

CUBA

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Americans in Cuba are facing one basic question - to leave or not to leave. Of course there's no problem for our consular officials - who are packing as quickly as they can, for the trip home. And our personnel at Guantanamo are in no doubt -- that our government intends to hold the <sup>set</sup> big naval base. This was bluntly stated today - in a special ~~me~~ message from the White House. President Eisenhower, repeating that we intend to abide by the treaty, signed by Cuba.

But what about the American citizens - living in Cuba? <sup>Anton</sup> Many have been there - for decades, <sup>and</sup> regard Cuba as - their real home. <sup>?</sup> Tonight they're trying to estimate the effect - of the diplomatic break between Washington and Havana. So far, Castro hasn't made any move against them. But they know the bearded dictator can boot them out - at any moment.

## RESULT

A lot of American residents, getting out - while the getting is good. Others, adopting - a wait and see attitude. But there isn't much optimism - tonight, among the Americans still in Cuba.

Then there's the problem - of the Cubans trying to escape from Castro. Our Havana Embassy had been handling - thousands of ~~the~~ visas. And the State Department declares that some way will have to be found - to accommodate refugees from the Castro tyranny.

One thing is clear in all this - Castro forced the break. His order to cut the Embassy staff to eleven - making it impossible for us to keep the building open. President Eisenhower listened to State Department arguments on both sides of the question - then agreed with the majority of his advisors, that we have nothing to gain ~~from~~ <sup>by</sup> pretending that Fidel Castro wants good relations with the United ~~St~~ States. <sup>That he</sup> ~~is~~ is anything but a petty tyrant - egged on by the Reds around him.

U N FOLLOW CUBA

Castro's Foreign Minister used the incident - as an excuse to attack America in the U N. Raul Roa again charging - that we are preparing to invade Cuba. To which American Ambassador Wadsworth retorts - "absurd, irresponsable." And invites the U N to make - an on the spot investigation.

Today's session of the Security Council was interrupted by Cuban demonstrators. Anti-Castroites - shouting for freedom in their homeland. <sup>When</sup> They caused such a commotion - they had to be evicted from the gallery, They left, shouting the ~~xx~~ Spanish word for "traitor" - at Castro's mouthpiece.

REACTION FOLLOW U N

The reaction around the world - is what the Eisenhower Administration expected. The Communist countries, putting all the blame on the United States - and claiming that President Eisenhower wants to start a war. The free nations, <sup>much</sup> ~~very~~ concerned - because of the increase of tension in the Caribbean. But agreeing - that Washington had no alternative.

Two continental nations have a special interest - in this dispute. Czechoslovakia - which will handle Cuban affairs in the United States, And Switzerland - which will ~~represent~~ represent us in Cuba.

## CONGO

The Secretary General of the U N is in the Congo tonight - on a fact-finding expedition. Dag Hammarskjold was met by his troops from Malaya - who formed an honor guard at the airport. He was also met by - a pro-Lumumba demonstration. A milling crowd, chanting slogans - and waving banners.

The Secretary-General ignored them - and went straight to the U N headquarters at Leopoldville. Asked if he has any hope for the Congo, the U.N. Secretary General replied:- "Oh yes," I always have hope." What about a quick solution - to the Congo problem? He smiled faintly, and remarked - "Quick solutions generally don't last very long." Then he added:- "we're after a settlement that won't blow up the day after we leave."

LAOS

The situation in Laos - is still confused.

The battle of Xien Khouang - continuing. The Seato Council, admitting the existence of the crisis - without any decision on what to do. Washington, releasing more information - about the Soviet airlift to the Communist rebels. London, urging diplomacy - instead of ~~the~~ force.

## FLOTILLA

A French flotilla is on its way across the Mediterranean - to help keep the peace in Algeria. Fifteen ships, including the aircraft carrier - Lafayette - sailed from Toulon for Mers-El-Kebir on the Algerian coast; with some thousands of French sailors and Marines - who will help supervise DeGaulle's election - this weekend. The referendum that may decide the fate - of Algeria; and - of France.

## EXPLOSION

That explosion at Idaho Falls - did not contaminate the atmosphere with atomic radiation. So says a spokesman of the A E C - who emphasizes that it was not a nuclear blast when the atomic reactor exploded killing three technicians. What caused it they don't know yet.



CONGRESS

In Congress, the expected struggle between the Liberals and the Conservatives - is on. Subject - the filibuster. Today Democratic Senator Kuchel of California led the attack - calling the right of unlimited debate "a relic of the horse and buggy days." ~~Mr~~ His opponent - also a Democrat. Senator Russell of Georgia - who defended the filibuster<sup>as</sup> part of the Democratic process of our government. Senator Russell promises an all-out ~~fit~~ fight in defense of the filibuster - and he thinks he can muster enough strength to win. *For this* He's looking for that old coalition - of southerners and northern Conservatives.

This question of the filibuster is important - because of its bearing on the Kennedy legislative program. The President elect has already said he wants to make good his major campaign promises - as soon as possible. One key point in that program - civil rights. Exactly the issue - against which the southerners are aiming the filibuster.

## PUN

In New York tonight, there's a convention of - the S.R.P.P.F.H. - that bit of scrambled alphabet stands for - the Soviet for the Revival and Preservation of the Pun as a form of humor. All twenty members of the S.R.P.P.F.H. are holding a high level conference - on their strategy for Nineteen Sixty One. Rather simple strategy - calling for all members to use a play on words whenever they can.

For example, if you happen to be in a car that's going too fast, you might remark to the driver - "keep driving like blazes, and you'll get there." Or - "Gossips don't run down as many people, as drivers do."

The S R P P F H points out - that Shakespeare was fond of puns; and Charles Lamb wrote - "I never knew an enemy to puns, who was not an ill-natured man." I guess I'm an incurable punster. But, there are some who still insist that the old saying - a pun is the loosest form of wit - is correct. Should we shake a

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