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The consensus concerning Cyprus among Western spokesmen - is that the crisis is not getting any worse. That today's flights of Turkish jets across the island were simply reconnaissance missions. No more attacks - on Greek Cypriot positions.

The cease fire is being observed by both sides - according to the U.N. command.

Which gives diplomats a little elbow room - as they look for a diplomatic solution to the problem of Cyprus, at - the U.N.

VIET NAM

Senator Goldwater has said that Viet Nam - ^{may} ~~will~~
be a campaign issue. ^{and} It already is causing partisan
dispute - on Capitol Hill.

Specifically, President Johnson's public
announcement - that our planes were on the way to hit
targets along the coast of North Viet Nam. Did that
announcement - jeopardize the ⁱⁿ mission? The Pentagon
says - "no." Secretary McNamara, insisting - that
the Reds had picked up the planes on their radar, ^{and}
that it was to our advantage - to let the world know
exactly what was happening.

But on Capitol Hill - some Republicans deny this.
^{Congressman} ~~Senator~~ Foreman of Texas compares the President's
action - to a soldier notifying the enemy about a
coming offensive. Halleck of Indiana charged in the
House, that Mr. Johnson said at the briefing - that he
would wait until the planes were over their targets, ^{but didn't!}

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*Congressman Albert of Oklahoma replied
that his colleagues' version of the air attack on
North Viet Nam - "immature, untrue."*

PLANES

As for ^{Red} The fighter planes that have been moved from Red China into North Viet Nam - are obsolete by our standards. ^{That is} They are - sub-sonic. ^{and} Can't fly - as fast as sound. While our aircraft in Southeast Asia - are spearheaded by supersonic jets.

^{We are told}
~~in fact,~~ the Communist planes are so old - they go back to the days when Khrushchev and Mao were on speaking terms. Khrushchev let ^{ting} Mao have ~~the~~ Migs - when they were the latest thing in the Soviet arsenal.

Then came - the split between Russia and Red China, ^{after}
^{which} No more Migs went - from Moscow to Peking.

So, Mao has to make do - with those over-age Russian fighter planes.

CONGO

In Africa, the Prophetess of Northern Rhodesia - has disappeared from the news. But the witch doctors of the Congo ^{they} are back ^{again in the headlines,} ~~in the news.~~

The witch doctors who spout Marxism - started a drive west from the Uganda border - last month.

Yesterday their warriors stormed into - the provincial city of Monomo. And tonight are fighting down the road - toward Mitwaba. Bitter fighting against the ~~generals~~ ^{soldiers} of Katanga - airlifted in by Premier Tshombe.

The leaders of the revolt vow to capture - Leopoldville. Which seems a rather tall order - even for the Congolese witch doctors who combine magic and Marxism.

POVERTY

As for the "anti-poverty bill" which President Johnson did not inherit - from the Kennedy administration. Today his request received substantial support - from the House and the Senate - without any important changes.

The bill calls for - nine hundred and forty-seven million dollars, to be spent to eliminate pockets of poverty - that still exist in the midst of American affluence. Everything from loans to local businessmen - to a "Youth Corps" on the lines of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the New Deal.

JOHNSON

At the ceremony in the East Room of the White House today - President Johnson went beyond practical politics - into the realm of political philosophy, on the theme - the democratic right to vote. Many observers of the way we Americans govern ourselves - are worried about the number who refuse to exercise that right. Who don't cast ballots - on election day.

The American Heritage-Foundation and the Advertising Council are leaders - in the drive to get the voters out. And those two organizations were represented - at the White House today. As were many leaders - from both parties.

President Johnson reminded us again that almost thirty-five percent of the electorate - failed to vote in nineteen sixty. "Shocking statistics" - he called them. Then he stated his own creed as

*follows: said LBJ: "Voting is the first duty -
of democracy."*

COMMUNISM

The following report sounds as if it must come - from Moscow. A new book has just been published - "The Selected Works of Nikita Khrushchev." And we know how fond Soviet leaders are - of getting their words into print.

But this dateline is - Peking. Purpose of the book - to show how often Khrushchev has contradicted himself. The main piece of evidence is something - that no one ever mentions publicly in the Soviet Union. The speeches of the 'Thirties and 'Forties in which Comrade Khrushchev expressed unbounded devotion - to Comrade Stalin.

COMET

~~When~~ ^Q a new comet is discovered by an astronomer
in Connecticut - and officially announced at Harvard, -
~~the connection of the two places appears rather obvious.~~
~~Only a few miles between them.~~

^{But}
~~Actually~~, the news of the Everhart Comet
reached Harvard from Mansfield Center, Connecticut -
by way of Flagstaff, Arizona, And - Olifantsfontein,
South Africa. Professor Edgar Everhart - made the
discovery, ^{and it was} ~~it had to~~ officially corroborated by the
two observatories, ^{that had} ~~is a position to get~~ a good look
at the intruder in the night sky. ~~Then, word had to~~
~~be flashed to the clearinghouse for astronomical~~
~~information - at Cambridge, Massachusetts.~~

The astronomers took the long way round - to
put the Everhart Comet on the star charts.

If you're looking for real-life plot worthy of Robert Louis Stevenson - consider the radio report from the ship "Saint Nicholas" in the Pacific. It's a sinister yarn - of murder on the high seas. And of a berserk bosun - locked below decks with a blood-stained knife in his hand.

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~~The~~ Lebanese vessel ~~is about~~ fifteen hundred miles north of Honolulu. Headed - for Asia. Yesterday, her bosun ⁱⁿ had a fit - of homicidal mania. ~~He~~ picked up a knife in the galley - and stabbed one of the crew, to death. Rushing up on deck he stabbed a second - before the others realized what was happening. Then they picked up the nearest weapons - backed him in to the hold - and slammed the door.

That's the situation - tonight. The ship, on course - for Asia. Captain and crew - taut. The murderous bosun, raging - in the darkness of the hold. ^{Dieb}
The "Saint Nicholas" - another jinx ship of the Pacific.

DIAMONDS.

Progress seems to have reached the headwaters of the Caroni River - in the jungles of Venezuela.

~~Progress in the form of a labor dispute.~~

The Caroni is a river - of diamonds. And - of diamond divers. The Indians of the area, scouring the bed of the Caroni ~~for the precious stones.~~ On - a fifty-fifty basis.

Last month, a detachment of miners - arrived from Brazil. Their terms - thirty percent of the take. Hence the labor dispute - on the Caroni River in the Venezuelan jungle.

"They are undercutting us" - say the diamond divers.