

RUSSIA

L.I. - Ochs, Thurs. Aug 11th '60.

British observers are saying tonight - that Russia may be returning to the Stalin era. Khrushchev, reviving the dead dictator's policy - of terror, threats, and suspicion.

Exhibit A - in the case - the rash of spy charges against Americans in Moscow. Khrushchev, accusing students and tourists - then ordering them to go home. The latest ~~victim~~ victim, Robert Christner, of Sparks, Nevada, who calls himself disgusted by the accusation. Christner, a student - in Moscow to improve his Russian. Getting official permission to take the photographs - which the Soviets now label espionage.

POWERS

The family of Francis Powers - is off for Moscow.

The wife and parents of the U-2 pilot - to be in court when his trial starts, next Wednesday. Mrs. Powers, saying she hopes her husband will get a light sentence - under the Soviet law covering espionage. Adding ^{that} she'd like ^{our} ~~the~~ State Department to be a little more aggressive in handling the U-2 case.

Has Francis Powers - been brain-washed? His wife says - she doesn't think so. She ^{has} been receiving letters from him - and hasn't noticed anything out of the ordinary.

CUBA

A Communist leader, hints at - a coming purge of the Catholic Church in Cuba. Blas Roca, Secretary General of the Cuban Communist party - writing in the Red newspaper "Hoy", follows up Fidel Castro's threat - to curb, what Castro calls, "Fascist priests." Roca, calling the Cuban church hierarchy - "reactionary, anti-revolutionary;" that all churchmen not faithful to the revolution - should be silenced by the government. Oh yes, and he adds that "foreign" priests should be kicked out of Cuba. This, a reference to the four hundred Catholic ecclesiastics, assigned to pastoral work in Cuba who are from Spain. Now accused by Communist Blas Roca - of being Franco's henchmen - "fascist priests."

CONGO

In The Congo ~~situation has settled into~~ a triangle, ~~of forces~~. At the three corners of the triangle - Lumumba, Tshombe, and Hammarskjold. Lumumba - demanding Katanga Province for the Congo Republic. Tshombe, ^{still} defiant - warning that he ~~will~~ fight any Congolese troops that ~~may~~ cross his border. Hammarskjold - trying to mediate. Trying to get the two Congo leaders - together.

The immediate question before Hammarskjold - will Katanga accept the three hundred Swedish soldiers ~~with~~ ^{flying} ~~bringing~~ with him to Elizabethville? Tshombe, doesn't like the idea - of any troops on Katanga soil. Today, ~~was~~ warning the Secretary General - it would be better to leave the troops behind - until the Tshombe - Hammarskjold conference is over.

Lumumba? ^{He now has new} ~~he's got other~~ problems on his hands? - ~~besides Katanga~~ Those riots - in Leopoldville. Lumumba - punched and slapped, during a ~~the~~ street brawl last night. Today - cracking down on the press, [,] Seizing newspapers - and

~~and~~ the Belgian news service. ~~Lumumba~~,
accusing the press,
of fomenting opposition ~~is~~ to his government.

MACMILLAN

Prime Minister MacMillan is back in London -
after his two - day conference with Chancellor Adenauer.
MacMillan, telling newsmen he and the Chancellor agreed -
on the necessity of closer cooperation in Europe. But they
~~couldn't~~ couldn't agree - on the best way to achieve it.

Adenauer, pressing for a closer union. Between
Britain and the continent. MacMillan, answering that Britain
has too many world interests - to go that far.

EISENHOWER

White House Press Secretary Jim Hagerty - emphasizes the phrase, "non-political". Referring to three addresses scheduled for President Eisenhower - on September twenty-sixth. The President, to speak - in New York and Philadelphia, ~~His three speeches, to be~~ on ~~general~~ themes - "non-political."

Today, a newsman wanted to know - will ~~xxx~~ President Eisenhower become "political" during the campaign? Said Jim Hagerty - "sure".

PLANES

A Boeing jet, landing at Rome airport today - with none of the passengers aware of how close they had been to disaster.

The Boeing, arriving from New York - headed for the runway. Suddenly, another plane appeared - only two hundred yards away. A British "Viscount" - enroute from Malta to London. Also ~~making its run toward a landing at the~~ ^{on its ~~stuck down run~~ approach at} Rome, ~~airport.~~

The pilot of the "Viscount" - doing the only thing he could. Throwing his plane - into a steep dive. Forty-seven passengers - thrown onto the ceiling. Almost all - suffering from head injuries. But their pilot saved their lives - by ~~that~~ ^{le} quick dive, ~~which~~ ^{that} took them clear of the second plane.

Meanwhile, the Boeing ~~via~~ landed - with no one aboard realizing how close they had been to disaster.

SHIPS

That collision in the Pacific, off the California coast - was a case of ~~the~~ pigmy ^{versus} ~~against the~~ giant. The pigmy, the destroyer "Edwards" - weighing less than three thousand tons. The giant, the aircraft carrier "Bennington" forty-thousand tons.

The two ships - maneuvering into position during a refueling operation. Something going wrong. Somebody giving - the wrong order. The "Edwards" slamming into the "Bennington". The aircraft - slightly damaged. The destroyer - battered by the impact. Almost losing - its superstructure. Tonight, limping back - to Long Beach, for ~~repair~~ repairs. The carrier - sailing on, as if nothing had happened.

FIRE

Those casualties at Ilford, England - were caused
by panic. A subway train, catching fire in a tunnel - during
the rush hour. Someone shouting - "fire" A woman -screaming.
Men - battering at the doors. A stampede - through the cars.
Five hundred passengers - fighting to get out.

Fifty - injured, the blaze - minor.

DOG

In Devine, Texas, a house is in ruins tonight - all because a dog crawled under it. The House, belonging to Mrs. Egbert Hardcastle - who tried to shoo a stray pooch out of her yard. Instead, it scooted past her - under the house. Refusing - to come out.

Mrs. Hardcastle, calling the city officials - who sent water superintendent, Kurt Sollock. The ~~superintendent~~ ^{superintendent} ordering his men to drive the dog out - by spraying under the house. The spray - a mixture of insecticide and diesel oil.

The spray didn't move the dog; but it did move the house; and superintendent Sollock - and his three men. Causing an explosion that blew the building part. And hurling the superintendent into the street, with his assistants - piled on top of him. Bystanders, including Mrs. Mardcastle - knocked down by the blast.

No one seriously injured. Even the dog, surviving - howling dismally in the midst of the debris.

They finally rescued the pooch by blowing up the house,
Dick. The cost of catching one stray dog in Devine,
Texas - ten thousand bucks.

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EGGS

Here's the story of the men who came for the eggs - and got them - well - the place, Stopford, England; Mrs. Blaine's chicken farm.

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