

MOLOTOV

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(Given by Mr. Hattelot.)

The latest Pravda condemnation of Molotov - is receiving contradictory interpretations in the West. Which isn't surprising, since almost everything that happens in the Kremlin - can be taken in opposite ways.

So, does one more castigation of the old Bolshevik imply - Khrushchev triumphant over Molotov? Or, does it mean that Khrushchev is still worried about Molotov? At any rate, there's something very peculiar when a fallen politician is ~~na~~ hounded by his successful rival.- four years after the event. Especially in the Soviet Union - where political come-backs aren't supposed to happen. ~~where every attempt at a comeback~~

~~has been cut short by the firing squad.~~

A group of London Kremlinologists declares- that something strange is going on in the Kremlin. Just how strange may be revealed - once we know the truth about the tantalizing "Molotov mystery."

DOMINICAN

The American Secretary of State calls himself "disappointed" - by events in the Dominican Republic. Secretary Rusk, referring to the military coup - the latest political convulsion in Santo Domingo. A group of army officers, seizing power - setting up a new regime, headed by Defense Minister Pedro Rodriguez Echa yvarria.

From the American point of view - this looks too much like another Caribbean dictatorship. As a result, there are hints in Washington - that we may withdraw diplomatic recognition from the Dominican Republic. (If so, it would be a stronger action than any we ever took against Rafael Trujillo - the assassinated strong man of the island, with whom we only broke off diplomatic relations.)

CONGO

Reports keep coming into Leopoldville - about that mass murder out in the Congo bush. The most terrible atrocity - since the killing of thirteen Italian airmen. This time - nineteen or twenty Catholic missionaries. No one knows the exact count - . But we're told that they were beaten - and shot to death by rampaging Congolese soldiery. It's said to have happened - on New Year's Day. But news doesn't travel fast in the Congo - now that near-anarchy has taken over. And the details - are still being pieced together.

BERLIN

Two East Germans today took - the easy way out. They took - the subway. Or at least - the subway tunnel. The trains don't cross the border any more - even underground.

An East German soldier and his girl friend - descended the subway steps in East Berlin. They walked through the empty tunnel beside the rail, climbed the stairs at the next station - and as simply as that, they were in West Berlin.

American soldiers are arriving - by a somewhat more round-about route. Air lifted from Forst Lewis, Washington - across the North Pole, to West Germany.

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NEW GUINEA

The stand of the United Arab Republic on the New Guinea problem - is causing much sardonic comment in London and Paris. The British and the French, remarking - "we told you so." With Uncle Sam having nothing very much to say - by way of rejoinder.

It all goes back - to the abortive Suez invasion of Nineteen Fifty-Six. Britain and France insisted that they had to use force - because the canal would never be safe for world traffic, as long as Nasser controlled it. When the invasion was called off, at the insistence of America - Nasser promised to let all ships use the waterway. His only exception - those of nations at war with the U.A.R.

Well, today Nasser assured Jakarta - that he has no intention of letting Dutch supply ships use the Suez Canal, en route to New Guinea. He'll keep them out - even though he's not at war with Holland. ~~So the boss of the U.A.R. is vindicating - his British and French enemies.~~

Meanwhile, in Hollandia - the Dutch claim to have proof of Indonesian aggression. They quote a captured non-commissioned officer to the effect - that he and his men were supposed to land on New Guinea by torpedo boat. And were about to do so - when the Dutch fleet intercepted them.

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VAN DOREN

The scene in a New York courtroom today - would have seemed unbelievable, five years ago. That was when Charles Van Doren astonished TV audiences with his knowledge, - as the star of a quiz program. He won fame - becoming the best known university lecturer in America. He won fortune - a hundred and twenty-nine thousand dollars. It was said at the time that he made learning popular - in a million American households.

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WEATHER

The town of Bemidji, Minnesota - is becoming famous this winter. Bemidji - where the thermometer doesn't seem to have any bottom. Where the mercury has a habit of plummeting - to record lows. Today, for example - it was fifty-six below zero at Bemidji. The coldest reading - in the country.

The rest of Minnesota - not far behind. It was thirty-eight below -- at International Falls. Thirty-seven below - at Detroit Lakes. Thirty-four below - at Duluth. Readings between thirty-four and thirty -- too numerous to mention.

Minnesota - the hardest hit. But the frigid weather has most of the mid-west -- in deep freeze. When the temperature hit thirty-one below in Superior, Wisconsin -- a grain elevator burst. Spilling hundreds of tons of grain - onto the thick ice that ^{covers} ~~covered~~ Lake Superior.

This massive chill is pushing its icy fingers - deep into the southland. Causing frost all the way to the citrus belt, - of Florida and Texas.

Today, our spectacular rocket plane, the X-15 - flew five times the speed of sound. Pilot Neal Armstrong, flashing through the sky, across the Mojave Desert - at three thousand, seven hundred and fifteen miles an hour. Zooming up - to a hundred and thirty-three thousand feet. Velocity and altitude - both greater than he had intended. The X-15 simply began to zip along - when Pilot Armstrong turned it over to the automatic control system.

How about a word from you now, Dick Noel?

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ASTROLOGY

The stars are out tonight - in the Himalayas. I mean - the stars of astrology. The conjunctions of heavenly bodies - that have been regarded as omens, for centuries.

In Sikkim, the Maharajah says he'll wait until next year - to get married. Reason - Nineteen Sixty-One is a "Black Year". The stars over Sikkim, forming a pattern - that the Maharajah's astrologers don't like. Hence, postponement for a year - of His Majesty's marriage to MISS Hope Cooke of New York.

In ^{Nepal} ~~Nepal~~, the stars - are even more terrifying. The astrologers of Katmandu, predicting - a violent earthquake on February Third. They say that eight maleficent stars - are lined up together. The star gazers, adding - that this never happens without some catastrophe.

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They've survived past failures - by confessing
contritely that they miscalculated. Lost their way -
among the signs of the Zodiac. The fault, not in the
stars, but in themselves - to paraphrase Shakespeare.

As Lowell Thomas says - so long until tomorrow.

As usual, more than half of the expenditures -
will be military. Close to fifty-three billion - for the
armed forces. Included under this heading - a military system
based on atomic power, to prevent a nuclear Pearl Harbor -
and our conventional forces are being strengthened - to deal
with brush fire wars.

Another big chunk of money goes into - our space
program. Close to four billion - with emphasis on the
flight of our astronauts into orbit. Also - rocket probes
across the solar system.

The rest of this budget - obvious enough. Covering
everything from foreign aid - to agriculture, health, and
education. This, the biggest peace-time budget - and it's
- it will stay balanced.