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ESPIONAGE

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I suppose ^{will} FEW AMERICANS ARE LIKELY TO BE SURPRISED BY THE REVELATION -- IN THE NEW HISTORY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. THE BOOK IS WRITTEN BY TWO PROFESSIONAL HISTORIANS -- DR. RICHARD HEWLETT AND DR. OSCAR ANDERSON. THEY SAY THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE SPYING ON OUR ATOMIC PROJECT -- FROM ~~THE~~ ^{THE} ~~START~~, EVEN MONTHS BEFORE THE BOMB WAS DEVELOPED.

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TARGET OF THE SOVIET ESPIONAGE -- OUR NUCLEAR LABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. AGENTS OF THE SOVIET ESPIONAGE -- AMERICAN REDS AND FELLOW TRAVELERS. ^{The book says} APPARENTLY, THEY GATHERED QUITE A BIT OF INFORMATION, AND PASSED IT ON TO THEIR RUSSIAN BOSSES IN THE SPY RING.

ARGENTINA

THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA IS A RESULT OF -- A SECRET CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT. THE MILITARY MEN AND THE CIVILIANS, HAMMERING OUT A ~~NEWSLETTER~~ PROGRAM FOR GETTING ALONG TOGETHER.

KEY FIGURE AT THE CONFERENCE, JOSE GUIDO -- WHO, AS HEAD OF THE ARGENTINE SENATE, WAS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO REPLACE THE DEPOSED FRONDISI. THE PROBLEM -- TO FORMULATE GUARANTEES THAT ~~WOULD~~ SATISFY THE ARMY. IN PARTICULAR, GUARANTEES AGAINST COMMUNISTS, CASTROISTS, AND FOLLOWERS OF PERON. EVENTUALLY, GUIDO ~~SE~~ SATISFIED -- THE GENERALS. AFTER WHICH, HE WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE OFFICE -- IN A FORMAL CEREMONY AT THE CASA ROSADA, ARGENTINA'S WHITE HOUSE. THEY SAY -- IT WAS AN UNCOMFORTABLE CEREMONY. PERFUNCTORY APPLAUSE, A SHOUT OF "VIVA FRONDISI" FROM ONE SPECTATOR -- AND SEVERAL WOMEN WEEPING.

THEN -- THE SCRATCHING OF PENS WAS OVER. AND TONIGHT JOSE GUIDO IS PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA -- BY THE GRACE OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY.

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FOR HOW LONG -- NO ONE CAN SAY. THERE IS ^{dissent} ~~PRESENCE~~

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IN THE ARMED FORCES -- WHERE FRONDIZI STILL HAS SOME SUPPORTERS.

AND THE GUIDO GOVERNMENT HAD HARDLY BEEN MADE PUBLIC --

WHEN VENEZUELA REPUDIATED IT. PRESIDENT BETANCOURT, INFORMING

THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE -- THAT HE WILL NOT RECOGNIZE

ANYONE BUT FRONDIZI AS PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA.

ALGERIA

THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOR ALGERIA IS IN ALGIERS
TONIGHT -- AND THAT'S A DEFEAT FOR THE PARTISNS OF A FRENCH
ALGERIA. THE COMMANDOS OF THE RIGHT WING UNDERGROUND HAD
BOASTED REPEATEDLY -- THAT THEY WOULD NOT PERMIT A SINGLE
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MOSLEM REBELS TO SET FOOT IN THE CAPITAL
CITY. STILL, FIVE OF THE MOSLEMS FLEW^A IN TODAY -- TO START
CARRYING OUT THE TERMS OF THE CEASE-FIRE. THE MOSLEM PRESIDENT
OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL -- PROMPTLY BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO
ALL THE PEOPLE OF ALGERIA. PRAISING THE MOSLEMS FOR THEIR
FOREBEARANCE -- DURING ^{the recent} THIS WAVE OF ANTI-MOSLEM VIOLENCE, ^{and}
ASKING THE EUROPEANS -- TO ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT. APPEALING
TO THE O A S -- TO HALT THE VIOLENCE. ^{which still goes on.}

~~STILL, THAT VERY APPEAL IS AN AFRONT TO THE UNDERGROUND
TERRORIST. THEY ANSWERED WITH A WAVE OF ATROCITIES -- ACROSS ALGERIA
EXPLODING BOMBS, FIRING MORTER SHELLS INTO MOSLEM QUARTERS --
FROM ALGERS AND CONSTANTINE. ATTACKING MOSLEM FISHING VILLAGES
ON THE COAST -- WITH MACHINE GUN BULLETS. AND O A S GUMMEN
MADE A MURDEROUS FORAY -- INTO THE ONCE-ROMANTIC CASBAH. SHOOTING~~

CUBA

THE RED TINGE OF THAT TRIAL IN HAVANA -- GROWS MORE
OBVIOUS EVERY DAY, ^{with} ~~IT'S ALMOST BEGINNING TO LOOK STALINIST~~
THE BLANKET STATEMENT THAT ALMOST TWELVE HUNDRED MEN HAVE
PLEADED GUILTY. ^{This is} ~~REMINISCENT OF THE MOSCOW PURGE TRIALS,~~ ^{When}
THE VICTIMS OF STALIN INSISTED -- ON ACCUSING THEMSELVES.
THE REASONS -- PLAIN ENOUGH. NOT -- THAT THEY ACTUALLY
WERE GUILTY. BUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN BRAIN-WASHED -- BEFORE
APPEARING IN COURT. PERHAPS CASTRO HAS USED -- THE SAME
TECHNIQUE. AFTER ALL, THE ACCUSED HAVE BEEN AT HIS MERCY --
FOR ELEVEN MONTHS. NEVER-THE-LESS, NO PUBLIC EXHIBITION --
IN HAVANA. THE TRIAL -- SECRET. THE SO CALLED PLEAS OF "GUILTY"
SIMPLY ALLEGED IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT. NO ONE FROM THE
FREE WORLD ^{has} HEARD ANY OF THE DEFENDENTS MAKE ANY KIND OF PLEA.

