

POPE

The Air India plane that is flying Pope Paul to Bombay - has an interesting - indeed a striking name. "Nanga Parbat". Called after one of the giants of the Western Himalayas. Towering, rugged Nanga Parbat - a challenge to mountaineers where climbing is tough - tougher than almost anywhere else on our planet, a mountain of avalanches. Often called the killer mountain. Actually it's on the Indus River, in northern Pakistan.

As the Pope takes off at Rome - Bombay is preparing to receive him. The Catholics of India ready to hail - the head of their church. The Indian authorities, keeping a close watch on militant Hindu organizations - that oppose the Papal visit.

At the U N, a compromise - just in time for
the opening of the General Assembly. ~~I'm sure you know~~
~~know~~ how the dilemma began, ^{— with} The Russians, refusing to
pay - their debt to the U N. The Americans, insisting that
the Russians lose their vote - until they settle this debt.
The signs pointed to - a shattering confrontation. A
showdown at the U N - between Moscow and Washington.

The Secretary General has been working behind
the scenes - to prevent such a showdown. And U. Thant
came up with - a compromise. Namely - no issues to be
considered just now. If - they have to be settled by a ~~no~~
vote.

I say "just now" - because this is no final
solution. The showdown - has simply been postponed. The
question of the Russian debt to the U N - still much alive.

TSHOMBE FOLLOW U N

The U N may not have a ^{visible} crisis ^{tonite} - over the Soviet debt, But some delegates are predicting a crisis of a different kind - in view of the announcement from Leopoldville. Premier Tshombe, declaring - that he will come to the U N next week. Obvious purpose - to present his case to the General Assembly.

You might think that any head of government has such a right. Yet there may be trouble from the African members - who have criticized Tshombe, ^{and} Who would prefer - not to have the Congolese leader explain the situation in his country, including the humanitarian military operation - that saved two thousand hostages.

BAKER

we hear today,
The Senate Rules Committee is not interested in

- party girls. I mean - as witnesses. The members agreed
at their latest session on Bobby Baker *- agreed* to ignore the
alleged party girl who has been mentioned prominently.

Beautiful Ellen Rometsch - now back at her home in West
Germany. And the other beauties in the case - they are also
getting the go-by.

What does the committee find more *(interesting*
~~interesting~~

- than party girls? Why - the question of kickbacks. Who
cut whom into the deals - for what kind of favors - while
Bobby Baker was secretary to the Democrats in the Senate?

Now, which would you - rather hear about?

Kickbacks - or party girls?

The death of J.B.S. Haldane in New Delhi -- symbolizes one of the tragic turns of history in the Twentieth Century. The tragedy of those who committed themselves -- to "The God that failed."

Haldane was a bright young man of British biology -- when he became acquainted with the works of Marx and Lenin. Acquainted -- and convinced. He joined the party -- as a card-carrying Communist. And since Communist involved worship of Stalin -- Haldane defended the Soviet tyrant in books and articles for more than a generation. In fact he repeated every Stalinist myth -- that came out of Moscow. And, he attacked Tito -- for defying Stalin. He even swallowed Lysenko biology -- because Lysenko was Stalin's favorite scientist.

Then -- Stalin died. Khrushchev -- revealed the truth. And Haldane, like ^{so many} other Communists -- was morally crushed. Not the type of man who can simply recant -- he felt he had to get away from his British colleagues. So, he fled -- to India. And lapsed into -- obscurity.

*Now dead in New Delhi - at the age of seventy-
two. A casualty of the Communist fraud - J B S - Haldane.
Who might have been - the greatest biologist of his time.*

COLLISION

*The stern of the Norwegian tanker "Stolt Dagali" -
~~thirty~~ lies in one hundred and forty feet of water. Position -
thirty-five miles northeast of New Jersey's Barnegat Light.*

*The remains of the ship that was cut in half -
by the Israeli liner "Shalom" / The stern of the tanker -
went down like a stone. Settling - on the floor of the
Atlantic. A New Jersey diving company got the job of -
hunting for the wreckage. And now two divers have found
it - and explored it. Jim Caldwell of Toms River, New
Jersey - and Jack Brewer of Easton, Pennsylvania.*

*The divers were able to enter the engine room -
and some of the passageways. They didn't see - any of the
missing crewmen. They did see - a broken hulk, lying on
its side. All that's left of the "Stolt Dagali" - once a
proud vessel of the Norwegian Merchant Marine.*

MARS

If there are men on Mars are they apprehensive tonight, about those two objects flashing toward them - from the mysterious planet, Earth. After all, how would we feel if the Martians launched - two simultaneous earth probes?

That's -- hypothetical. The reality is that the Russian and American spacecraft - are in a race toward the Red planet. Zond-Two and Mariner-Four - with the same assignment. To photograph - the surface of Mars.

How - are they doing? For once the Russians admit - they too have their troubles in space exploration. A Tass report states that the power of Zond-Two - is only half of what it should be. With the Soviet Mars probe - in jeopardy tonight.

By contrast, Mariner Four is right on target. That is, headed for - the star Canopus. Which the spacecraft might reach - in a few million light years. If - it kept moving toward that particular star.

Actually, our scientists are preparing to
order the last change of direction. Turning Mariner Four
toward a point in the sky - that should bring it within
twelve thousand miles of Mars. *— for a Martian* Rendezvous - in July.
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WEATHER

If - you live in the North, South or midwest you know it's cold, a term that is rather relative. It's cold in Bemidji, Minnesota - thirty below zero. It's cold in Tampa, Florida - thirty above zero. The point being that the thermometer rarely dips lower - in either place.

And right now a terrific winter gale - is whipping up the Atlantic. Ships - disabled. Rescue operations complicated - because tow lines are snapping like threads. Even the crews of the fishing fleets - are reported suffering from seasickness.

While Southern California is having a record - heat wave. Eighty-eight - the warmest ever for Los Angeles on December First. Cold here Dick, but hotter than - in Los Angeles. they say.

NONAGENARIAN

Let's consider a nonagerarian -- who smokes cigars. Who celebrated his ninetieth birthday yesterday -- by opening a new box of black stogies.

No. I'm not referring to Winston Churchill. Although Churchill -- is mixed up in this story. The nonagerarian -- Valentino Bontempo of Udine, Italy. For years he has been sending his felicitations to Churchill -- on their birthday. Churchill, sending his felicitations -- to Bontempo. Plus -- a box of cigars.

Two men -- who have just turned ninety..Winston Churchill -- of London. Valentino Bontempo -- of Udine, Italy.