

REACTION

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World reaction to Russia's big nuclear blast -  
is almost uniformly negative, in the free world and among  
the uncommitted nations. Behind the Iron Curtain - ~~well,~~  
how can the Russian people have an opinion? <sup>when</sup> They haven't  
been told a thing - about the atom diplomacy of their Red  
boss in the Kremlin.

The West, needless to say - is unanimous in  
condemning Russia. One notable result being - a more united  
front against the Kremlin. Especially in Britain - where  
the urge to compromise with ~~Khr~~ Khrushchev seems to be  
dying out.

Many uncommitted nations - just as severe with  
Khrushchev. Perhaps the most ~~an~~ significant reaction -  
comes from New Delhi. Prime Minister Nehru, denying that  
he uses a double standard, ~~to~~ put the West in the wrong.  
Nehru, declaring flatly that this time there can be no  
question - that the Soviet union is in the wrong.

On Capitol Hill, fear that Khrushchev - is becoming  
s. Perhaps because of - the difficulties he is  
g into in the Communist bloc. Senator Morse of  
says - "we are dealing with a desperate man." And  
r Jackson of Washington is calling for - resumption of  
n atomic testing in the atmosphere. A warning to  
chev that we are not subject to - atomic blackmail.

## ATOMIC

The question of whether the Soviet super-bomb got out of control - is causing much ~~in~~ discussion in scientific circles. It all seems to depend on how you define that phrase - out of control.

In Washington, nuclear physicist Ralph Lapp scoffs at the idea - that reactions unknown to science took place at the Soviet testing ground in the Arctic. Doctor Lapp, insisting that Soviet scientists could not have miscalculated - except in the size of the explosion that they touched off.

But this kind of miscalculation is exactly what other experts take to mean "out of control". At the U N, Australia's Frederick Corner told the delegates that the Russian atomic explosion - may have been seventy-five megatons, or higher. The Soviet scientists, expecting - only fifty megatons.

*this one was*  
In Corner's opinion, "out of control".

At any rate, there's no difference of opinion - on one thing. *That* this was the biggest atomic explosion - of them all.

A few facts and figures - tell the story. Exploded above the atmosphere - the Soviet super-bomb would be ten thousand times brighter than the sun. Exploded on the surface of the earth, it would dig a hole - four hundred feet deep, and almost two miles across. Concrete buildings would cave in - for three miles around. Fires would break out - at a distance of forty five miles. Living things would be severely burned - up to fifty miles.

Moreover, western scientists call this one - a very dirty bomb. Hurling immense clouds of radioactive fallout - high into the stratosphere <sup>and</sup> contaminating the air currents - that sweep around the globe.

The Atomic Energy Commission - ~~put~~ puts the strength of the blast - at fifty megatons. But whatever the size - President Kennedy repeats that this bomb has no military value. Khrushchev, ~~saying~~ trying to terrorize - the world. The White House statement, calling the explosion - political rather than military."

## SOVIET

And now those ferocious attacks on the dead - and the living - in Moscow. The dead - Joseph Stalin. Less than a decade ago, Stalin was the object of - Soviet idolatry, and one of the chief incense burners - was Stalin's acolyte Nikita Khrushchev. But the murderous tyrant is now safely dead - so comrade Khrushchev is "bravely" telling the truth about him. Khrushchev, leading the move to take Stalin's corpse - out of the Moscow Mausoleum. Leave the shrine solely occupied by - Lenin's wierd mummy. Tonight the people of Moscow - not told the story - are wondering - why the Mausoleum is closed.

As for the living - Stalin's old Foreign Minister is under heavy fire. Molotov, who tried to unseat Khrushchev - and was defeated. He's expected to be called home from Vienna - and punished. That is - if he returns home. One report from Vienna states - that

is thinking of going to Peking instead. The

linist, to ask for asylum. - in the land of the

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Down in Yucatan ~~and~~ tonight - they're preparing to ride out the big blow. Hurricane Hattie is headed for that <sup>tropical</sup> Mexican Peninsula - with winds of a hundred and fifty miles an hour. Twice the velocity of - the average Caribbean ~~tropical~~ storm.

Tides fifteen feet high - are surging onto the beaches of Yucatan. The Mayan Indians, who once ruled the land south of the Aztecs - hastily evacuating their low-lying villages. Fleeing to the hills - until the storm is over. Hoping that they'll find their <sup>homes</sup> primitive huts <sup>there</sup> still standing - when they return, ~~and~~ after Hurricane Hattie's visit.

## STORM

Across the Atlantic - another storm is raging. This one, boiling up in the Mediterranean, off Sardinia - smashing ashore south of Rome.

Hardest hit - Ostia and Castel Gondolfo. Both - historic places. Ostia - where a Roman town has been recovered from the debris of the centuries. The ruins, almost as famous - as Pompeii. Today the sea wall <sup>at the mouth of the Tiber,</sup> at Ostia, broke - and the entire beach was inundated. Dozens of beach cabins - swept away. But the classical Roman grottos are far enough back - to be safe.

<sup>In the hills near Rome,</sup> Castel Gondolfo, summer home of the Popes, <sup>badly</sup> battered by the storm. Winds of gale force, tearing the ceiling loose - causing it to collapse in several places. Dozens of windows - smashed. Paintings and sculpture - destroyed. Mirrors - cracked. Outside, the Papal gardens - are a shambles tonight. The famous "San Antonio Gate" - ruined. The damage to Castel Gondolfo - a billion lira. A million and a half - dollars.



BOAT

Here's an interesting thought. Khrushchev, giving a helping hand - to a missionary in Africa. His boat, on its way to - the Reverend Donald McClure of the Presbyterian Church.

*did I say? Not quite!*  
Khrushchev's boat, ~~almost~~ It's the gift that

President Eisenhower intended to take with him - on his visit to Russia. Then came the U-2 incident, and Khrushchev's outrageous performance in ~~Exx~~ Paris - when the Soviet Dictator withdrew his invitation.

So - the sleek jet-powered vessel went into storage.

Finally, - put up for sale, The Presbyterian Church, buying it for - the Reverend Donald McClure. Khrushchev's boat, to be used by - a missionary in Africa. *To fly* ~~Setting~~ the Zambezi - instead of the Volga.

## LADIES

The police in Derby, England - admit they're  
flabbergasted. No - it's not the fact that so many lethal  
weapons have been turned in. *- where the Rolls Royce is made -*  
The citizens of Derby, answering  
an appeal by the city fathers. This, following a crime wave -  
in the city.

The staggering thing is - the number of elderly ladies  
arriving at the ~~pk~~ police station with pistols, daggers,  
and so on. The haul today - sixteen pistols, five switchblade  
knives, and one African blow-gun ~~in~~ with a set of poison  
darts. Since this is a "no questions asked" operation - the  
police can only gape at the staid grandmothers of Derby and  
their lethal weapons. *Derby where you're Rolls  
was built, Dick.*