MARKS FOLLOW CUBA

WE DO IT DIFFERENTLY. -- ~~IN THE UNITED STATES.~~

TODAY, A FEDERAL JUDGE REFUSED TO ALLOW HERMAN MARKS OF
MILWAUKEE -- TO BE DEPORTED TO CUBA. MARKS, ONCE THE CHIEF
EXECUTIONER OF FIDEL CASTRO, ^{is} NOW FIGHTING DEPORTATION --
ON THE GROUNDS THAT CASTRO WOULD HAVE HIM SHOT. THIS APPEAL
-- ACCEPTED BY THE JUDGE. MARKS, LOSING HIS CITIZENSHIP.
BUT AT LEAST HE'S NOT BEING SHIPPED BACK TO CUBA -- TO FACE
A CASTRO FIRING SQUAD.

MCOUNTAINEER

The word from Holoandia, New Guinea - is that Heinrich Harrer is in no danger. Nothing worse than - a couple of broken ribs; souvenirs of an accident - at New Guinea's Balien Valley cataract. Harrer, shooting film of the water fall - when he took a spill. His companions thinking he had suffered internal injuries, hustled him back to - the hospital in Holoandia, where the medical bulletin states - that there's nothing to keep him immobilized for more than a week or so.

Keeping mountaineer Heinrich Harrer immobilized at all - would be quite a trick. The British tried it, when they put him in an Indian concentration camp - during World War Two. Whereupon Harrer and Peter Aufschnaiter escaped, made their way over the Himalayas - and spent the rest of the war in Tibet. Harrer, becoming a confidant of the Dalai Lama, and one of the most important men on the Roof-of-the-World - until the

invasion of Tibet by the armies of Red China.

Last Autumn he passed through this country - and was my guest - on his way to New Guinea, where he hoped to climb the highest mountain between the Andes and the Himalayas. The dispatch says nothing about that.

The Baliem Valley, where his accident occurred, is a little known region inhabited by 30 or 40,000 people who still live in the Stone Age.

FRANKLIN

I WONDER WHAT MOST UNIVERSITIES WOULD DO -- IF A
BUST OF THE FOUNDER DISAPPEARED FROM ITS PLACE OF HONOR?
PROBABLY, A HUE AND CRY ACROSS THE CAMPUS. MAYBE --
AN EXPULSION OR TWO, FOR THE PRANKSTERS WHO KIDNAPPED IT.

BUT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA -- THEY
HAVE A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE. NOT THAT THERE IS ANY LACK OF
REVERENCE -- FOR FOUNDER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. THEY DO INDEED
VENERATE -- POOR RICHARD WHO BECAME AN ARCHITECT OF AMERICAN
INDEPENDENCE.

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- the phenomenal Ben Franklin

THE POINT IS THAT THE REVERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA IS
SO GREAT THAT -- THEY HAVE ACCUMULATED ² ROOM-FULL OF IMAGES.
BEN FRANKLIN, LOOKING OUT OF MORE PICTURES AND PLAQUES AND
STATUES -- THAN THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH.

SO THAT EMPTY PEDISTAL IN HOUSTON HALL -- DIDN'T
BOTHER ANYONE. NOR DID IT STAY EMPTY -- FOR LONG. SAID A
UNIVERSITY SPOKSMAN, "WE JUST BROUGHT ^{out} ANOTHER BUST ^{a good} ~~out of~~ old Ben!"
~~THE ATTIC.~~ THEN HE ADDED, "WE HAVE ENOUGH BEN FRANKLINS IN
TO STOCK AN ART STORE."

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SUN

HERE'S AN INTERESTING PHRASE -- "THE YEAR OF THE CALM SUN." SOUND'S -- ORIENTAL. LIKE -- "THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON," "THE YEAR OF THE ^{Fire} OX," AND SO ON.

THE NAME -- DECEPTIVE. "THE YEAR OF THE CALM SUN" -- STRICTLY WESTERN. IN FACT, SCIENTIFIC. REFERRING TO PLANS AGREED ON ~~4~~ BY AN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF ASTRONOMERS IN PARIS. PLANS,, CALLING FOR -- AN INTEGRATED STUDY OF THE CENTER OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. TWENTY-FOUR OBSOVERTORIES, TO FOCUS THEIR TELESCOPES ON THE SUN, AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO HEAD-QUARTERS IN PARIS.

TIME OF THE EXPERIEMENT ^{from the} AUTUMN OF 1964 TO ^{the} SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTY SIX. THIS, A PERIOD WHEN THE SOLAR DISC -- WILL SETTLE DOWN. NO ERRUPTION OF SUN SPOTS -- FOR ABOUT SIXTEEN MONTHS. THE ASTRONOMERS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NINETEEN ¹ SIXTY FIVE -- "THE YEAR OF THE CALM SUN."

And a-l-u-t-Man.