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KHRUSHCHEV

The chancelleries of the free world are trying to find something really new -- in Khrushchev's marathon speech before the Communist Party Congress in the Kremlin. The Red dictator covered enough subjects; ~~to say something novel~~. Everything from Russia's economy -- to the Berlin crisis. From nuclear testing -- to the UN. But in the reams and reams of copy from Moscow -- you can find all the old Communist cliches. All, focused on the myths -- about the coming triumphs of Communism. The coming collapse -- of the democracies. ^{apparently as} Khrushchev naive as ever ~~as~~ about this. ~~Anything new? As you~~ ~~What's new? Well, as you~~ know Khrushchev did withdraw his deadline for signing a peace treaty with East Germany which is interpreted in Washington as a sign -- that our ~~stand on this~~ ^{stand on this} ~~stance~~ has paid off. Khrushchev, realizing that he was on a collision course -- in Berlin. ^{now} Suddenly veering -- off that course.

Still, he made the same old demands -- that the democracies accept his terms for a Berlin settlement. West Berlin -- to become a free city. Western rights -- to lapse. And so on.

Khrushchev's fifty megaton bomb? He's been boasting about it for so long -- that no one could have been surprised by what he said today. *He stated that* The super-bomb *will* ~~be~~ exploded at the end of this month.

But -- there's an interesting angle about this part of the Khrushchev's speech. The Soviet censor cut it out of the broadcast -- over radio Moscow. The Russian people, not hearing a word that Khrushchev said -- about nuclear testing. They still don't know about his terrorist tactics -- his rocket-rattling.

Which raises the question -- "Is Khrushchev afraid to let them know?" Many *on this side of the Iron Curtain believe* ~~many~~ ~~are answering~~ ~~that the~~ *the* Soviet boss is indeed afraid.

RED BLOC

By Khrushchev's testimony today -- the solidarity of the Red Bloc is a myth. The boss of the Kremlin reading Yugoslavia and Albania out of the bloc. Condemning Yugoslavia as he has in the past. Bringing his feud with Albania out in the open -- for the first time.

Yugoslavia, accused of -- revisionism. Diluting Marxism ~~with~~ Leninism -- with what Khrushchev calls "national narrowmindedness". A charge with which Marshal Tito -- doesn't necessarily agree.

As for Albania, Khrushchev today charged that Albanian leader Enver Hoxha is guilty of -- the "cult of personality."
 ~~Meaning~~ -- Stalinism. Khrushchev, adding a veiled warning -- that he intends to bring Albania to heel, if he can.

This, incidentally, was one part of the speech -- that the premiere of Red China did not applaud. Peking has attracted Albania -- from the Moscow orbit. That's why Chouen'lai sat on his hands -- while Khrushchev was castigating Albania.

KREMLIN

The building in which Khrushchev spoke -- is the most controversial in Moscow. This spanking-new Kremlin theatre a rather startling example of twentieth century architecture -- in the midst of buildings that date from the 16th century to the 19th.

The Grand Kremlin theatre -- one of Khrushchev's projects, cost -- one hundred million rubles. An ultra-modern structure ~~is~~ shining in glass and marble. Inside, the auditorium has stereophonic sound -- and a movable dais. The floor -- British tile. The walls -- decorated with emblems -- of ^{all} the Soviet Republic's. Number of seats in the auditorium -- ~~four~~ six thousand. Number of coat hangers in the ~~cloak~~ cloak rooms -- eight thousand.

You can see the reason -- for the controversy. Many Muscovites feeling -- that the Grand Kremlin theatre is out of place inside the Kremlin walls. All that glitters looking ^{all out of key} ~~unattractive~~ beside the stately Uspensky Cathedral, which has dominated the Moscow skyline for five hundred years.

FINLAND

Finland is a neutral nation by geography -- not by
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ideology. So said President Kekkonen, when he appeared today -- before the National Press Club in Washington. The Finnish leader explaining his country's determination -- to avoid taking sides between East and West. As a free democracy Finland is strongly opposed to -- the Soviet tyranny. But, as Russia's nearest neighbor, little Finland has to stay on good terms with the big Red Bear.

President Kekkonen made one point -- ~~say~~ ^{make} emphatically. He assured his audience of American newsmen, that Finland will never surrender -- to Soviet demands. The Finn's to defend their soil with arms -- if Russian troops again invade Finland, as they did in ~~1939~~ nineteen thirty-nine.

PEACE CORPS

The ~~best group~~ ^{latest} on the American Peace Corps contingent in Nigeria -- is that the group will stay. That is -- all except Marjorie Michelmore of Foxboro, Massachusetts. Marjorie, author of that contriversional postcard -- criticizing the primitive conditions she found in Nigeria. The postcard -- becoming public. Touching off -- a storm of protest by the Nigerians.

The future -- of the writer? Indications are that she will stay on in Nigeria until the incident dies down. Then, ^{home} ~~it will be back~~ to Foxboro, Mass. ^{for attractive Marjorie,} ~~Remember - see Marjorie.~~

FIRE

From Indonesia, word of a ^{vast} ~~titanic~~ forest fire --
on the island of Java. Flames, roaring through the teak
forest -- on Mt. Burang-Rang. Ten thousand acres of teak --
have already gone up in smoke. The inferno, still raging
out of control -- despite the efforts of nine hundred fire-
fighters. A blow to the economy of Indonesia -- which
exports a ^{considerable} ~~big~~ share of the world's teak. ~~Fine hard wood~~
~~for furniture. A lot of it is under tonight.~~

That widely publicized X-15 rocket plane - today set a new speed record. Pilot Joe Walker, dropped from under his mother plane at forty-five thousand feet - over the Mojave desert. Steadying the X-15 for a moment - and then opening up with ~~XXXX~~ the full power of his rocket ~~engine~~^{engineers}, he flashed up more than more hundred thousand feet - before riding over the "top" of his flight arc. Zooming down - at three thousand, nine hundred and twenty miles an hour, almost six times - the speed of sound.

Joe Walker, fastest pilot in the world - when it comes to controlled flying. And he had full control of his X-15 - when he set that speed record today. Three thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five miles - an hour.

CAMEL DRIVER

The Texas State Fair today took on -p the aura of the "Arabian Nights." Bashair Ahmad, the Pakistani camel driver - escorted around the air by the Vice President of the United States. All the while listening to some tall tales of Texas - from Lyndon Johnson. Maybe he responded with some stories told by - Scheherezade. At any rate the lore of the East, today, met the legends of Texas.

The thing that caught Bashair Ahmad's attention today - the self-opening door at the super market. The Camel driver, astonished - when the door flew open before he touched it. He didn't even have to say "Open Seseme." Bashir went in and out several times - to see how it worked. When the principle of the photo-electric cell was explained to him, said Bashair Ahmad: "It works better even than an Aladdin's lamp."

And now Dick you tell us about something that is also even more wonderful than Alladin's Lamp.

FOOTBALL

A former Harvard football player - has won the annual gold medal of the National Football Foundation. How's that? The explanation is that the football player's name is John Kennedy. The President of the United States as we all know is also a devoted touch football player - he and his brothers - and sisters too. They say he's hero of many a gridiron encounter - on the lawn at Hyannisport. Relaxing whenever possible - by throwing the ball around. Advising the rest of us to keep in shape the same way. But I presume he gets the medal because he once was a scat-back or something on the Harvard squad.

So former Army Coach Earl Blaik and his colleagues - went to the top this time in awarding President Kennedy The National Football Foundations gold medal - for 1961.