

COMMON MARKET

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Tonight its official -- for Great Britain. Official application - for membership in the common market. The head of the British mission in Brussels - turning over a letter from his government. Waiting for a reply - which everyone in Brussels expects to be favorable. The members of the Common Market are anxious to have Britain join them - if its possible.

~~Incidentally~~ - There's ~~one bit of~~ irony in this transaction. The addressee of the letter from London - isn't very palatable in London. Not that the British have anything personal against the chairman of the Common Market Council. But after all, Ludwig Erhard is - a German. And the British would just as soon have sent their appeal to - the representative of some other continental country. Twice in this century, the British fought the Germans - to prevent them from dominating the continent. Now they're asking a German if it can be arranged - for them to enter the continent.

EAST GERMANY

The East German legislature is going to pass a law - to halt the exodus of refugees to the West. So announced - in the Red press. Needless to say, its being done - in typical Communist style. Beginning with - those phoney reports of mass demonstrations. The Communist regime, said to have received - a flood of demands by the people of the Soviet satellite. Demands - that the refugees be kept at home. Home - in East Germany *where they don't want to be.*

What the Red regime doesn't announce - is the effect of the mass flight. So many able bodied men have disappeared west - that an entire complex of industrial plants may have to be closed down. Not enough workers. East Germany, sinking deeper into an economic crisis - because so many of its people are in flight to freedom. ^R East Germany, preparing to stop the flight - by legislation -- if that's possible.

ANGOLA

The Portuguese government announces ^{the} capture of a key rebel stronghold in Angola. A stronghold with a rather impressive name - Nambuan-Gongo. Also - an impressive defense. Surrounded by the towering mountains of northern Angola - some of the toughest terrain in the world. It took the Portuguese army almost a month - to push through the mountains to Nambuan-Gongo. Three columns, converging on the fortress -- which was held by several thousand native Angolans. But they couldn't ^{stand} ~~stand~~ up to - the fire power of a modern army. Not when they had to use old fashioned rifles - against machine guns. The attackers stormed in - after inflicting heavy losses on the defenders. Tonight, the Portuguese ^{once more} ~~are~~ in possession of - Nambuan-Gongo, in the mountains of Angola.

KENNEDY

One of the interesting things President Kennedy said at his news conference today - concerned his own status. The question of what to do - should he become incapacitated. The answer - the same as that reached by President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon. Vice President Johnson, to take over as "Acting President," if Mr. Kennedy no longer could fulfill the office of President. The Vice President, to act with the advice of the cabinet - if they are available. But ~~he~~ is empowered to make his own decision^s - without waiting to confer with anyone else.

The rest of today's presidential news conference - covered ~~the~~ obvious points. Atomic testing? President Kennedy's scientific advisors have told him - that atomic explosions cannot be effectively policed from ~~an~~ outside the Soviet Union. Hence, the President is sending his representative back to Geneva - for one more try at an agreement with the Russians.

HIJACK

One odd thing about that hijacked airliner is that Castro's government made a mistake in identifying the gunman. Havana radio, repeatedly naming - Hector Vioni, an attorney from Richmond, Indiana. The assertion, astonishing the people of Richmond - who know Hector Vioni as a dignified, responsible member of the legal profession. Said one of his colleagues at the Indiana bar - "Hector is the last man in the world to hijack a plane."

So - why the wrong identification in Havana? No one knows. But the American attorney was on the plane - and somehow Castro's men tapped him for the star part.

At any rate, the hijacker - turned out to be Albert Cadon, born in France - a waiter in New York, - a man who has been under mental observation. That's a point President Kennedy noted at his news conference-when he said that unstable people must be prevented from seizing planes in the sky. The President, putting border

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patrolmen
/aboard some airliners - to stop these dangerous incidents
before they begin.

At the same time, the Senate has approved a bill -
to deal with hijackers. Providing penalties - ranging from
twenty years in jail, to death.

Where will it all end? Probably with - a new
statute for the books of international law. America is not
the only nation disturbed by - this novel crime of the
Twentieth Century. Castro today suggested an agreement on
hijackers - between Havana and Washington. Which reflects
Castro's concern over- ^{the} attempted hijacking of a Cuban
plane. ^{So} ~~and~~ the concern is widespread, - ~~throughout the free~~
~~world.~~

The nations, apparently are about to come together
- just as they did in the age of piracy. Only this time
its air ~~pir~~ piracy.

Can you imagine what Hector Vioris's
friends were asking each other when they got
that wrong report about one of their distinguished
fellow citizens. - in the fine Hoosier city of Richmond.

DIPLOMAT FOLLOW HIJACK

The hijacking of the Pan American jetliner - could be of some use to the western hemisphere. Reason - Doctor Julio Turbay of Colombia, was on board. Doctor Turbay, carrying a plan - to bring Cuba back into the community of the Americas. Since he was in Havana anyway - by choice of the hijacker - the Colombian diplomat decided to mention the matter to Castro. Telling the Cuban Dictator frankly - that his ties with Communism violate the Inter-American system. Asking Castro to restore Cuba - to its historic place in the western tradition.

Did the appeal - have any effect? No word on that from Doctor Turbay - or Castro.

The free world, at least a considerable part of it, has been saluting its number one benefactor today, the man who probably has been responsible for saving more human lives than any man who ever lived. On radio, television and in ~~the~~ newspapers everywhere, there have been tributes to Herbert Hoover on his Eighty-Seventh birthday. There have been endless comments about his capacity for work, the new xi volume just off the press that will be in the book stores three or four weeks from now. ^W But, perhaps the most amazing thing about The Chief, ~~as~~ as his friends call him, is that he has blocked out enough work to keep him and a large staff busy for years to come. I talked with his Man Friday, Bernice Miller, a few moments ago, and she ~~said~~ ^{YA} that he has another volume almost ready -- not the one that will be in the bookstores early in September. Still another, that will bring this particular series down through World War Two. But on top of that, he is at work on another two-volume project that will ~~not~~ deal with America's foreign

relations and will spread out before us the panorama of Communism with all the deceit, conniving, and ~~living~~ and evil that has spread over much of the world since the Bolsheviks overthrew the Czars.

So today on his Eighty-Seventh birthday, this American who stands above his fellow men like Mt. Everest, is looking forward to one of the most important tasks of his inspiring career, a life of work unsurpassed in the annals of Man.

Herbert Hoover at eighty-seven still active enough - to tire out men half his age. Keeping seven secretaries busy. Writing three books - and countless speeches. Advising - the Boys Clubs of America, ^{and} an active trustee of many organizations. A professional eye always on the international scene.

The Hoover text for today - "We Americans should not despair of our future." Our former President thinks

we still have the qualities - that conquered a continent:
Courage, skill, endurance, industry - and so on. There's
one thing for sure, we ~~are~~ know where we can find them
all - in one American. We find them in Herbert Hoover who
is setting an example for all of us. Makes me want to turn
out as much work and ~~am~~ do as much for my fellow man as he
does. Maybe we can't keep up with the eighty-seven year
young Chief, Dick, but let's try. How about it.?