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AMERICA

The American who was released in Czechoslovakia today spent more than a year in a Communist prison. All because he crossed the border without knowing it.

Forrest Shaver of Chicago was driven by a friend--to the frontier between free Austria and Red Czechoslovakia. They thought they were on Austrian soil when they parked their car. Actually, they had driven east of the Iron Curtain.

Both--arrested. His Austrian friend, getting five months from a Czech court. Shaver's sentence, harsher-- twenty months. He served all but about two months of his term until they set him free today. He says, that in the future, he'll remain at a safe distance, when ~~he's~~ inspecting the Iron Curtain.

MOSCOW

The Soviets appear anxious to get their "peace offensive" underway in the wake of Khrushchev's latest declaration about negotiating with the West. Today, American Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson was at the Soviet Foreign Office in the Kremlin--for two-and-a-half hours, conferring with Foreign Minister Gromyko. About the only thing revealed, the main topic was Berlin. And Ambassador Thompson did most of the talking.

The British Ambassador to Moscow, in preparing for his session with Gromyko, later in the week. After that--it will be the French ambassador, arriving at the Kremlin. Is all this diplomatic activity in Moscow leading up to a summit meeting? No word on that.

IDEOLOGY

I wonder if the C.I.A. wants to take the credit that is being handed to it--in Peking, of all places. Mao Tse Tung's press is blaming the C.I.A. for creating antagonism inside the Communist bloc. Dividing Red China from Russia. By means of a whispering campaign. ~~That's~~ Quite a compliment for our intelligence system--if ~~it's really~~ true.

But Peking itself indicates that there's more than an American conspiracy behind the Mao-Khrushchev split. The Chinese Reds, repeating in strident tones--that the war against the West takes precedent over the drive for peace. Just the opposite--of what Khrushchev is saying.

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So, we didn't manufacture the dissension that is convulsing the Red nations. We are simply exploiting the dissension that arose spontaneously. Moreover, the conflict is so fundamental, involving the basic ideology of Communism-- that it would ~~certainly~~ ^{surely} get worse even if we ignored it.

NEW GUINEA

The loudest protest about the Dutch decision to talk over the West New Guinea crisis--comes from the power that controls East New Guinea. Australia, much concerned about possible Dutch appeasement of Indonesia. Australian critics of Prime Minister Menzies, asking what he intends to do-- if Sukarno gains a foothold in the island north of Australia. And then ^{if he} demands that the Australians get out.

Today, an opposition member of the Canberra parliament-- called the government policy "spineless". Laborite Alan Fraser, demanding, in his words, "a plain warning to both Jakarta and the Hague". At the same time, the Sydney Mirror ^{labels it:-} warns, "Australia is in a terrible dilemma."

PORTUGAL

The big question in Portugal --just how secure is Prime Minister Salazar? The consensus--he's in no immediate danger, because the anger of the Portuguese people is directed beyond Portugal. At India--for seizing Goa. At the U.N., for not supporting Portugal on the issue of Angola. At the anti-Salazar rebels in exile--for hijacking the Santa Maria and threatening the Portuguese Merchant Marine.

Salazar is benefiting from the popular feeling--that he is right about these international problems. And ought to be supported at home--as a show of solidarity. Hence, the animosity toward the rebels--who tried to start an insurrection on New Year's Eve. Hence, today's demonstration in Lisbon, as they buried the commander who was killed while suppressing the abortive revolt.

But, can Salazar survive any more national humiliations? A lot of the people he governs, are wondering.

STRIKE

New Yorkers may get in/quite a bit of walking--before the bus strike ends. Today, a union official said that the drivers are prepared to stay out--indefinitely. Anywhere from a week to six months.

Number of commuters affected--one and a half million. There's a lot of car pooling in New York. Also, a lot of walking.

ACCIDENT

There are three reasons why Lima, Ohio--had no traffic fatalities in 1961. Three, apart from the fact that Lima, Ohio, isn't exactly New York or Chicago. Lima's population-- fifty-five thousand.

The three reasons, for the clean slate last year? First, the ordinary traffic laws. Second, rigid enforcement of those laws. No fixing of traffic tickets in Lima. Third, many speed meters which give drivers fair warning. They took the hint in 1961, and didn't kill anyone on the streets.

Lima, happy about its year-long traffic record. Meanwhile, the rest of the country isn't so happy about the new year's record. Three hundred and forty-one *losing* *their lives* ~~Americans, dying~~ in traffic accidents--on our highways.

Eleven more than the figure predicted by the National Safety Council.

ANTARCTIC

Last night, a Navy transport plane picked one of the worst places in the world to have engine trouble. Causing-- a forced landing.

The place--the Antarctic continent, far out over the ice. Hundreds of miles from the nearest base. The plane, a Navy Hercules, en route from McMurdo Sound to New Byrd Station. Pilot, Marine Major Leslie Darbyshire, of Lamar, Colorado.

The transport had covered five hundred miles--when one engine ~~cooked~~ ^{went} out. ^{Then} A second engine, started losing--power, ~~the~~ The plane started losing--altitude. Major Darbyshire, circling around for a forced landing--on the frozen surface of the Ross Ice Shelf.

He made--a perfect three point landing, and skidded to a stop on the ice, Then he radioed back to McMurdo Sound, ~~he~~ ^{he} set up survival tents for himself, his co-pilot, and his two passengers.

A few hours later, another plane in the Antarctic sky. A rescue transport flying in with equipment and a maintenance crew. The new arrival, taking the two passengers back to McMurdo Sound. The Marine Major and his co-pilot, supervise the repair of their plane and then flew out. A smooth, neat rescue operation, down near the South Pole.

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Also a skeleton of a bearded man. And that brings us to our lively young U.S. Antarctic crew.

ARCHAEOLOGY

A new year's report on archaeology in Israel features the colorful title, "The Cave of Letters" and "The Cave of Treasures." Both caves, discovered deep in the mountains of the Judean desert. Both, revolutionizing our knowledge of ancient Palestine.

"The Cave of Letters" is important, because they found it full of documents. The kind of documents that are so revealing about the lives of ordinary people. Business contracts, land leases, marriage certificates and so on. All, going back nearly two thousand years.

"The Cave of Treasures" is just that. The archaeologist unearthing almost five hundred examples of sculpture and pottery. Some of the figurines, among the finest examples, of ancient art. Date, four thousand B.C.

Also a skeleton of a Neanderthal man. And that brings us to our lively young Oldsmobile mine.

BRITAIN

Over in England, one of the new barons in the Christmas royal honors list - has a problem. What is he - to call himself? He's always been Leonard Lord - as he rose to the top of the British automobile industry. Then, the Queen tapped him - for a new title. If he keeps his real name, he'll be known as "Lord Lord." Which he says "sounds stupid." Britain's brand new Lord has a title, but doesn't have a name appropriate to go along with it.