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HOOVER

Presidential politics came to a standstill today -- in honor of a former President. The leaders of both parties -- forgetting their ambitions -- for the moment. Taking time out -- for a trip to New York. All four, appearing at Saint Bartholomew's Church -- for the memorial service. Lyndon Johnson -- and Barry Goldwater. William Miller -- and Hubert Humphrey. Along with hundreds of other national figures, diplomats, family and friends. Only illness kept our two former Presidents away -- Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry Truman.

There was no eulogy, just an impressive, simple service -- conducted by Doctor Terence Finlay, Rector of Saint Bartholomew's. Service without eulogy. That's a fitting epitaph for the man they were honoring -- whom we all honor. Herbert Hoover.

TRUMAN - EISENHOWER

The trouble with Mr. Truman -- we already know. That fall in his home -- when he had to be taken to the hospital for cuts -- and broken ribs. Mr. Truman returned home today.

The trouble with Mr. Eisenhower - has been diagnosed at Walter Reed Hospital. Laryngitis. "Moderately severe" -- says the medical bulletin. Stay in the hospital -- at least a week.

RUSK - McNAMARA

The two top figures in the Cabinet - agree on this. They will not have to reverse present policies - because of the changes inside the Communist bloc.

The Secretary of State stressed in Atlanta, Georgia - the basic antagonism between Russia and Red China. Dean Rusk, rejecting the idea that Moscow and Peking can resolve their differences - because Khrushchev is gone. "Their border problem isn't gone" - said Secretary Rusk.

The Secretary of Defense repeated in Washington - that we do not need a new strategy to deal with Mao Tse-tung's atomic bomb. Robert McNamara, repeating that it will take Peking many, many years - to build a sophisticated nuclear arsenal. So there's no need for anyone in Washington - or Moscow - to hit the panic button. Not when we knew that the Sinkiang blast - was coming, and ^{had} prepared in advance - to deal with it.

ATOMIC

The atomic explosion touched off underground near Baxterville, Mississippi - was one-fourth as powerful as the bomb that shattered Hiroshima. But that was enough to make it, in the words of the seismologists - "of large magnitude." The force of the shock waves knocked a needle off the seismograph - at Spring Hill College, And set up subterranean "echoes" - that could be distinctly "heard" by instruments abroad.

The device went off - almost three thousand feet underground, Yet it raised the surface several inches - and sent a "wave" rolling across a nearby cow pasture. Buildings shook - in Baxterville. A warehouse vibrated so violently - that oil field equipment fell from the shelves onto the floor.

This underground atomic test - "a success", according to the Atomic Energy Commission. Providing the A.E.C. with more information about how to detect nuclear explosions - anywhere in the world. With emphasis on - Russia and Red China.

Khrushchev simply issued orders -- from his office in the Kremlin. A practice that became more common -- in the past year.

In other words, Khrushchev's regime began to look like -- one-man rule. A terrifying development for Russians - who remember Stalin's reign of terror. So, they decided to take care of the would-be dictator -- before he took care of them.

This political logic would explain -- the sudden fall of Khrushchev. Which was not so sudden for the conspirators who planned so carefully -- to undermine his authority -- then present him with a Kremlin coup -- which they did -- on his return to Moscow last week.

A single phrase - explains what happened.

Khrushchev -- "a man who has gone too far." So says -- the new Soviet regime.

KHRUSHCHEV

The latest indications in Moscow are that Khrushchev fell - because he frightened the man around him. How? By accumulating enough power to threaten -- another "cult of personality." So we are told today. In other words -- dictatorship of the kind that Khrushchev himself had denounced -- after the death of Stalin.

Brezhnev and Kosygin are allowing this information to be published -- in spite of the lessening of their anti-Khrushchev campaign. The new bosses, obviously hoping to persuade Communists everywhere -- that they had to act when they did, or else let Khrushchev take over -- as absolute master of the Soviet Union.

Evidence -- Khrushchev, repeatedly ignoring his colleagues on the Presidium. Acting over their heads -- on major policy decisions. The controversial scheme to plant corn in Soviet Central Asia -- never was submitted to the Presidium. Nor did they know about Marshal Tito's visit to Leningrad -- until they read about it in the press.

BRITAIN

We know that the British have a genius - for odd political alliances. The devout royalist - who happens to be a Socialist. The tough union boss who rises to be - a Labor Peer in the House of Lords. And - so on.

So the interesting thing about M.P Woodrow Wyatt - is not his status as both a Laborite and a millionaire. It's the fact - that he's a maverick among the Socialists. Today he called for - an end to nationalization schemes. This Laborite, suggesting that big industries do better under private enterprise - than under state control.

Interesting fellow - M.P. Woodrow Wyatt. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
A millionaire - who believes in Socialism. ^{But -} Socialism - without nationalization.

OLYMPICS

In Tokyo, the big question is - What's wrong with the Russians?" The answer you hear most frequently - "Too old." Meaning - the Soviets decided to stand pat with the Olympic team that did so well in Rome. The coaches in Moscow, forgetting - that four years are a long time in the life of an athlete. Hence too many Soviet athletes are over-age - for these Tokyo competitions.

For example - the gymnasts. The Soviet Champions of the last Olympic Games - going down to defeat this time. We thought the Russians might pick up four gold medals - in today's gymnastic events. Instead - they lost all four, which the Tokyo dispatch calls "a Russian disaster."

The Soviet athletes will have to stage a spectacular turnabout in the remaining events - Dick - if they are to have any chance of catching our Olympians.

WOLF

I wonder what the following phrase means to you -
"wolf-proof." It could be from a Russian novel - of the
Nineteenth Century. Perhaps one of Tolstoy's aristocrats -
giving orders to the steward of his estate. Orders concerning
a new stockade - to keep the wolves away from the sheep.

Ah, but this story is datelined - London. There are
no sheep - in it. And the word "wolf" - is strictly
metaphorical.

The "Miss World" beauty pageant is scheduled for
London - next month. The gals, to be transported to the theatre
in a bus. A special kind of bus - that was unveiled today.
It has an electronic door - that can slam shut in a split
second. If - anyone tries to jump aboard.

"Wolf-proof" -- that busful of beauties rolling
through London.