

PARIS

L.T.-Olds. Tues. Dec. 12-61.

The allied conference in Paris, - seems to have run into an impasse. The conflict between France and the others - apparently insoluble. The reason, oddly enough - something that happened three thousand miles away. Yesterday's Washington speech - by the Soviet Ambassador to the United States. Menshikov, making those intransigent remarks - in which he virtually demanded a Berlin settlement on Soviet terms.

The point, in Paris - DeGaulle now feels vindicated in his opinion of Khrushchev. DeGaulle, more ~~is~~ sure than ever - that this is no time to negotiate with the boss of the Kremlin. Paris ~~is~~ absolutely refusing to go along with the rest of the allies - in approaching Khrushchev on the Berlin issue.

London, Bonn, and Washington - trying to see if there's a way out of this impasse. Which - there ~~is~~ doesn't seem to be.

GENERAL

The Western Allies are brushing off that Soviet attack - on the Chairman of the Nato military committee. General Heusinger of West Germany - termed a "war criminal by Moscow, this despite the fact that Heusinger - has twice been cleared. First - by the West German government. After that - by the Nato command.

The Russian charges, castigated in Washington - as "artificial, ludicrous." Khrushchev's motive - in becoming artificial and ludicrous? That's easy. The Soviet boss, trying to create dissension among the diplomats - who are in Paris for a Nato council meeting.

PLANES

The most authoritative British publication on aviation - warns us not to over-estimate the Russians.

"Jane's all the world's aircraft" out today with its latest issue analyzing - the air exhibition in Moscow, last July.

Many western observers were much impressed - because what they saw was revolutionary, compared to what the Russians had shown them before.

"Jane's" comment - Khrushchev ordered five years of development to be put into ~~one~~ one display. Giving the impression of - a big technical jump ahead. His planes, new to the West - but some of them were several years old.

CONGO

The story from the Congo tonight - features "The Flying Barrel". Sounds like - African witchcraft. Medicine men, making objects fly through the air - by appropriate incantations. Actually, "The Flying Barrel" is an example of - advanced western technology. A jet fighter - developed in Sweden. Two of the Swedish fighters - or "barrels" - hitting an airstrip in Katanga. Blowing up one of the planes ^{on the air strip} that have been harrassing the U N ground forces.

Meanwhile, the battle of Katanga - goes on. Each side - claiming success. Each side - accusing the other of atrocities.

U N FOLLOW CONGO

The U N is worried about the fighting in Katanga - for more than military and political reasons. Katanga is playing havoc with - the U N budget. Pushing the total cost of the Congo operation - close to fifty-six million dollars in the Red.

The nub of the financial problem - so many delinquentⁿ members of the international organization. The number of nations that have paid their dues in full - only fifteen out of a hundred-and-three. One of the fifteen - the United States. Conspicuous among the delinquents - the Soviet Union.

Unpaid assessments at the U N now total - over a hundred million dollars. Driving the organization toward what acting Secretary General U Thant describes as "imminent bankruptcy."

DOMINICAN

Those mobs that twice invaded our consulate in Santo Domingo today - were looking for Dominican informers. Accusing us of giving refuge to - Pro-Trujillo agents. The rioters stormed into the building, and caused much damage before the police were able to push them out. After that - they roamed through the streets - overturning cars, breaking windows, and so on.

What about - the so-called informers? A Consulate spokesman says - nothing to it. The only Dominicans entering the consulate today, except the uninvited mob - Dominicans applying for American visas.

WEATHER

Last night, I told of the Bureau predicting - a cold hard winter, in the mid-west and on the Great Plains. And that's what they're getting.

The temperature there - far below zero. Thirty-five below - in Havre, Montana. Even three below as far south as Amarillo, Texas, with the air so piercing; they say that it's hard to breathe. "Like breathing razor blades" - as one Amarilloan puts it. In Potosi, Missouri - all schools closed by a flu epidemic that swept through - eight hundred out of two thousand pupils.

Snow? Mountains of it. The deepest drifts in Nebraska - where more than ten inches fell within a few hours. Enough snow to paralyze traffic - as far south as Oklahoma. Here in the East winter winds of gale force. Fourteen hundred paratroopers at Camp Drum had their jump cancelled today - because of the wind.

FOOTBALL

The "Lineman of the year" is putting a crimp in - an old canard about football players. The canard - that you have to be a numbskull to be an "All-American."

Best of the Nineteen Sixty One crop - Guard Joe Romig of Colorado. A great blocker and linebacker - who led his team to nine victories in ten games. He was the main reason why Colorado received that invitation -to play in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day.

Joe, as good with the books - as he is with a football, *— a second Whizzer White.* A straight "A" student - scoring three point eight seven in class, out of a possible four. And this All-American is not studying physical ed. either. His subject - one of the toughest - physics. He says he wants to go into advanced laboratory work - when he graduates from college.

No wonder Joe Romig learns his football assignments so easily. ~~That~~ Those blocking patterns must be simple to master - when you're accustomed to the theory of atomic structure, and the mathematics of moving bodies.

PIRATE

The boldest pirate since the days of the
Buccaneers - boarded ship in Florida's Biscayne Bay last
night. Ronald Doche, who seized a cabin cruiser - and then
led the coast guard a merry chase.

The Miami police, alerted, ~~by a witness~~ - arrived
just in time to see the stolen craft roar off. The pirate,
giving her the gun - through a ~~■~~ hail of bullets, ^{on his way} ~~Heading~~
^{to} ~~for~~ the Atlantic. ~~This time,~~ They thought they could head
~~■~~ him off - at ~~the~~ Narrows. ~~■~~ But ^{there} ~~again~~ he ran the
gauntlet - and escaped into the open sea.

~~By now, a couple of~~ Coast Guard cutters ^{now} ~~were~~ in
full pursuit. A wild chase off the Florida coast - with
a hail of bullets flying around the pirated vessel. Buccaneer
Doche, rising - to the occasion. Wheeling his cabin cruiser
around - and ^{heading} ~~sailing~~ straight ^{for} ~~toward~~ the nearest Coast Guard
Cutter, ~~Bent~~ - on ramming it. The pilot of the cutter,
~~forced to~~ veer ^{ed} ~~to~~ ^{just} ~~in~~ the nick of time.

~~Well, either the fugitive ship nor its ersatz~~

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Then - the cabin cruiser's engine stalled. Coast guardsmen, leaping aboard - slapping handcuffs on the man at the wheel.

Piracy - Dick - with everything but the Jolly Roger.

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RADIO

Here's an interesting statement. The Air Force is asking the hams - to listen to Oscar. Gibberish? No, it makes good sense - once it's decoded.

The hams - amateur radio operators. Oscar - a radio transmitter now orbiting the earth, across the Poles. It rode into outer space today - aboard a Discoverer Satellite. A perfect shot - launched ~~by~~ at Vandenberg Air Force base.

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