

AMERICANS

L.T. - class, Tues, Oct. 18-'60.

The two Americans who have arrived in Vienna from behind the Iron Curtain - admit they weren't simply tourists. ^{not more}

Mark Kaminsky of Jefferson, Missouri, and Harvey Bennett of Bath, Maine - were tried in secret by a Soviet military court.

The evidence against them - ^{included} notes and films that Kaminsky took ~~inside~~ Russia, to prove that the Soviets talk peace, and prepare for war.

Kaminsky and Bennett say they have no idea - why they were suddenly set free. ~~The Soviets~~, giving Kaminsky seven years in ^{prison} ~~prison~~ - then booting him out of the country.

He's on his way home - to teach Russian at Purdue, ^{maybe} And explain further ^{just} ~~exactly~~ what he ^{do} did while he was in the Soviet Union.

U.N.

U.N. diplomats from the free world are more optimistic tonight - after that speech by the Ambassador from Laos.

Sisouk Na Champassak attacked the Soviet position - on his country. The Soviet delegate had denounced the Secretary

General - for following a United States line. To which

Sisouk Na Champassak retorted - that Hammarskjold came by

invitation of Laos, And acted in the interest - of Laos. *He says*

The real trouble-maker in southeast Asia - is Soviet Russia,

This from
~~according to~~ the Laotian Ambassador to the U.N.

KOREA

The experts on Communism are beginning to ask - will North Korea be the scene of a real show-down between Russia and Red China? These experts believe they see signs of a struggle for power - in the divided peninsula, that borders each of them.

Since World War Two - the Russians have had the upper hand. But Mao Tse-tung is moving in - with loans and technicians. And it's significant that Khrushchev had to call off - his scheduled visit to North Korea. The boss of the Kremlin is said to be afraid - of running into a pro-Peking demonstration. Refugees from North Korea claim that the Russians - are still in control, ^{are} but meeting greater ~~competition~~ competition - from Red China.

It could be ~~an~~ ironic, ^{that} ~~note~~ The two Communist giants got together - to start the Korean War, ~~They~~ created North Korea - ^{and then} ~~the scene of their latest~~ quarrel over it.

CUBA

The new wave of executions by Castro's firing squads - is causing apprehension inside Cuba. Private citizens admit they ^are afraid - that ^{still} another Castro blood bath is in the making, while Castro's opponents - are stepping up their resistance to the dictator. Last night - there was an assassination attempt. Machine guns opened up at Castro - from a speeding automobile. Fortunately for him, they did nothing worse - than hit the home of the Italian Ambassador.

Outside Cuba - ~~the~~ criticism of Castro is growing more intense. Especially by - newsmen. A Havana newspaper published in exile - estimates ~~that~~ there have been six hundred and eighteen "official" executions this year. With another two hundred and forty-one victims - shot without trial. The list of those who have disappeared - is impossible to draw up.

POLITICS

Both candidates were in Miami today - for speeches before the American Legion Convention.

Senator Kennedy, wearing his Massachusetts Legionnaires cap - came first. He concentrated on - one of his basic campaign themes, ~~T~~elling his audience - that our power has indeed been slipping, ~~C~~laiming that the Eisenhower defense policy - has not been enough to keep us ahead of the Russians. Kennedy promised ^{ing} ~~ed~~ an immediate build-up of our arms strength - if elected, ~~B~~eginning with - a jet airlift.

Kennedy added that any talk of his "appeasing Communism" - is sheer propoganda. He pledges to meet Communism vigorously - on every level from rockets to foreign aid.

After Kennedy, came Vice-President Nixon -- wearing his California Legionnaires cap. The Vice-President also went over the ^{old} ~~same~~ ground, ~~I~~nsisting that our prestige - has not slipped. ~~T~~hat Kennedy wants President Eisenhower to

make the mistake - of apologizing to Khrushchev. That Kennedy's stand on Quemoy and Matsu - might cause another Korea.

Nixon also told the American Legion - that we should quarantine Castro's regime. As Nixon put it - "The time has come when patience is no longer a virtue." As for Red China, he would consider using the veto - to keep Mao Tse-tung out of the U.N.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower arrived in Red Wing, Minnesota, today - to dedicate the Hiawatha Bridge. A three million dollar structure - connecting Minnesota and Wisconsin across the Mississippi.

The presidential speech was billed as - ~~non-political~~ "non-political." But almost everything ^{any official in Washington} ~~Mr. Eisenhower~~ says - has political overtones, in this election year. No one in his audience missed the reference to Kennedy - when the President denounced the "doom peddlers" who under-value America. ^{Not did anyone} ~~no one~~ missed the reference to Nixon - when the President called for the election of a man who will push ahead with the Eisenhower program for America, ^{And} - the free world.

CLUBS

~~A couple of organizations held ceremonies today~~
~~that are worth noting. Both in New York.~~ The Boys Clubs of
America opened a new headquarters ^{today} The Herbert Hoover
Building, opposite the U.N. Our former President spoke
briefly - calling the Boys Clubs basic in the building of
American character. And thanking them for naming their
building after him. ~~Actually,~~ The tribute to Mr. Hoover -
is well deserved, ^{as we all know - for} No other American of his standing has worked
so long and hard - for the youth of this country.

The second ceremony today - at Gracie Mansion, home
of the Mayor of New York. The Mayor and Mrs. Wagner presided -
as Patricia Benton awarded Amelia Earhart Medals to Maxine
Beatner, Sandra Farra, and Carl Estrin. This, part of the
Medal of the Month Club - founded by Felicity Buranelli.

(Today's decorations - for poetry. The connection may not be
obvious - but those of us who knew Amelia Earhart, remember that
she wrote poetry, when she wasn't flying.)

BUDDHA

In Kamakura, Japan - they are giving Buddha a face lifting, the Great Buddha of Kamakura, so well known to tourists, a copper statue, cast in the Thirteenth Century - honoring the Indian prince who became the Light of Asia. The Kamakura Buddha stands thirty-seven feet high - on a base five feet high. Each strand of hair - is nine inches in diameter. And there are more than - six hundred of them. The Kamakura Buddha weighs two hundred thousand pounds.

In Nineteen Twenty-Three when an earthquake shook Kamakura, the image tilted - sank a foot into the ground, and has been off-balance - ever since. Also - weather-beaten.

Now - a full scale repair job. The Japanese government is spending twenty million Yen - to clean the statue, and strengthen its supports. That may sound like a lot of money - but the image will quickly pay for its

face-lifting. Every year thousands of tourists fork over five million Yen - to see the Great Buddha of Kanakura.

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CAR

The British Minister of Transport, Ernest Marple, wishes he'd never thought of - that test for cars more than ten years old. A rigorous test, involving every part of the car - from tires to windshield wipers. Many motorists complained the test was so hard - nobody could pass it. Whereupon Ernest Marple ^{said he would} ~~declared - he'd~~ give them a demonstration, ~~Take~~ the test - with his own car, ~~Show~~ other drivers - how easy it was.

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CASEY

Around the baseball world tonight - the inevitable
cliche, "Mighty Casey has struck out."

— so he says —

Casey Stengel - "fired" by the Yankees. He won ten
pennants for them - in twelve seasons *— including* ~~and~~ seven World Series.

All the while, regaling the sports writers - with a flow of
conversation, the like of which they had never heard before.

I guess most of us wanted Casey - to stay on in
Yankee Stadium. But the club owners feel that managing the
Yanks is too much of a chore - for a man of ~~any~~ seventy.
So into retirement goes a sure candidate - for baseball's
Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The colorful, loquacious,
successful - Casey Stengel.