

The story about an attempt to assassinate Khrushchev - came from one of Khrushchev's most servile satellites in the free world. Rome's Red paper, "L'Unita" - which fawns all over the boss of the Kremlin, ~~in every issue~~. Moreover, the Communist mouthpiece got the story from its Moscow correspondent by phone, direct from the Soviet capital.

The details of the story - as varied as a rumor of this kind generally is. One version - that somebody took a shot at Khrushchev while he was speaking in Minsk. Another version - that the place was Gagra, with the would-be assassin wielding a dagger.

To all of which, Moscow retorts - "false, provocative!"

The reaction at the editorial offices - of Rome's Red

newspaper? <sup>The Rome editor</sup> <sup>his paper</sup> "L'Unita" now agrees that ~~it~~ was completely out of

line - when it suggested that any Russian would make an attempt

on the life of dear Comrade Khrushchev.

## RUSSIA

The Labor Department in Washington estimates that in Nineteen Sixty, - four out of ten Russian industrial workers quit their jobs. ~~That's~~ Ten times the annual turn-over -- in America.

Why the Muscovite mobility? Our Labor Department says - everything from low wages to poor housing. Soviet economists always insist - that Soviet workers love their jobs. This claim, now refuted by figures - in Soviet publications. The dissatisfaction of the workers in the workers' paradise - too obvious to be covered up.

BERLIN

The American report from Steinstuecken - is deliberately vague. It simply says that today the U.S. Army airlifted three persons - out of the enclave isolated a mile from West Berlin. Airlifted them - to West Berlin. They may have been - refugees from East Germany. We don't know - because revelations like that are not made any more. The official American position being - that it's nobody's business whom we fly into or out of Steinstuecken, <sup>that tiny isolated bit</sup> ~~part~~ of the American Zone - in West <sup>Germany.</sup> ~~Berlin.~~

Meanwhile, the Reds are making it <sup>still</sup> harder - for refugees to get away. Today they set up an electrified fence - around the main highway entrance to West Berlin. <sup>also</sup> ~~And they've~~ doubled their patrols - along the Autobahn. More harrassment by the East German Communists. ~~But~~, the Allies aren't letting themselves be influenced by it.)

## RESERVES

the Army admits that it made a mistake - with some of the reserves. Keeping them on "ready duty" - when they should have been transferred to "stand by duty". The error, blamed on - a misinterpretation of official policy. The blunder, caused by the hurly-burly -- surrounding the quick call-up of the reserves at the height of the Berlin crisis. The men involved, to be released immediately - unless they choose to remain in the Army.

What about the morale - of the reserves? The Army Chief-of-Staff calls it - "uniformly excellent." General Decker, terming the reserves - "patriots anxious to help their country."

## CENSORSHIP

The Senate Sub-committee investigating censorship in the Pentagon - has suspended its public hearings. Reason - that deadlock between the Sub-committee and the Secretary of Defense. Secretary McNamara, adamant in his refusal to surrender the names of *"the reviewers" as they call them,* ~~the censors~~ who have been wielding the blue pencil. McNamara, reminding the Sub-committee -- that he takes full responsibility. And that any citation for contempt - should be addressed to him.

RUSK

Secretary of State Rusk today put succinctly -  
the case for American purchase of U.N. bonds. "We have no  
alternative" - said Dean Rusk. Meaning - if we refuse, the  
international organization will almost certainly go bankrupt.  
Which would be a staggering blow - to the United States. To  
the whole free world - which is dependent on U.N. activity in  
key trouble spots. Especially - in the Congo.

## ALGERIA

Across Algeria, today - violence by the Right Wing underground. The OAS, responsible for a series of atrocities - that ~~killed more than~~ <sup>and</sup> twenty innocent bystanders, <sup>killed</sup> (For example, a gunman fired on the car of the Radio-TV director in Algiers - and killed his Moslem chauffeur. And the OAS bombed a ship in the harbor of Bone - including among its victims, an eight year old boy and his father.)

Algeria, closer to chaos - as a cease-fire draws closer. An armistice between DeGaulle - and the Moslem rebels. But when will there be an armistice between DeGaulle - and the Right Wing settlers?

# EXPLOSION

That explosion in Bromwich, England, was so violent -  
it hurled a massive truck wheel through a second story window.  
The truck, loaded with - four hundred gallons of peroxide.  
Suddenly the driver noticed that the chemicals - were beginning  
to smoke. So he jumped out and raced to safety - in the nick of  
time.

The peroxide, erupting - with a shattering blast.  
The truck, torn apart. Three houses - had their roofs blown  
off. Thirty more, rocked - to their foundations. (All over the  
area - smashed windows, cracked plaster, and broken water pipes.

Toll - two dead, twenty-seven injured.

*... maybe bought a lot  
of mental insurance!  
... who  
... thought  
... the astrologists -  
... by the latest*



## ASTROLOGY

Over in India, the astrologists - are in hiding tonight. Last week they were all over the place - pointing to that sinister sign of Capricorn. Warning the faithful to pray and repent because the end of the world - or at least of Hindustan - was at hand.

Yesterday, the soothsayers - quietly began to disappear. Gathering up their globes - and charts of the Zodiac. Getting out of sight - as quickly as possible.

The reason - rather obvious. No astrological cataclysm - over the weekend. Maybe the people of India - ought to feel relieved. Still, how would you feel - if you <sup>had</sup> heeded the prophecies of the wizards? If you <sup>had</sup> dropped everything - and headed for the sacred city of Benares, on the sacred Ganges? Treking hundreds of miles - with your belongings on your back? *Also maybe bought a lot of special insurance!* You'd feel - the way ~~Madagascar~~ <sup>who</sup> Indians feel, Tonight - *are reported* ~~they're~~ <sup>they're</sup> out for revenge, tracking down the astrologists - practicing a bit of mayhem on those they catch. By the latest

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count - four soothsayers are nursing cuts and bruises in <sup>lady</sup> Jaipur. Seven - in Bombay. And, ~~a record~~ <sup>hole</sup> fourteen - in Banares.

*Another*

~~A~~ this worldly exhibition for the other-worldly city of Hinduism.

1/2 Somehow, the stars <sup>didn't</sup> ~~failed to~~ tell the astrologers - what would happen to them, if the "age of darkness" failed to descend on Hindustan over the weekend.

And there have been some uncelestial goings-on -- in Nepal. We are told that King Mahendra's police today rounded up - two hundred burglars <sup>who had</sup> ~~They~~ had the time of their life - over the weekend. Enterprising second-story men, who walked right through - scores of front doors, pillaging houses - while the occupants were hiding out in the mountains, waiting for the cataclysm of Capricorn. Astrology and burglary - in Katmandu.

## SKI

There will be skiing in Chamonix, France - next week. But - no championship contests. So decided by the International Ski Federation - on the ground that the East German team can't participate. The East Germans, not allowed to enter France - with Federation identity cards. And - they've been refused French visas. So, Dick, instead of the official World Alpine Ski Championships - they'll have what they are calling "An International Ski Week" in Chamonix.

The owner spending those twenty minutes running from shelf to shelf, catching plates and pitchers as they tumbled to the floor. The bull in the china shop.