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## BULL

Place - Perth, Scotland. A big, black Angus, escaping from a farm - clipp-cropping down the road, into Perth. Pedestrians - jumping through doors, cats - scrambling up trees; bobbies, worried as el toro trotted by.

In Perth, the bull spotted a doorway - and decided to have a look inside. And - it turned out to be - the door of a china shop. Getting his horns wedged tight so that he shook the whole building, before they could get him loose.

The owner spending those twenty minutes running from shelf to shelf, catching plates and pitchers as they tumbled to the floor. The bull in the china shop.

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## KENNEDY

At his news conference today, President Kennedy ran down - the obvious list of subjects. Obvious - because there haven't been any new crises in the past week. Just the old ones - that refuse to go away. Unless you consider the heckling of Robert Kennedy in Tokyo - a crisis.

~~What about - the world-touring Attorney General? President Kennedy said he's pleased about - his brother's reception in Japan. And ~~what~~ about Robert Kennedy's reaction to - that Left Wing outburst at Waseda University. The Attorney General, stressing the democratic right - of free speech. Hearing out his hecklers - before making a response, that brought cheers from the rest of the Japanese audience.~~

Turning to another place in Asia - President Kennedy admitted that the Red rebels are endangering the cease-fire in Laos. Endangering it, by violating it, - with their present offensive against Nam Tha. Why doesn't Khrushchev call them off? Mr. Kennedy refused to speculate - about that. He just hopes that the Laotian princes will get on with - their

coalition government.

Berlin? President Kennedy agrees - that the tension has relaxed in the past few weeks. Perhaps due to Khrushchev's preoccupation elsewhere - the poor state of Soviet agriculture, the challenge from Red China, and so on. But President Kennedy reminded his audience that Berlin can become a hot spot again - whenever Khrushchev decides to make it one. Hence our continuing determination - to defend our rights.

The key domestic issue at the moment - that Kennedy plan for a Department of Urban Affairs. The plan, as you know - is causing a partisan battle in Congress. Today, President Kennedy deplored the fact that he is being supported by - most Democratic leaders in Congress. And opposed by - most Republican leaders. The President feels that our big cities need special help from the federal government - and he'd like to give it to them, with bi-partisan support.

Censorship in the Pentagon? President Kennedy is firmly behind Secretary of Defense McNamara - who refuses to

name the censors who have been wielding the blue pencil. As for the idea of censoring military commanders - Mr. Kennedy pointed out that this has to be done, to prevent generals and admirals from contradicting the government.

ADD KENNEDY

On that question of military stockpiling, which featured so prominently at the last presidential news conference - President Kennedy is appointing a committee - to investigate the seven billion dollar hoard; and report back to him.

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ROBERT KENNEDY

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of U.N. bonds - sounds like an Aristotelian syllogism. Our  
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STEVENS ON

Adlai Stevenson's logic in defending American purchase of U.N. bonds - sounds like an Aristotelian syllogism. Our Ambassador to the U.N. thinks it would be to our advantage - to give the U.N. a hundred million dollars, if that was the only way of saving the international organization. Consequently, we should be glad that there's an alternative to an outright gift - U.N. bonds. Stevenson, telling Senate investigators - that ~~with~~ without the U.N., we'd have a whole series of conflicts on our hands. The Congo, the Middle East, Laos - and so on. And the cost in money, not to mention lives - would be a lot more than a mere hundred million dollars.

CASTRO

An anti-Communist official in Rio de Janeiro commented today - "Castro is becoming the best ally we have." Meaning - the bearded dictator, always doing something to antagonize those who might support him. First, it was his admission - that he <sup>has</sup> always been a Communist. Castro, pulling the rug out from under his friends - who insisted he was ~~the~~ ~~Red~~, just a Cuban patriot ~~interested~~ interested in reform. — Not a Red!

Today, Castro - did it again. Causing a lot of Brazilians to jump off his bandwagon - because of <sup>a Castro</sup> ~~that~~ call for "the liberation of Brazil." <sup>That is</sup> <sup>was</sup> The call, made by a Brazilian leader - in Havana, <sup>with</sup> - Castro's blessing. This - just after Brazil refused to vote for strong anti-Castro measures at Punta del Este.

Still, "the liberation of Brazil" might not be so easy - considering what happened to the Castroite rebels in Guatemala. The rebels, attacking an army post - escaping with trucks, equipment and prisoners. But they were overtaken and defeated - by <sup>a</sup> detachment of the Guatemalan army. The rebels,

fleeing into the jungle - with bullets whistling around their ears. Their prisoners - released. Tonight, some of the rebels are prisoners.

At the same time, Argentina is taking - a stronger anti-Castro line. Preparing to break diplomatic relations - with the petty tyrant who lords it over Havana.

## ATOMIC

Britain and America are offering one another - tit for tat. Subject - atomic explosions. Prime Minister Macmillan, letting the Americans use Christmas Island in the Pacific - for nuclear blasts in the atmosphere. We, returning the compliment, by making available our Nevada test site - for the British to touch off underground explosions.

This, the Allied answer - to Khrushchev's violation of the test moratorium. London and Washington, agreeing that we cannot let the boss of the Kremlin break his word - and get away with it. Both nations, now prepared to test - if and when they think it necessary.

## MALROUX

When Andre Malroux joined the DeGaulle government,

he remarked with some satisfaction - "I'm sure I'll

find politics more exciting than art." Today Malroux

became - a prophet. You'd think the French Minister of

Culture - might escape the Algerian terrorism. But no -

the Right Wing underground today did a "plastic job"

on Malroux's Paris home. A terrorist, hurling a home-

made bomb - through the window. The room - almost

wrecked. An old woman and a young girl - injured.

Malroux, escaping - because he was away at the

office. But I imagine that tonight he's having a few

thoughts - about the good old days; when he had nothing

worse to fear Dick than - the Paris critics.

## SHARKS

At Winkley-pruit, South Africa - they've cordoned off "Shark Pool." The name, meaning - just what it says. The Indian Ocean near Durban - infested with sharks, this season. Dozens of them, spotted - within the past two months. Two fatalities - within the past week. The name "Winkley-pruit" - may sound faintly comical. "Shark Pool" - rather romantic. But there's nothing either comical or romantic - about having a tiger of the sea for a companion, when you're taking a dip. So the city fathers of Winkley-pruit are telling everybody - to stay on the beach. Leave "Shark Pool" -to the sharks.