

BERLIN

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Tonight, in the Chancelleries of the free world there's a feeling - that the western stand on Berlin is beginning to pay off. That Khrushchev realizes his bluff has been called - and is trying to back away from the international poker game that he started.

Exhibit A - the trial balloons launched by ~~the~~ the Reds in London. Communist diplomats, quietly suggesting that the British Prime Minister would be well received - if he decided to visit Moscow at this time. The comrades, eagerly pointing out - that Khrushchev is always willing to discuss the problems of the cold war. Problems - like Berlin. And since MacMillan went to Moscow at the time of Khrushchev's last Berlin ultimatum - why not now?

Some London observers ~~in~~ reply - that the Prime Minister ~~maxkan~~ knows the answer to that. MacMillan, realizing that Khrushchev is uneasy about the firm stand of the West - and is hoping to save his face in the Communist

world by wangling something that could be presented as a concession. After which, the boss of the Kremlin might astutely drop his Berlin ultimatum - temporarily. Revive it - at a time more favorable to the Soviet Union. A trap that Harold MacMillan - has no intention of walking into.

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Meanwhile, this Russian diplomatic ~~maneuver~~ maneuver - hasn't changed anything as far as the fundamental position of the allies is concerned. Our ~~gith~~ rights in West Berlin still not negotiable. Our intention - still to defend West Berlin from a Red take over. <sup>W</sup>Strategy? That's top secret - in London, Paris and Washington. A point - said to have Khrushchev worried. Especially with the West German Defense Minister in Washington - for talks on how to handle the Berlin situation.

In other words, the trial balloons in London - seem to fit a pattern. Khrushchev, trying to play down the challenge to the West - what he was trumpeting so loudly a few days ago.

# HUMPHREY FOLLOW BERLIN

We have an even stronger interpretation of  
Khrushchev's troubles - from Senator Hubert Humphrey.

The Minnesota Democrat, just back from Geneva - claims that

Khrushchev has worse problems than Berlin. In particular -

— <sup>in</sup> food, <sup>Both</sup> Russia, as well as Red China, - facing famine. With

rising discontent - among the ~~the~~ satellites. Senator

Humphrey calls the Communist bloc - "a rather wobbly empire."

Adding - "we should understand our strength, which is

immense."



CUBA

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Tonight the people of Cuba know the meaning of the line - "big brother is watching you." The Castro government is calling for - a hundred thousand neighborhood spy groups. Informers who will keep the dictator aware of - every vestige of opposition. Even children are urged - to report on their parents. Tell- big brother. Tell - Castro.



## MONSOON

From Asia, scattered reports of massive flooding - in the wake of the season's first monsoon rain. Hardest hit - South Korea and India.

In South Korea, two dams broke simultaneously - at Nam Won. Sending a torrent of water - thundering down on the town, And on - the surrounding countryside. The people had been warned in advance, but even so the death toll may reach a hundred and fifty. The ones who weren't quick enough - and were caught by the flood waters. Hundreds - injured. Twenty thousand - homeless. One group of South Koreans were trapped on a hill - and had to be flown out by helicopters. Many of them, in a state of shock - after watching the deluge engulf their homes and farms.

<sup>Western</sup>  
In India, a dam burst - on the Mutha River.

<sup>hill</sup>  
Result - the city of Poona is entirely isolated tonight.

Surrounded by a moat - three feet deep. One great hazard of this flood in western India - pollution of ~~the drink~~

drinking water. Poona, with a population of half a million - facing the threat of an epidemic.

HOFFA

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The mail fraud case against Jimmy Hoffa, ~~was~~ thrown out - on a technicality. A Grand Jury has indicted the Teamster boss - in regard to a real estate development near Titusville, Florida. Hoffa and two other Teamsters - accused of misappropriating half a million in union funds. This indictment, <sup>was</sup> dismissed today - on the ground that the Grand Jury was improperly selected.

Which means - that the case ~~is~~ is still open.

And Attorney General Kennedy says -he'll keep trying to pin the fraud on Hoffa.

The New York jury that found Dr. Robert Soblen guilty - did not recommend mercy. So the scientist convicted of war time ~~sp~~ espionage for the Russians - could get the death penalty. The irony is that Soblen is suffering from - a fatal case of leukemia. His doctors, giving him - a year to live. His appeal is expected to take - longer ~~than~~ than that. So if Soblen is condemned to death - nature probably will beat the state to it.



## STUDENTS

President Kennedy beat a hasty retreat this morning - from the White House rose garden. Escaping from - crowd of visitors. No - not for his own sake. For theirs.

Eighteen hundred foreign exchange students from fifty one nations - were having the high point of their American visit. A meeting with - the President of the United States. Mr. Kennedy gave them the usual pep talk - about international amity. Then he walked down the steps - to shake hands. The students immediately surged toward him - in a mass. Pushing, shouting - reaching forward. Knocking over - the ~~public~~ public address system. Tramping <sup>l</sup> those in front - who fell down. The ones in the middle - squeezed out of breath. Many - becoming faint.

1 1/2 The situation, so alarming - President Kennedy quickly ducked back into the White House. Police and Secret Service men, moving up - to save those who had fallen. Rather over-enthusiastic - those ~~in~~ students from all parts of the globe.

## TANK

In staid old Cambridge - Cambridge, England, <sup>that</sup>  
~~is~~ <sup>a</sup> British Army Sergeant said today, "they've done more  
damage than a squadron of tanks." ~~Who? Why, the school  
boys of Cambridge.~~

A week ago, the British Army moved a brand new  
centorian tank into the historic university town - as part  
of a recruiting drive. The local youngsters - invited to  
have a look at Britain's newest terror of the battlefield.

~~Not~~ The boys had a look all right - eight  
thousand dollars worth. In just one week - they accomplished  
the following. Ruining <sup>the</sup> tank's firing mechanism. Breaking  
- the periscope. Dismantling - the radio. Breaking off -  
the gunsight and the twelve foot aerials. Also, striping  
the interior of all moveables - including an army pistol.  
One ~~xxx~~ five year old even started the gigantic vehicle,  
and drove it several yards - before the soldiers came out  
of their daze and grabbed the controls.

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**A tank, immobilized - by an army of school boys.**

**In Cambridge, England, Dick - where most everybody  
rides a bicycle.**



The joint communique signed in Washington - says the obvious things. Mohammed Ayub Khan and John Kennedy - pledging a common approach to the cold war. Pakistan and the United States - to cooperate in saving the free nations of Asia from Red aggression, and so on.

What the communique does not say - is that the Pakistani leader made a terrific impression in Washington. Delivering on Capitol Hill one of the most forceful speeches - ever heard from a visiting dignitary. He didn't get ~~xx~~ everything he wanted - when the question of India and Kashmir came up. But he left no doubt of his ~~xx~~ stature - as a statesman, ~~or of~~ his right to ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> title - "The DeGaulle of Asia." Pakistan's - Mohammed Ayub Khan.