

SYRIA

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The tip-off that something drastic had happened in Syria - was the way the Syrian radio identified itself this morning. The usual words are - "This is the radio of the United Arab Republic." But when it came on the air this morning, the words were - "This is Radio Damascus." The obvious interpretation - the Syrians asserting their independence against Egypt. And that turned out to be - the correct interpretation.

Syrian generals, attempting - an anti-Nasser coup. Seizing the radio station - broadcasting appeals to the people. Appeals to the nationalism - that has always been so strong in Syria. The Damascus mob, answering today - with massive street demonstrations. Tearing down U.A.R. flags - and pictures of Nasser. Shouting - for independence.

The strong man of Egypt promptly took to the air himself - in a broadcast beamed into Syria. Nasser, calling on the Syrian people to remain loyal - to the union with Egypt. Ordering a Syrian army to march on Damascus - put down the revolt.

First reports had it - that Nasser was being obeyed. But later word was that the revolt - had flared up again. The problem is that Syria is almost entirely sealed off - from the rest of the world. So we have no way of getting a direct answer to the question - of whether or not the U.A.R. is tottering. Whether or not Nasser is facing the ^{collapse}~~disintegration~~ of the political union - he devised.

U.N.

Britain and America are asking the U.N. to apply pressure - to the Soviet Union. The joint resolution, asking for a condemnation of - atomic testing. And a motion - that the Geneva test ban talks be resumed forthwith. This resolution will be debated first - in the U.N. political committee. If approved, it will go - to the floor of the General Assembly.

FALLOUT

~~Foreign~~ ^{right at this moment,} Red China, is getting a big dose of - radioactive fallout. So says Robert List, an American weather man - who specializes in climatology. Dr. List, stating his argument - in three parts. First, Soviet scientists recently touched off tremendous atomic explosions - at their testing grounds in central Asia and the Arctic. Secondly, the winds are blowing from both sites - into Red China. Third, it's raining in Red China - and rain is a major carrier of fallout.

I wonder what Mao Tse-tung -- thinks of that. Nuclear fallout, compliments of ^{Nikita Khrushchev,} - his rival for leadership of the Red empire, ~~Nikita Khrushchev,~~

HAMMARSKJOLD

~~Today~~ ^{today -} The late Secretary-General of the U.N. received tributes [^] from one of the newest institutions in the world; And - from one of the oldest. Dag Hammarskjold, commemorated at the U.N. in New York - and at the medieval cathedral in Uppsala, Sweden.

The U.N. played its last respects at a memorial service - in the hall of the General Assembly. The delegates heard a recording of Hammarskjold's voice - speaking on the philosophy of the U.N., ~~Emphasizing~~ the position of the Secretary-General - as a representative of all the nations. The memorial service, concluding with - Bethoven's triumphant Ninth Symphony.

Meanwhile, over in Sweden, the remains of the ~~great~~ ^{U.N.} Swedish statesman - were being driven in a hearse from Stockholm to Uppsala. The coffin, carried into Uppsala Cathedral - with its vaulted Gothic architecture; ^{and} ~~Laid~~ on the altar - in preparation for the funeral tomorrow. The funeral of - Dag Hammarskjold.

MANILA

The Philippine Islands may break diplomatic relations -
with Cuba. This, following charges by - a former attache' at
the Cuban Embassy in Manila. Freire Gonzales defected -
because he couldn't stand any more of Castro's Communism.
Gonzales, charging that the Manila Embassy is a headquarters
for - Communist propaganda; And a campaign to destroy
democracy - in the Philippines. Hence the possibility that
Manila will send home - the Ambassador from Havana.

~~For~~ ~~the~~ ~~leaders~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ Republican Party ^{leaders are} ~~are~~ ~~trying~~
^{Pondering over} ~~the~~ reaction to last night's announcement by

Richard N. Nixon. The former Vice-President, telling his news conference - he'll run for Governor of California next year, ^{and that} ~~he~~ won't seek the GOP presidential nomination in Nineteen Sixty-Four.

