

INDIA.

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The word for American aid to India - "massive."  
Jet transports, thundering through the sky tonight -  
from bases in West Germany. American freighters,  
loading at points as far apart as - Hamburg and  
Istanbul. The points of origin, determined by - the  
~~countries where~~ <sup>countries where</sup> ~~nations in which~~ <sup>most of our overseas</sup> we have the ~~greatest amount of~~ <sup>greatest amount of</sup>  
military equipment. At the head of the list, obviously  
- West Germany.

~~Also~~ <sup>Also</sup>, Britain is rushing help - to Nehru. Some of  
it, in the form of - fighting men. The legendary  
Gurkhas - of Nepal. Thousands of Gurkhas enlisted in  
the British army - after the end of the British Raj.  
But the adventurous Nepalese tribesmen prefer to be -  
where the fighting is. And they are said to be lining  
up - as volunteers for the ~~China~~ <sup>China</sup>-Indian conflict. Nor  
should we forget that the Gurkhas have a special  
interest - because their homeland is threatened by

the Chinese Reds. Nepal, one of the Himalayan states  
- in the path of Communist imperialism.

Could be that Mao Tse-tung is about to learn -  
an old lesson of the Himalayas. <sup>That</sup> No one invades the  
sub-continent of Hindustan without a battle - <sup>-- that is,</sup> when  
the Gurkhas are in the field.

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## KENNEDY

The President - broadcast a brief message to the nation late this afternoon - perhaps you heard him. He talked less than two minutes - reporting on those aerial photographs made over Cuba yesterday. The President says the pictures - show the missile bases being dismantled; the missiles being crated - the bases being destroyed.

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## BASES

The Soviet suggestion that the International Red Cross be brought in - seems to be a face-saving device. Giving the inspection - a kind of humanitarian aspect; instead of - strictly political. Which is okay with us - as long as the inspection is carried out.

## CUBA

There's one thing about Cuba that Khrushchev may find - more intractable than Castro. I mean - the economy of the island. It was the Castro mess - that first prompted Soviet intervention. And latest reports indicate - that the mess is getting worse. The Cuban economy, staggering - under the impact of the American blockade. Everything, in shorter supply - than before.

Perhaps even Khrushchev doesn't know - what he will do about Cuba. The Soviet economy doesn't produce - an over-abundance of consumer goods. Moreover, there are persistent rumors - of unrest inside the Soviet Union.

Will Khrushchev - save Castro? Can Khrushchev - save Castro? Those queries will plague the Kremlin - even if Castro survives the present crisis.

## MIKOYAN

The Mikoyan statement in New York - was about the only thing that the Soviet trouble-shooter could say. If he is in a real dilemma with Castro - he couldn't tell us about it. Nor could Mikoyan tie his own hands - by accepting everything that Castro said last night.

So, Mikoyan skillfully walked - the tightrope. Expressing Soviet friendship - for the bearded leader in Havana. Insisting, among other things - that America should get out of Guantanamo. But Mikoyan carefully avoided making this Castro demand - a condition of a settlement of the Cuban crisis.

As for Castro, he merely says - that ~~any~~  
*he has*  
differences with Khrushchev should be aired behind closed doors.

All of which, has done nothing to dampen the curiosity about - those Havana talks between Mikoyan and Castro.

## NEWS

The question of censorship is being asked tonight - because of the Cuban crisis. The question of how far a free government - the American government - should go in its policy of secrecy. No one doubts that the Administration has to be careful - with peace and war at stake. But the charge tonight - is "manipulation of the news." Especially the State Department ruling - that all officials must file complete reports on all interviews.

Congressman Moss of California terms this policy - "extremely disturbing." Spokesman for the Administration, however, insist - that clear guidelines have to be laid down for all personnel. This, to prevent the disclosure of information - that should be kept secret, in the national interest.

Incidentally, the Administration has a complaint - against the press. Or, at least, against the New

York Herald Tribune. Specifically, this morning's story about Khrushchev's first letter to Kennedy - when the Cuban crisis erupted. The Soviet boss, said to have been demoralized - by Kennedy's firmness. The Khrushchev letter - nearly incoherent.

The White House commentary on this - "wholly inaccurate."



## AUTOBAHN

American officials in West Berlin - are not going to protest today's incident on the autobahn. Soviet border guards, holding up our military convoy - for an hour and twenty minutes. Checking and rechecking papers - before allowing the trucks to proceed. The first case of Soviet harrassment - since the beginning of the Cuban crisis.

We're treating <sup>it</sup> as an isolated incident - because the other convoys went through unchallenged. No American protest over the long delay - at the border between East and West Germany.

## SPACE

The Soviet space probe toward Mars is on course tonight - after being launched "piggy back" from a parking orbit. Soviet scientists, reporting - "trajectory accurate, all instruments functioning." So both Mars and Venus - will be receiving visitors from the Earth. One Russian - and one American.

Why Mars and Venus - of the nine planets? I'm sure you know - the answer. Just tick off ~~the~~ the four planets nearest to the Sun - Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars. In other words, we're between Venus and Mars - the <sup>closest</sup> ~~nearest~~ companions the Earth has, among the satellites of the Sun. Venus and Mars, our next door neighbors - astronomically speaking. <sup>Dick, would you say</sup> ~~and~~ ~~we'll soon~~

we'll be calling on them. ~~soon~~ - in a way?

## BONDS

I wonder if the bond that was sold in New York today - is the most expensive in the history of banking. It's hard to think of another case, in which a buyer coughed up - Forty-four million, one hundred and three thousand dollars. The check, written on - the U.S. Treasury. Adlai Stevenson, handing the check - to U. Thant. Receiving, the first U. N. bond - to be purchased by our government. The figure, exactly matching the sum - picked up by other members of the U.N. A check for Forty-four million - from Uncle Sam.