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CONGRESS

There was a flurry in Congress today - with emphasis on what is going to happen tomorrow. Meaning - members of both parties - jockeying for position as they prepare for the vote on the Administration Medicare Bill. Those who are for the bill, and those who are against it - both claim to have the vote ^{needed} to win tomorrow. Neutral observers say - that only one thing seems certain tonight. The vote will be close - in a critical test of President Kennedy's power and prestige. The fate of Medicare - a portent of what the President can expect in his future dealings with Congress.

Meanwhile, the Senate Finance Committee approved - an end to "tax havens" abroad. The Committee, backing a plan, to put the tax bite on Americans who take up residence in other countries. For example, the movie-makers who pocket most of the proceeds - by shooting films in Europe.

ESTES

On Capitol Hill, much interest in - the auditors who examined the books in the Billie Sol Estes case. House investigators are anxious to learn just what took the auditors so long. And, more to the point, why the auditors declared that there was nothing to worry about. Nothing to worry about!

Both of these points came out today - during testimony by Dabney Townsend of the Agriculture Department. Townsend, testifying that he did ask about - the delay on the Estes report. The delay of six months. And that the answer of the auditors was that - they just had too much other work on their hands.

When Townsend inquired - whether they had turned up anything wrong. Their answer - "no cause for alarm!" Upon which Townsend comments - then, a week later the lid blew off.

So, the appearance of the auditors is awaited with much interest - on Capitol Hill; when they testify, tomorrow.

VIET NAM

The warning that we face, a long hard struggle in South Viet Nam - is pointed up by the latest casualty list. Eleven Americans, dead or missing - after a series of plane and helicopter crashes. The toll of Viet Namese - much higher. The biggest single tragedy - the C-47 transport that caught fire at Kontun, two-hundred miles north of Saigon. The transport, cracking up - with a loss of twenty-three lives.

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KHRUSHCHEV

We are told that
At today's meeting in the Kremlin ² Khrushchev
~~was~~ ^{not} his old bouncy self. The American newsmen
reporting - that he looked tired, ~~and~~ became querulous -
when prodded about his atomic explosions. ^u Khrushchev,
plainly realizing that he is in an embarrassing position -
when he condemns American testing, ~~and~~ then threatens -
more of his own.

Still, the old Khrushchev hopefulness was in
evidence. He told his American visitors that Soviet
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United States.

BERLIN

DISARMAMENT FOR EAST BERLIN

Khrushchev spent much of today repeating a word that seems to be his favorite, of all the words in the Russian dictionary. The word - "nyet."

First, the Boss of the Kremlin rejected an Allied proposal - for Four-Power talks on Berlin.

Khrushchev's answer - "nyet." And accusing the West of fomenting the discord in Berlin.

DISARMAMENT FOLLOW BERLIN

The second Khrushchev "nyet" has to do with a nuclear test ban. That old stumbling block - an inspection system to prevent either side from cheating.

The point is that the information we gathered at Christmas Island - might allow us to cut down the number of inspection posts. Perhaps none - on Soviet soil.

We thought that this compromise - might induce Khrushchev to meet us half way. Instead, he made it clear today - that he doesn't want any kind of international inspection, anywhere. He wants - national inspection. Which means - that he'd like to police his own nuclear disarmament.

In other words, every time we modify our conditions - he shifts his ground, to prevent any agreement. (Which raises the question - does Khrushchev really want nuclear disarmament?)

COMMUNISM

Here's more evidence that free enterprise flourishes -
inside the Soviet Union.

The Soviet province of Georgia - Stalin's home
province - has banned the export of food from private farms.
Even under Communism, a lot of collective farmers - keep
small plots of their own. The Red bosses in Moscow,
letting them grow fruit and vegetables for their homes.
Allowing them - to sell the rest. Much of it - in the
big Soviet cities.

Now it appears
~~that~~, it seems that the comrades have been paying
less attention to their collectives - and more to their
private property. The collective harvest - falling off.
Private harvest - booming.

Hence, today's decree. No more farmers to sell
their produce - outside their province. Communism, down
on the farm - in Georgia. Soviet Georgia.

BRITAIN

In London, they can't tell their government officials - without a score card. Last week, Prime Minister MacMillan shook up his cabinet - and seven members were affected. Today, another political earthquake - with nine ministers moving up, down or out. Among the fortunate ones, the new Minister of Aviation - Julian Amery, the Prime Minister's son-in-law.

What does ^{it all} ~~the London purge~~ mean? It means that Harold MacMillan is ~~starting~~ ^{getting ready for a crucial} ~~the day after tomorrow~~ ~~before~~ ~~he and his colleagues begin to campaign in the next~~ general election.

DIVE

The following may sound - rather mysterious.

"The French commander dived into the Japanese Trench."

~~Almost like a war bulletin from the jungle. That is,~~

~~until you realize that~~ ^{No.} the Japanese Trench is at the
bottom of the Pacific. ^{An} ~~it's the~~ underwater canyon that

drops down thirty-one thousand feet - off the coast of

Japan. Six miles ^{deep,}

The French commander, Georges Houot, who

specializes in deep sea plunges aboard his bathysphere.

With him, Pierre Wilm - who designed their diving vessel,

the "Archimedes."

Houot and Wilm boarded the "Archimedes" at ten

minutes to nine. ^{- A.M.} ~~They started to descend and they went~~

~~down, down,~~ ^{they went} into the depths of the Pacific. At noon,

they hit bottom - thirty-one thousand feet below the

surface, ^{where} ^{for} They stayed three hours - gathering scientific

data. Learning, for example, that there is a distinct

current on the floor of the Pacific canyon. An ebb and flow, despite the massive pressure - six miles down in the sea.

Then, back to the surface for the two French divers and their bathysphere - after the second deepest dive ever made.

Now, coming to the surface - is Dick Noel.

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RUSSIAN

The Russians have a plush estate - at Glen Cove, Long Island. Where some of their cars - whiz along the road. Anthony Nosel was driving his family home from the beach - when a car came racing around a bend. Result - a jarring sideswipe. The driver at fault - Igor Andreev, of the Soviet Embassy. With him, a young lady, who wasn't interested in being photographed.

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