^{As for} That last Nixon statement - ~~is causing~~ ~~most~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~discussion~~, ^{One} possible contender for the nomination - takes it literally. Senator Barry Goldwater, arguing - that Nixon wouldn't run for one office, with his eye on another, ^{out} Especially since Californians would expect him - to serve ^{his} term as their Governor.

But Governor Rockefeller, another contender for Nineteen Sixty-Four -- disagrees. He notes that the Governor of California - is almost always mentioned as a candidate for the nomination. ^{As we all know} ~~and~~ the political picture could look very different - to the GOP as well as to Mr. Nixon -- by the time the nominating convention convenes.

The feeling around the GOP - seems to be that Nixon does mean what he says - about not seeking the nomination. But, that the former Vice-President would find it hard to refuse - should he be drafted by his party.

MISSILES

The Air Force announces that it will have fifty-four missile sites - by the end of the year. Double the number - now in operation. All fifty-four, ready to go at a moment's notice - with the big intercontinental missiles.

The twenty-seven new sites are distributed among - three widely separated spots on the map of America. Forbes Air Force base - in Kansas; Fairchild Air Force base - in ~~the~~ *the state* of Washington, ~~state~~ And Lowry Air Force base - in Wyoming.

SCIENCE

The latest protest against the distorted image of America abroad - comes from ~~Russia~~ President Kennedy's advisor on science. Professor Jerome Weisner, deploring the fact that so many people in other countries - believe that Russian science is ahead of ours. Actually, according to Professor Weisner - ~~the~~ *Russians are* ~~they're~~ behind us in practically every field, ~~From~~ atomic physics - to meteorology, ~~including~~ *and* - the exploration of outer space. *That* Soviet satellites *have* added far less data to space science - and, the Soviets haven't sent up half as many *of them* as we have.

The catch, of course, is that the Russians are ahead in the one field - with immense propaganda appeal; ~~Those~~ big Soviet boosters - capable of orbiting a manned space ship. As we *all* know, Khrushchev is getting a lot of mileage out of - his cosmonauts. Mileage - through space. And - in world public opinion.

PLANE

The hottest plane in the world - was just that today. The X-fifteen, flashing through the sky over the Mojave Desert - in a temperature test. Navy Pilot Forrest Petersen, dropping from under a jet bomber - at forty thousand feet. Giving his plane the gun - with a thrust of fifty-seven thousand pounds. Zooming to eighty thousand feet - before riding over the "top" of his flight arc. Hitting - thirty-five hundred miles an hour.

That's
~~X~~ Not a record - for speed; *did* But Pilot Petersen set a record - for heat. His X-fifteen, reaching a temperature of - one thousand degrees. *We* ~~You~~ can understand what that means when ~~we~~ *remember* ~~consider the fact~~ that water boils at just over two hundred degrees.

No wonder the X-fifteen trailed smoke, during the flight; ~~And~~ arrived back at base - with ~~most~~ of its paint seared off.

DRIVERS

Here's a question - for drivers. How would you like a plastic car - without fenders? You may be appalled at the idea - but ~~it~~ ^{I hear it} ~~certainly~~ appeals to the ladies. A conference of housewives in Chicago ^{is} calling for - radical innovations in automobile construction; ~~Beginning~~ ^{Beginning} with the eradication of fenders, to prevent the scrapes and dents - with which women drivers are so familiar. But the ladies add ^{that} they're still sure to be hitting one another; Hence - they want plastic bodies that will bounce back into shape.

Today, one unidentified man at this housewives' convention suggested timidly - that perhaps a few more driving lessons might be the answer. But he was promptly ^{sat upon} ~~rejected~~ - and the original motion carried. According to ^{these Chicago} women drivers, the answer ~~to women drivers~~ is plastic cars. ^{What do you} thinks?