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(Richard ~~Q~~ ~~Hottel~~ ~~substituting~~)

Good Evening Everybody:

The feeling at the U.N. headquarters in the Congo tonight, is that the Congo problem may be close to a solution. A solution - minus Tshombe. The leader of secessionist Katanga, now so discredited - so they think at the U.N. - that Leopoldville may ignore him when the new Congo constitution is drawn up.

This as a result of the U.N. invasion of Katanga. The international army, capturing the mining center of Jadotville - after a brief battle. Then plunging on toward Kolwezie - the last stronghold in front of Tshombe's capital at Elizabethville. The Katanga army, retreating in disarray.

**The rich province, now apparently to be brought back into a unified Congo, with Tshombe - or without him.**

**But there is criticism in the west - especially in Britain - of this U.N. operation.**

**And Secretary General U-Thant has ordered**

**Ralph Bunche to fly to the Congo, on a fact-finding mission.**

## RUSSIANS

Westerners in Moscow hope the Soviet Foreign Ministry meant what it said to those would-be refugees - who tried to find asylum at the American Embassy. "Nothing will happen to you" said a Soviet official to the group of Evangelical Christians. But they didn't believe him.

The thirty-two men, women and children traveled two thousand miles from Siberia to Moscow. To escape persecution by the Reds they said. Their hope - to gain asylum in a western Embassy and then find a permanent home in the West beyond the Iron Curtain. They chose the American Embassy.

Unfortunately our policy is to refuse asylum to Soviet citizens. And so the refugees were placed in a bus and driven out of the Embassy grounds. The one hope for their safety - that

promise by the Kremlin spokesman - "nothing will  
happen to you". We wonder.

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in the grip of fright weather - blowing west from the steppes  
of Russia.

## BERLIN

The Russian Bear didn't stop the U S Army today - but the Russian winter did. An American military convoy, cleared for the run to West Berlin - in record time. The Soviet border guards - barely looking at their papers. Then - waving them through the checkpoints.

Nevertheless, the trucks of the convoy - were three hours late when they reached West Berlin. They had been slowed to a crawl - by snow, ice and frozen fuel lines. Europe, still in the grip of frigid weather - blowing west from the Steppes of Russia.

BULGARIAN

Italy's U-2 case in reverse" - was nothing of the kind. So ruled by the Judge in Bari - who released Lieutenant Milusk Solakov of the Bulgarian Air Force.

Last January, Solakov crash-landed near Bari. He claimed - that he was fleeing to the West. The Bulgarian government claimed - that he lost his way. But some skeptics in Italy claimed - that he was photographing Nato installations. A high-level espionage mission - or "U-2 case in reverse."

The judge says "no" - because the Bulgarian plane had only routine photographic equipment. And ~~did~~ not have enough fuel to return to base.

Hence - Pilot Solakov is a free man tonight.

VIET NAM

American military commanders in South Viet Nam -  
admit ~~that~~ they are angry tonight. *Not because of*  
~~that~~ the Vietnamese army <sup>being</sup> was defeated - by the Red guerrillas.  
~~that~~ the Vietnamese army was defeated - by the Red guerrillas.  
It's the way - they were beaten.

The loyalists, ferried to the battlefield - in  
American helicopters, ~~Backed~~ by - artillery, tanks and planes,  
~~They~~ had a ten to one numerical advantage - ~~was~~ over the  
guerrillas. And yet the guerrillas fought them to a standstill  
- before disappearing into the jungle.

The American advisors blame the failure - on the  
Vietnamese commanders. Too little initiative by those - who  
are supposed to be defending their homeland from the Reds.  
*Also a snafu.*  
~~And there was incompetence - when~~ Vietnamese troops ~~were~~  
shelled by their own guns.

The guerrillas, estimated at only two hundred men -  
inflicted one hundred casualties on the loyalists, ~~Plus~~ a  
dozen Americans hit; ~~by bullets~~ of whom three were killed.

DEGAULLE

The President of France is saying to the President of the United States - "yes and no". Except that Charles DeGaulle would insist on saying it in French - "Oui et non."

Whatever the language - the meaning is the same.

DeGaulle is willing to discuss any American ideas - on ~~the~~ the nuclear deterrent. But ~~he~~ he will not call a ~~an~~ halt to the French drive - toward nuclear self-sufficiency. In particular, no exchange of French rockets in French hands - for American Polaris missiles under Nato.



## MILITARY

The pay increases that the Pentagon wants for the military - would amount to one billion, seven hundred million dollars. This figure, not out of line in the view of Secretary McNamara - because service men have not received a salary hike in almost five years. Besides, the Secretary of Defense hopes that a rise in the wage scale - will induce more men to make a career in the armed forces.

## TAXES

I don't suppose ~~that~~ many of you will be annoyed - by this item. Income taxes are scheduled to go down - in July. At least, President ~~in~~ Kennedy intends to ask Congress - to okay the measure. A tax cut adding up to - eight billion dollars. Purpose - to give the national economy a shot in the arm.

What about the deficit - at the U S Treasury? The Administration hopes to take up some of the slack - by closing tax loopholes. Beginning with expense accounts <sup>sometimes</sup> ~~the~~ ~~value~~ <sub>called the</sub> ~~known~~ swindle sheet. The ~~rest~~ rest of the revenue, to be made up from - higher productivity and higher incomes.

And now let's switch to Australia and listen to another of my reports from there.

## NEW FRUIT

I promised to tell you how to make  
a fortune didn't I? Huh, mebbe it isn't an easy  
way to do it. Anyhow, here's the idea :-  
Two of my Australian friends have introduced me to  
a fruit I had never heard of before. And if you  
would like to introduce it into California or  
Arizona, I don't see how you can miss. In  
Australia they raise it in Queensland, in the  
sub-tropics. It's called monsterio delisioso.  
That's what you ask for when you go to your  
fruiterer. You say - "The Missus told me to  
bring home a dozen monsterio delisioso." No other  
name. Not yet. It's the size of a grapefruit,  
with a krinkly green skin that resembles the  
outside of a pineapple. But inside is the  
exciting part - inside are one hundred or more

sections, each about a half inch square and each with a different fruit flavor. If you had a place just down the road from a Howard Johnson's don't you see how you would soon put them out of business with their mere twenty-eight or so varieties?

In this one magic fruit right out of the Garden of Eden, you get apple, orange, grapes, peach, pear, pineapple, plum mango, papaya, banana, pomegranate and even passion fruit. One shop here in Sydney on King Street specializes in monsterio delisioso, flown two thousand miles down from Cairns in the Australian tropics.

Dick, when you retire wouldn't you like to sit in your orchard enjoying a luscious monsterio delisioso?