

## LATIN AMERICA

The policy report on Latin America that was made public today-is our strongest declaration with regard to Castroite-Communist subversion. Assistant secretary of state Edwin ~~Martin~~ Martin, telling the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee that the American armed forces are ready for action. Ready to help any nation in Latin America-that is threatened with a Red-coup. Said the assistant secretary of state-"we are prepared militarily, in anticipation of a political decision." The Army, Navy and Air Force, on a standby basis-waiting for the President to give the order. This country, not to remain idle, while another Castro sets up another police state.

## CUBA FOLLOW LATIN AMERICA

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Meanwhile, Castro himself is becoming less palatable-to his neighbors. His police state, running into the usual problems of Communist societies. The problem of-dishonesty on the part of the party faithful. The bearded dictator following the lead of the Soviet Union-introducing new Draconian measures. From now on, the ~~penalty~~ penalty will be death-for those <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ don't work. Of whom, Castro tells us-there are many in Cuba.

## RUSSIA

The latest shakeup in Moscow means that Nikita is still running hard. Still trying to catch up with America's economy. The boss of the Kremlin has boasted so often about the superiority of the Soviet system that even the Soviet people are beginning to ask what happened to the consumer goods. And why the crisis appears to be chronic-down on the Red farm.

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Khrushchev's answer-the state ~~plan~~ planning has been poor. That is the planning of his underlings. You can guess the rest. Heads rolling-on the lower echelons of the Soviet bureaucracy. The Bolshevik tsar, looking for someone who can make the Soviet system work as well as the American system.

Khrushchev's latest idea-increase the ~~the~~ Soviet milk supply by raising herds of camels. Maybe that one isn't so bad. After all , the camel has been the basis of central Asian economy--from time immemorial.

## MOSCOW

That demonstration in Moscow was a typical Communist affair. Obviously ordered by the authorities. Nothing spontaneous about it. The Moscow police even helped the demonstrators with their placards and bottles of ink.

Target—the Iraqi Embassy in the Soviet capital. Reason—the crackdown on the Reds in Iraq. The Junta in Baghdad, terming the Communist Party—"subversive." Starting a house-to-house search for members—many of whom have been killed resisting arrest.

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The Kremlin decided that something should be done about it. Namely—an organized riot at the Iraqi embassy. Demonstrators yelling epithets, hurling bottles of ink, tacking pro-Communist placards to the fence<sup>2</sup> around the embassy grounds. The Moscow police, conveniently producing string<sup>—</sup> to tie the placards, <sup>and</sup> bottles of red and green ink to throw.

## INCIDENT

Moscow apparently wants to start a war of nerves-over that so-called incident off Norfolk, Virginia. The phoney story about American warships-harassing Soviet trawlers. The Kremlin, charging that two cruisers and one destroyer-fired salvos with dummy warheads.

Today, the Moscow press was full of reports-from the skippers of the trawlers. Filling in what the Russians called-the details. The propoganda drums, throbbing-behind the Iron Curtain.

The facts? there were no American cruisers in the area. Just one destroyer-engaged in target practice. As for other ships at sea-there wasn't one within 12 miles. Says the State Department of the Soviet story-"without foundation, entirely false."

## SPACE

A space expert says that we are <sup>only</sup> now ~~one~~ year behind the Russians. And that is an optimistic report. Dr. Willy Ley, reminding us about the big Soviet headstart. Khrushchev ordering monster rockets for war. Then finding that they could be put to work exploring space.

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But we were not interested in missile warfare at that time. Hence, we were still tinkering with rockets when the first Soviet Sputnik went into orbit. The Russians, also first in orbiting a Cosmonaut and in flying two-manned space capsules at the same time. We had a long, long way to go. And, we've come a long way. Only a year behind now and <sup>He says</sup> narrowing the gap. We'll have to watch more Soviet space spectaculars before we catch up, But <sup>he thinks</sup> we'll probably beat the Russians to the moon, according to Willy Ley, who is often ~~called~~ called "the father of rocketry."

## SLED

The aircraft escape capsule that was being tested at Edwards Air Force Base, California broke loose too soon. The dummy hurled high into the air-when the rocket sled was only half way down the track. And the fuselage of the mock plane-went with it.

The whole contraption crashing back to earth-scattering debris over a wide area. Dangerous debris-because the rocket engine was still alive <sup>and</sup> might erupt-if anyone touched it. That's ~~why~~ why the Air Force called a "red condition."-keeping everyone away until the parts could be collected. Tonight they're trying to find out just what went wrong with the rocket sled that traveled more than one thousand miles an hour.

## GENERAL MOTORS

The suit against General Motors that was dismissed today- involved quite a sum of money. Conviction could have carried a fifty thousand dollar fine-for each defendant. And there were three hundred and 51 defendants .

The charge-violating the anti-trust laws, in marketing cars on the West Coast. But District Judge Thurmond Clarke- told the court in Los Angeles-"I don't go along with the indictment." The defendants-acquitted.



## WEATHER

More than 40 counties in two states-have been declared disaster areas by the President. Kentucky and West Virginia, devastated-by floods. Many-fatalities. Thousands-of evacuees. Damage-<sup>around</sup> twenty-five million dollars in each state.

The toll, too much for the local authorities. Especially that old danger of an epidemic. So the federal government is helping out with-food, medical supplies, and vaccine.

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Ironically, most of the ~~flooded~~ flooded area-had fair weather today. Air-balmy, bright sunlight-a touch of Spring, before the official arrival of Spring. I suppose ~~that~~ everyone is thankful-about the end of the rain. Still it's a poignant contrast-blue sky above, sodden mass under foot.

## BARREL

*At Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands -*

*Pedro Leon has ended up in the psychiatric ward. Pedro set out on a solo voyage across the Atlantic, but Pedro capsized.*

*What's the story? Skipper Pedro's craft - a barrel. Provisions - two bottles of water, two loaves of bread, two pounds of corn meal. Hardly enough for an expedition to rival the Kon Tiki raft voyage across the South Pacific. Nor did this voyage last quite so long. The explorer gave one dip with his paddle, traveled one yard - and turned over. Scrambling back in he gave a repeat performance. Whereupon the spectators - had had enough. They fished Pedro out - and hustled him off to the looney bin.*

*And that's the story, Dick, of the bold explorer who thought he could sail the Atlantic in a barrel. Poor Pedro.*

## MONEY

If you've been picking up hundred dollar bills on your front lawn you must live in Washington. Probably on swank Connecticut Avenue—where hundred dollar bills are not entirely unfamiliar.

~~Here's~~ what happened? Two gunmen held up a bank—and got away with almost six thousand dollars. Most of it in hundreds, fifties and twenties. But!

~~During~~ the pursuit—their paper bag burst open. Spilling greenbacks onto Connecticut Avenue where the wind quickly blew them away. The bandits—captured. The residents of the area in the race for—those hundred dollar bills.

Also for the fifties and twenties. Turning in one thousand dollars—that <sup>had</sup> ~~was~~ literally Gone With The Wind.