breaking his glasses, giving him two gorgeous shiners. Finally, the ball reached Mademoiselle Marie Dobret, bouncing off her head - then disappearing down the front of her dress. An experience that caused Marie to faint - on the spot. The young lady tennis fan, needing first aid - before they could bring her too.

The score at the tennis club in Forez, France, one serve, three losers. I mean - three casualties.

COAST GUARD

Let's pause for a salute to a fighting American Institution. The word "salute" - no metaphor. It's just what all Americans owe to the United States Coast Guard Academy. The place where they train the guardians of our shores - is eighty-five years old today. It had nine cadets when it was founded - on July thirty-first eighteen hundred and seventy-six. Training facilities - one overage sailing ship. Now it has six hundred cadets, hundreds of ships, and installations covering seventy-eight acres at New London, Connecticut.

So, let's ^{all} stand ~~up~~ and salute The Coast Guard Academy - on its eighty-fifth birthday.

Now back to N.Y. - to Dick Hoel.

RABAUL

Down on the romantic island of New Britain - at Rabaul in the far South Pacific - it isn't so idyllic tonight. No, not another eruption of that fiery volcano at Rabaul. Australian bush police are patrolling the ~~XXXX~~ capitol of New Britain - trying to prevent another pitched battle. The one they broke today - was bad enough. The local Tolai and the Sepik tribesmen from New Guinea - colliding in one of their age old feuds. Fighting with primitive weapons - spears, daggers, bows-and-arrows, even sticks and stones. Many killed and injured - before the Aussies could break it up.

Tonight, no enchanted island paradise, there in the shadow of that South Pacific live volcano at Rabaul.