

CUBA

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The defection of Castro's private secretary - comes at an ironic moment. On Saturday, it will be exactly two years - since Castro toured the United States. His reputation then - rather different than it is today. *Altho' then* His mass executions - were already causing disgust throughout the hemisphere; *Still* - most Americans received him favorably; *Applauding* him as the liberator of Cuba - in spite of his evasivness about Communism. He was welcomed - on Capital Hill. Said one Senator - "Mr. Castro is a courageous man." Then the ^{*added:*} ~~the~~ Senator ^{*was*} ~~was~~ - " I think we should help him."

Now, two years later - *A*mericans have a different opinion of Castro. They've seen him ^{*fashion*} ~~create~~ a police state - on his island; *Breaking his* promise - to hold free elections; *Putting* Communists - in power; *Arming* his militia * with weapons - from behind the Iron Curtain; *Launching* a vituperative anti-American campaign - by

inventing absurd accusations. *If we*

know ~~was~~ the first to react against ~~Castro's~~
all this -
~~nonsense -~~ *were* the Cubans themselves. Defectors,

multiplying - even among the Dictator's closest followers.

The opposition, forming into a military front - pledged

to unseat the Dictator. *Then, today, with* Castro, waiting for D-day -
his personal right hand man,
~~when~~ he received word today that Juan Orta, had become

the latest to abandon him. Castro's private secretary -

going over to the Cuban Freedom fighters.

SOMALIA

There are more reports of violence - on the "Horn" of East Africa. Somalia, charging that the Ethiopian army - is violating it's frontier. Committing atrocities - murder, mayhem, arson. The Somalies *are* counterattacking ^{with} Battles, now raging in the bush - with Somali soldiers threatening to march on Addis Abbaba, ~~Confront~~ ^{beard} Haili Selassie in his capital. Beard the Lion of Judah - on his ~~throne~~.

Both the Somalies and the Ethiopians are rugged men.

EICHMAN

The trial of Adolf Eichman recessed today - while the State of Israel held remembrance services. A day of prayer and meditation - for the six million victims of the Nazis. The crime that sixteen years later led to an ^{Israeli} ~~XXXXXX~~ court - hearing the case of executioner Eichman.

~~Actually, the trial hasn't started yet. The Jerusalem ~~xxx~~ court still must answer - Eichman's lawyer. The Israeli judges, to hand down a ruling - on their own competence to pass judgement in this case.~~

GAGARIN

The title bestowed in Moscow today - hardly seems grandiose enough for the occasion. The title - " Soviet flyer first class." Granted to - spaceman Yuri Gagarin. Russia's "wild duck" who certainly flew alright - out into space where no human being ever traveled before. The trouble is that probably no title - could fit his achievement.

How did Yuri feel - while he was in orbit?

Today he remarked - "I liked the flight very much."

Adding - "I wasn't a bit lonely." Maybe Yuri just didn't

- have time to be lonely. After all, he was traveling

at eighteen thousand miles an hour ^{- and faster.} His space capsule

making him - the world's fastest ^{As you know} human. ~~and~~ his

entire orbital flight - took less than two hours.

Besides - he was busy sending information back

to earth. ^{though his} And - writing his own notes. He says ^{that} his

handwriting wasn't affected - by his weightlessness ~~the~~

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he did have
~~But he had~~ to hold on to his pad - to keep it from floating away.

Through the porthole ψ he could see the earth - as the globe it is. The curvature of it's outline. Continents, oceans, ~~the~~ islands - all perfectly plain. As were - objects a lot smaller. For examble, Yuri could distinguish - the collective farms on the terrain of the Soviet Union.

What next - for him? He says he'd like to make the run - to the Moon. And he welcomes other cosmonauts - with the observation that space is big enough for everybody. An invitation to future space travelers - from Russia's "Wild Duck".

Lunching - with the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Telling the Senate, that America can count on - the new, Democratic Germany.

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ADENAUER

At the White House today - predictions that there will be a Berlin crisis this year. Chancellor Adenauer and President Kennedy - anticipating some tough move by Khrushchev. Agreeing - that the West will have to stand firm in defense of it's rights. Both statesmen, feeling - that appeasement would strike the West a body blow. And that firmness will pay off ^{— and that} _{λ because} Khrushchev won't start a war over Berlin.

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CONGRESSMAN

Few observers in the West - are caviling at the Soviet space feat. Congressman James Fulton of Pennsylvania - goes farther than anyone, in ^{accepting}~~excepting~~ the Russian victory. The Pennsylvania Republican - proposing - that we invite Yuri Gagarin to this country. Give him - a hero's welcome. Including - a ticker-tape parade. In the word's of Congressman Fulton - " We might as well be big about it."

RELATIVES

Tonight the Gagarins of the world are wondering
- are they related to the Soviet Spaceman?

There are a number of Gagarins - here in the
United States. I occasionally ski with one, Serge - a
helicopter man, and there's Gregory Gagarin, a riding
instructor at the Grier School - in Tyrone, Pennsylvania
who fled from Russia - forty years ago leaving a lot
of relatives - behind. Through them he claims a
relationship - with the world's first cosmonaut.

In Brussels - a more distinguished possibility.
Prince Michael Gagarin, saying - "maybe." He too got
out of Russia - forty years ago. Today he admitted
that a distant relationship might be established; that
is, if the family history of Yuri Gagarin - goes back
to the pre-Bolshevik aristocracy.

That's an obvious stumbling block - since Yuri
Gagarin is the son of a carpenter in Smolensk. Anyway
- Yuri Gagarin is a common name, in that part of Russia
- about like say Frank Smith over here.

WEATHER

The weather we're having is too much - even for Winston Churchill. The elder Statesman of the free world was due to fly home ^{via Pan Am} from Idlewild Airport. But - the rains came. Also - winds of hurricane force. The yacht "Christina" - pitching and rolling in New York harbor. Sir Winston - unable to go ashore. His departure for London - postponed until tomorrow.

~~Most of America is getting a taste of the bad weather~~ Ten inches of snow - in ~~the mountains of~~ Pennsylvania and West Virginia. New England ^{some of the} ~~is~~ ^{same - a bit less.} ~~for half the snow~~ Massive tides - pounding the Atlantic coast - from Maine to Carolina. In Greenwich, Connecticut, twenty-five families - have been evacuated from their homes. "Worse than hurricane Donna" - they say.

Tonight ^{with} the thermometer ~~is~~ plunging downward - throughout the Midwest ^{there are} ~~creating~~ ice hazards - from Kansas to Montana.