

A report published in Prague -- must be causing shudders in Havana. For the first time -- a Red economist hints that Fidel Castro is costing too much, and may have to be -- dropped.

Economist Rudolf Selucky, just returned from Cuba, says the bearded dictator got into trouble -- for two reasons. First, his hostility toward his best customer -- the United States. And second -- his attempt to industrialize Cuba, while Cuban agriculture was deteriorating.

The Czech expert calls Castro's economic system -- "a disabled vehicle." And questions the wisdom of trying to keep it going. Especially since the Red nations -- including the Soviet Union -- need their money for more practical projects.

Behind the Iron Curtain -- talk of letting Cuba go it alone. I wonder what Castro - thinks of that.

## CANDIDATES

*Lyndon Johnson, in Indiana - questioned the political identity of his opponent. The President, suggesting that Barry Goldwater is not - "a real Republican candidate." L. B. J., returning to a theme - we've heard before. That the present G. O. P. ticket - represents interim leadership. A temporary phase - before the real Republicans resume control of the party.*

*Senator Goldwater - replies in kind. He denies that there's a genuine Democratic Party - in this election. He thinks it's more like - a Socialist Party. Big government, much spending, control of the individual - that's what President Johnson stands for, according to Goldwater.*

*Who considers it - Socialism.*

*Johnson implies - that no Republican is running for President.*

*Goldwater implies - that no true Democrat is running for President.*

## GOLDWATER

Barry Goldwater says that he is "pleased" because so many voters term themselves - "undecided." His logic being - that the Americans for Johnson have already made up their minds. With the result that most of the "undecided" vote - can be expected to go Republican next month.

The Republican candidate believes - that the big switch has already started. He asked his Texas audience today - to observe the way the polls are changing. Showing increased support - for the Goldwater-Miller ticket. The Arizona Senator admits - that he's still behind, ~~But he~~ predicts - a G.O.P. victory. Largely through - that "undecided" vote.

RUSK

The Secretary of State flatly denies that Viet Nam is being allowed to drift - until after the election. Dean Rusk, telling a news conference - that a foreign problem like this cannot be divided up into electoral terms. And that President Johnson will handle the Viet Nam problems as he sees fit - without regard to the election.

## VIET NAM

The attack by an American helicopter in South Viet Nam was "a classical error of war." So says - our Saigon Command. Referring to the fact that in virtually every conflict - some soldiers get killed by their own buddies. I suppose ~~that~~ the most famous example is Stonewall Jackson being shot - by his own sentries.

This time the whirlybird was covering - a ground assault. Evidently the pilot - became confused. He launched a rocket and machinegun barrage - at positions he thought were held by Red guerrillas. He must have been pleased with the success of the attack - until he returned to base, and learned that he had bombarded - loyalist troops. "A classical error - of war."

## DIPLOMATS

The case of those four Western diplomats who were harassed in Siberia - Khabarovsk - appears to depend on semantics. If by "espionage" you mean the stealing of state secrets - then the diplomats were not spies. Which is just what London and Washington - are saying.

But behind the Iron Curtain, the mere snapping of photographs - is considered "espionage." Since the diplomats were found with photographs in their cameras - Moscow insists on calling them spies.

In other words, if the British and the three Americans had been in the West - no one would have ransacked their hotel room. But the Russians aren't quite - that broadminded.

## ROUMANIA

The talks going on in Peking - are now preoccupied with the Red ideology. ~~That's~~<sup>So</sup> indicated by the presence of Premier Chou En-lai -- who considers himself an expert on the subject. Also on hand - the top theoretician of the Chinese Communist Party, ~~Plus~~ a couple of professors - of Marxist philosophy.

A rather formidable battery - facing the Premier of Roumania, ~~The Premier~~<sup>who</sup> is making a last-ditch effort to avoid a showdown -- between Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung. The showdown that the satellites fear - because they will be caught in the middle.

We don't know how the Peking conference has gone thus far - with regard to the national rivalry between Russia and Red China. As for the ideological dispute - it's clear that Mao is defending his version of Marxism-Leninism. Again terming Khrushchev - "a bourgeois revisionist." The Strongman of Red China, sending his most persuasive spokesman - to prove it to the Roumanian Premier.

## WEATHER

The weather east of the Rockies is too much - even for the atomic bomb. Our physicists were scheduled to touch off an underground nuclear blast - near Baxterville, Mississippi. A five kiloton explosion - in a deep salt cavern. Purpose - to test ~~our~~ detection equipment.

The device should have gone off - several days ago.

*But* it was delayed by "Hilda" - and rescheduled for today. *However* this hurricane is still causing gale winds and massive flooding in Mississippi. Hence - another postponement at the salt mine.

The atomic bomb - foiled by the weather.



## GIRLS

Those two girls from Cleveland who made an unauthorized jaunt to London - deny the charge they crossed the Atlantic -- to see the Beatles. Martha Schendel and Janice Hawkins -- both sixteen -- right in the middle of the so-called "Beatle generation." No one back in Cleveland could think of a better explanation -- they were picked up by London bobbies - last night, and handed over to the American Embassy. Their story -- they just came sightseeing.

But anyone who visits London -- has to finance the trip and the Cleveland police claim that Janice and Martha raised their finances -- when Martha signed a check on her parents' bank account. Amount of check -- one thousand, eight hundred dollars.

When she gets home -- sixteen year old Martha will face-among other things-a charge of forgery. Plus -- parental disapproval.

## BASEBALL

~~well,~~ What did you think of that controversial play -

in the second game of the World Series? Did the ball really hit

Joe Pepitone - when he was at the bat in the sixth inning?

The Cardinals were sure - it didn't. But Umpire Bill McKinley

~~was~~ right on top - of the play, ~~and he~~ said - the ball nicked

Pepitone's uniform. Allowing him to go - to first base. The

beginning of - a Yankee rally. And the Yanks kept going -

until that four-run ninth inning wrapped it up.

The score - eight to three. The World Series, all

square at a game apiece - as the two teams move on to Yankee

Stadium in New York. *Tonte, Dick, a twinkle in  
the CBS eye.*

## FIRST LADY

Here's what sounds like - the title of an old British folk song. "Lady Bird - Fly Away." But they weren't singing - in Savannah, Georgia. They were - heckling Ladybird Johnson. Meeting the Lady Bird Special with placards bearing those words. "Lady Bird - Fly Away."

Rather inhospitable - for the Deep South. Especially where a Southern belle - is concerned. Not to mention that this Lady Bird - is the First Lady. But it was - a minority opinion. Most of the Georgians who met the train - came to cheer and applaud.

In fact, a few of those placards - were torn ~~to shreds~~ to shreds. Bystanders - most of them teenagers of the feminine persuasion - not caring for those words. "Lady Bird - Fly Away."