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The news from Acquiva, Italy - is surely as sardonic as anything we've had in a long ~~it~~ time. Imagine Khrushchev - caught in the U-2 operation! Actually, the case of the Bulgarian flyer - seems to be worse. *For* He was piloting - an armed plane. The U-2 in which Francis Powers flew over the Soviet Union - was unarmed.

Otherwise, it looks as if Pilot Mulusc Solakov - was doing just what Powers did. Taking high level - espionage photographs. His target, a secret Nato base - in southern Italy.

One irony - in all this, When word got out that Solakov had crashed - the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome *went* ~~to~~ *into a lot* ~~of~~ *inspired* of double-talk, ~~sounding~~ like Washington spokesmen - during the first day of the U-2 crisis. The Bulgarians began by insisting - that ~~the~~ the plane wasn't Bulgarian. When this obviously wouldn't do - they said the pilot *had* lost his way, ~~veering~~ off course - four hundred miles. In short, the Reds don't seem to have learned anything - from our U-2

misfortunes. Their cover story - as full of holes as ours was.

The Italian government is being cautious - about this case. Merely saying that the investigation is being pushed - to find out exactly what the Bulgarian pilot was up to. He asserts - that he was defecting to the West. But officials in Rome say - there's no doubt about the truth. As one of them put it today - "this Bulgarian pilot definitely was on an espionage mission." The key evidence against Solakov - the pictures that he snapped as he flew over the Nato base.

RUSK

Uruguay, at

Down in Punta Del Este, the American Secretary of

State is putting the Cuban problem - in straight-forward terms. Dean Rusk stating flatly that we are against the regime in Havana - because it does not represent the people of Cuba. Castro, a Communist tyrant - ruling by force *and*

every laughing at the pledge he made so often - to hold a free election.

Secretary Rusk is pressing for a rejection of Castro - by the thirteen nations ~~being~~ conferring in Punta Del Este, saying, that the administration considers the action necessary - to ensure success for President Kennedy's "alliance for progress." Tonight, the diplomatic sparring is going on behind closed doors - with no clear indication of how the conference will vote on the Red Dictator.

ASTRONAUT

The postponement of America's first astronaut flight, as you may have heard - is being caused by a malfunction in the electrical system of the capsule. Something wrong with the apparatus to channel oxygen to Colonel John Glenn during that ride into orbit around the earth.

The postponement is called a disappointment - for many, especially for Astronaut Glenn - who has been waiting for so long. But these things - will happen. You can see what the scientists are up against, from the fact that there are scores of delicate parts, and seven miles of wire - in the space capsule, and the count-down won't begin - until every last piece of bit of the mechanism is in perfect working order.

So it's back to waiting for John Glenn - who says he'll be the happiest man in the country, when blast-off time comes.

MOON - FOLLOW ASTRONAUT

Meanwhile, our long ~~RM~~ range space program - is beginning to take firmer shape. Moving into the stage of direct planning - for a manned flight to the Moon. A target we're aiming to hit before this decade is over.

Today, experts in Congress called for - federal money to ~~RM~~ train technicians. Washington, to help finance - technical schools and colleges, ~~to~~ ^{help} help turn out the hundreds of experts who will be needed on the ground - backing up ~~our~~ astronauts, as they wing their way across a quarter of a million miles to the Moon.

NEW GUINEA

On New Guinea, they are breathing defiance - against the Indonesians. No - not the Dutch. It's the native people of New Guinea who say - they are ready and willing to throw back any invasion attempt. Papuan tribal leaders, rising in the council at Hollandia - to castigate Sukarno. Insisting - they don't want to be dominated by Indonesia - to whose people they are not racially related. The New Guinea chiefs asking the Dutch to give them weapons - to deal with any Indonesian soldiers who come ashore on their island.

The Indonesians not only are threatening - the Dutch, they are also threatening the native peoples of New Guinea.

ALGERIA

The Algerian crisis, ~~is growing~~ worse; - in Algeria, and in France. The cities of Algeria, disrupted by - street riots, and ~~murderous~~ clashes between Europeans and Moslems. Several cities of France, ~~xx~~ terrorized by - the plastic bombs of the right wing underground.

The worst explosion in metropolitan France - at the French Foreign Ministry in Paris. A diplomatic delivery truck - torn apart by the blast. ~~The~~ Courtyard - a shambles. ~~The~~ Teletype ~~room~~ room - wrecked. ~~The~~ Corridor ceiling - knocked down. Dozens of windows - shattered. The entire area, littered with official mail - some of it top secret.

And one dead.

President Kennedy's ~~his~~ selection for head of the Central Intelligence Agency - endorsed by the Senate armed Services Committee. Not a ~~single~~ dissenting vote - against the appointment, of John McCone. The Committee, making an easy decision - after listening to McCone's testimony during a day - long ~~ix~~ session. Now his nomination goes to the floor of the Senate - where ^{re}~~re~~ confirmation is expected to be automatic.

MORMONS

The Church of Latter Day Saints has just established a diocese - at Hill Cumorah in New York State. If this piece of news doesn't sound very earth-shaking - it is to the Mormons. For Hill Cumorah is the place where Joseph Smith found the Golden tablet - from which the Book of Mormon was translated. Smith started his sect - in Eighteen Thirty; and the Mormons have been part of American life - ever since.

You may recall how Joseph Smith and his band of disciples - were hounded by intolerance. First, they left New York for Ohio - where Smith was murdered. His authority, passing to Brigham Young. On west they went to Illinois, to Navoo. And then Brigham Young led the historic trek west to Utah, where they founded the Mormon metropolis - Salt Lake City.

Now the Mormons have made their trek - in reverse; back to New York - where Joseph Smith started. A diocese for the Church of Latter Day Saints - at the holy spot of their religion, Hill Cumorah.

WEATHER

The weather story tonight is symbolized by - the frozen Mississippi. Old Man River, solid ice from bank to bank - for twenty-six miles above Cairo, Illinois. A jam on the father of waters - tying up twenty towboats, and two hundred and fifty barges. The worst ice jam, say some old-timers for nearly sixty years, since Nineteen Three.

The toll of deaths due to the weather - over forty for the weekend; including the six victims buried by an avalanche that roared down Mt. Elbert, in Colorado, near Leadville.

San Francisco, seeing snow - for the first time in thirty years. In Yellowstone Park, the thermometer down to fifty below; coldest, - Dick - in the memory of the oldest forest ranger.