

CUBA

11. - *Alde. Fri. Aug. 31-62.*

You can judge how sensitive this country is to the Cuban situation -- by our quick reaction to that incident in the Caribbean. White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger calling a news conference at the White House revealing that one of our naval planes was fired on over international waters. The assailants, evidently two ships - of the Cuban Navy.

The administration waited only long enough to get the facts -- before dispatching a stiff protest to Havana by way of the Swiss Embassy. Along with the protest - a warning that we will meet force with force if ~~not~~ necessary. The U.S. armed forces to protect our rights in international waters and in the air above it.

STRIKE

In Chicago, Federal Mediator Frank O'Neill says "I don't see any quick settlement." Meaning this big western railroad strike may be a long one. The negotiations today, covering all the issues - with neither side budging an inch. Management, repeating - that the "anti-feather-bedding" regulations have to be introduced to keep the great Northwestern line solvent. The telegraphers, retorting - that they'll keep the Northwestern shut down, until their basic demands are met.

STEEL

Senator Kefauver's appeal for contempt of Congress citations - could lead to a lengthy process on Capitol Hill. From the sub-committee to the parent judiciary committee - and then to the floor of the Senate. With partisan politics - at every stage.

Anyway, Senator Kefauver is asking that four steel ~~in~~ companies - be called up on the Senatorial carpet, ~~nine~~ officials - who ~~if~~ refused to show their books to the Anti-Trust Sub-Committee, ~~And~~ then refused to appear - before ~~Senator~~ Kefauver and his colleagues. ~~All nine~~ ^{They were} served with subpoenas, ~~all nine~~ ^{and all} ignoring them. The Tennessee Democrat terms this - "contumacious, ~~conduct~~" ^{"a big word,} And asks for approval of - the contempt citations.

SATELLITE

The communication satellite bill, - The President, ~~as you know~~ signed it today. ^{It} is intended to prevent any private monopoly. The stock in Telstar and its sister satellite to be divided between the satellite corporation, and private investors. The corporation, barred from controlling - more than fifty percent of the stock. Hence - no monopoly.

As President Kennedy noted when he placed his signature on the bill - Telstar puts the American system into space. The system of free enterprise - limited by the government, in the public interest.

U THANT

The most interesting point about the Soviet Visit of the Acting Secretary General of the U N - his address to the Soviet people. U. Thant, recording a statement - for Radio Moscow, ~~Emphasizing~~ - the Congo, ^{and} ~~U. Thant~~ declaring in plain words - that the Russians don't know the truth about the U N operation. The truth, with^h held from them - by their government.

I wonder if U. Thant really expected Radio Moscow - to broadcast that part of his address? If so - he must be disappointed tonight. The Soviet censor ran a blue pencil through the whole passage - on the Congo. Censoring out - the appeal against censorship. ~~which, after all, is the business - of a Soviet censor.~~

ALGERIA

The question in Algeria tonight - will Ben Bella force a fighting showdown with the military commanders in Algiers? Politically both sides are trying to win over the people of that city. Both sides, calling for - street demonstrations. Both sides, maneuvering for control - without fighting.

That would explain why Ben Bella ordered his army to "sit down" - eighty miles from Algiers.

As for the people, the one thing on their minds seems to be - that they don't want any more fighting. Their cry again today: - "seven years of war are enough."

JOHNSON

Lyndon Johnson's greeting on Cyprus today - not as warm as in Lebanon and Turkey. Reason - the delicate political balance on the island, at the eastern end of the Mediterranean. Balance between Greeks and Turks. The people, too divided - to come out together and cheer a visitor from the United States.

That question of unity! The man from Texas mentioned over and over. But - many Cypriots don't want unity. The Greeks, believing that the island should be - Greek. The Turks, that it should be - Turkish. Hence no enthusiasm for the Johnson theme of one nation made up of two peoples.

But he was applauded - as he strolled through the streets of Nicosia. The crowd, waving American flags - shouting in English "long live Lyndon Johnson". Friendliness on Cyprus - where not all Cypriots are friends.

Next Greece, where some accuse us - of supporting Jugoslavia in the dispute over Macedonia.

FIRST LADY

The departure of Jacqueline Kennedy and Caroline from Ravello - was spectacular enough for technicolor. The entire population of the medieval Norman town - turning out to cheer them. Brass band - blaring American tunes. Rockets - arching into the sky, bursting into all the colors of the rainbow. Roses - showering down on the First Lady and her daughter.

Mrs. Kennedy, offering her thanks - to the Mayor and the Archbishop, and the officials of the city. Caroline, waving an Italian flag - as their car headed down that glorious romantic, glamorous road to Amalfi. If you haven't made the Amalfi Drive you haven't lived! Amalfi and Capri. Then - to Salerno by boat; by air to Rome and a plane on to New York.

Jacquie and Caroline, homeward bound, saying they'll return - to Sorrento."

MARRIAGE

A couple of stories in the news tonight, about a rather popular subject - marriage.

The first concerns Jim Panos of Newark, New Jersey - who died recently at the age of seventy-seven. Jim, a native of - St. Andreas, Greece, in his will, bequeathed twenty thousand dollars - to his home town - to the girls of St. Andreas, who need dowries. The home-town boy who made good in America, helping the gals to find husbands. The beguiling part old Jim Panos was a bachelor.

And one from Washington with a familiar ring. That "The first year - is the hardest." Researcher Tom Monahan has been studying statistics on married couples - and says - if you can survive the first twelve months, you can probably survive anything that happens later. In marriage "the first year is the hardest." In case you didn't know! Dick.

HOLIDAY

The following statistics - are enough to make anyone shudder. Around four hundred and fifty - killed. Some twenty thousand - injured. Bad as these figures sound, they're liable to come true - before this Labor Day ~~was~~ hiatus ends on Monday night. So predicted by - the National Safety Council.

One added hazard - this year. The railroad strike in the mid-west means that there'll be more than four hundred thousand cars - on the roads around Chicago. So the exhortation is more urgent than ever - "drive carefully."