

CUBA

L.T. - *Weds. Thurs. Apr. 6-61,*

The government of Cuba has acknowledged for the first time - that the anti-Castro rebels are fighting on a "second front." The place - Oriente Province. Castro knows that part of Cuba rather well - ~~because that's~~ ^{for its} where he hid out during his anti-Batista campaign. ~~It's a nice irony that the present~~ ^{the} ~~dictator of Cuba should be~~ ^{is it - that} meeting resistance - in the same ^{area.} ~~place.~~

Havana's disclosure of the rebel "second front" - came in an official communique. The dictator, announcing - a victory in Oriente Province. Six rebels - killed. A hundred - captured.

The important thing - is not that Castro has won a victory. But that he has been forced to admit - that the rebels are up in arms in Oriente Province.

CRIME

The Attorney General of the United States - held his first news conference today. Robert Kennedy, answering questions - about the way he's running his department. His most important announcement - that he ^{is} asking Congress to pass eight new anti-crime laws, ranging from control of gambling equipment - to strengthening the Federal Firearms Act.

ATOMIC

Americans in Geneva - are pessimistic tonight. They feel that the Russians are deliberately stalling - on the question of a workable ban on atomic testing. Today Vice President Johnson and Senator Gore of Tennessee - asked the Soviet delegate to withdraw his demand for a veto of the inspection system. Tsarapkin saying "Nyet" to this. Afterward, Senator Gore cabled Washington - admitting he doesn't see much chance of an agreement. The stumbling block at Geneva ^{remains} ~~is~~ the one that the West has tripped over so often. The Soviet veto.

TALKS

The British Prime Minister believes that a coalition government in Laos - would really be neutral. Not - dominated by the Communists.

Prime Minister Macmillan said this at the Senate ^{today} where he was a guest for lunch ^{and from where} The Prime Minister's remark ^{was} relayed to newsmen - by Senator Sparkman of Alabama. The point of the remark - Macmillan wants to allay fears on Capitol Hill. Fears that a Loation government including the Reds - would be the first step to a Red takeover.

Later in the day, Prime Minister Macmillan and President Kennedy - boarded the ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ yacht "Honey Fitz" for a voyage down the Potomac. Sailing, mingled with - high diplomacy. The two Statesmen, covering major world problems - including Laos.

ALGERIA

Today's Cabinet meeting in Paris devoted only fifteen minutes - to Algeria. This fact, pointing up DeGaulle's assertion - that he won't make any more concessions to the ~~Moslem~~ Moslem rebels. The President of France, standing by his offer - to begin peace talks at Evian, tomorrow. Said the Paris Information officer - "Nothing new has happened, as far as Algeria is concerned."

Which means that DeGaulle is not being influenced by - the current wave of violence from opposite extremes; ~~Outrages~~ like the Right Wing bombing of the Paris Stock Exchange; ~~And the Moslem shootings~~ - in a hospital near Paris; ~~A band~~ of gunmen, invading the hospital - shooting a Moslem patient who belonged to a different faction. They killed a police sergeant and wounded fourteen others - as they shot their way out, and escaped.

Meanwhile, in Algiers - the Right Wing settlers were *this time* at it again; [^] hitting the American Consulate - with a home-made bomb, wounding the French policeman - on guard at the gate.

CONGO

A Congo "summit meeting" is ~~due~~ to be held at Banduki - in the equatorial rain forest, ~~almost~~ two hundred miles from Stanleyville. So announced today by Cleophas Kamitatu - Premier of Leopoldville Province. Kamitatu has just returned from Stanleyville - ^{from a brief} ~~after his hasty~~ conference with Leftist Leader Antoine Gizenga. ~~Kamitatu~~ ^{ing} reported back - to President Kasavubu. ~~Then disclosed the results of this phase of Congo diplomacy - at today's news conference.~~

We are told that Gizenga has expressed his willingness to attend the proposed conference - which will be held in his territory. ^{He is even} ~~now~~ offering a guarantee - to Kasavubu and Tshombe. ^A guarantee of - their personal safety. Secondly, Gizenga says he wants the final decision on the Congo - left to the Congolese Parliament. ^{He says} ~~In particular~~ he won't accept the idea of a federation of semi-independent states -- unless the Parliament votes for it. Which he doesn't think - will happen. Gizenga predicts success for a strong central government - with himself as Premier.

CAPONE

The Capone family is still having trouble with - the Treasury Department. This time - Ralph Capone, who runs a resort in Mercer, Wisconsin. Last night, the T-Men were waiting with a subpoena - when Ralph Capone stepped off the train in Chicago. They want to talk to him about a little matter - income taxes. His defense, in his words: said Ralph Capone: - "I'm dead broke."

This from the man whose brother was once the king of the Underworld, in the days of prohibition, bootleggers, speakeasies, gangland funerals - brother of Scarface Al Capone.

"BRAND X"

The controversy over "Brand X" - has reached Britain. That question of using the anonymous title - as a real name for a product, causing confusion among the advertisers - who like to compare their own products with "Brand X".

~~was~~, Two British soap manufacturers - got the idea from American advertising. Charles Terry, of Liverpool - launching his "Brand X" through his chain of stores in Lancashire. Donald Goulden of London, entering the soap market with his own "Brand X" - at the same time. The bars of soap with the identical name - appearing on the store counters, simultaneously.

Today, Goulden sued Terry - for imitating him. Terry - starting a counter-suit. The court, trying to decide which ~~of them~~ is the real owner - of "Brand X" soap. Meanwhile, the other soap manufacturers are chuckling to themselves - and hoping ~~that~~ this case will be a long one. Long enough to keep "Brand X" - off the British market.

COFFEE BREAK

Do you have a coffee break once or twice a day?

I was startled to read the statistics on this. Leslie Lieber gives them in the latest issue of THIS WEEK - ²~~that~~ magazine with a vast coast-to-coast circulation. He says that forty-two million office and factory workers in this country drop their tools, abandon their typewriters, leave their telephones and bosses, and so on, every morning around ten o'clock. Most of them again in the afternoon. A custom that

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doubled in this country in the past ten years. ~~It is a~~

^{The} fascinating article. ~~And it~~ also tells ~~about~~ how coffee was

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discovered, in Arabia, by a herd of goats, ~~little more than~~ a

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thousand years ago. He tells how two fellows, just out of the

Air Force in Nineteen Forty-Six, had a good deal to do with it,

and now have an eight-million-dollar-a-year business.

But, did you ~~also~~ see the picture in another magazine or paper, of what the workers do in Soviet Russia? Instead of a coffee break, twice a day, they take compulsory calisthenics.

Could there be a moral in this? ~~As we know~~ ~~closing item of mine?~~

President Kennedy is much interested in the subject of physical fitness. ^{Dick-} I wonder what his comment would be?

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ACCIDENTS

The World Health Organization has come up with a new plan for preventing highway accidents. Psychiatry. The idea being that many crack-ups happen - because drivers want them to happen. The man at the wheel, suffering from - a neurotic desire to hit someone. If it's a woman driver - her problem - they say is likely to be that she hates driving; so her sub-conscious suggests the quickest way of getting out from behind the wheel. Wreck the car!

The World Health Organization is calling for - psychiatric treatment for drivers of automobiles. But - there's one catch. The world is full of - drivers. So who's going to identify the neurotics - in time?