

DEFENSE

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Today's vote in the Senate on the Defense Bill -

again
~~was~~ unanimous. Eighty-five - to none. The legislators,
agreeing to a man - that we must spend more money than ~~we~~
ever before ~~than in~~ in peacetime. Almost - forty-seven
billion dollars.

The measure calls for - a balanced buildup of the
armed forces. A balance between - atomic and conventional
weapons. With emphasis on - armies to meet any kind of
Soviet attack, anywhere in the world.

CRISIS

A striking thing about the Berlin crisis - is the support being given to President Kennedy by the American people. The White House releases some ~~ix~~ figures - on this. Twenty thousand messages have arrived at the White House - during the past ten days, ~~Coming in~~ from - every state. ~~of the union.~~ The overwhelming majority - favorable to the administration stand on Berlin. ~~And~~ ~~too~~ the quick build up of our armed forces.

The moral of these messages - the country is ready for the sacrifices demanded of us all. ~~Many~~ Veterans - volunteering to serve again. ~~Many~~ Heads of families - offering to pay higher taxes. Eighty percent ~~of the writers~~ ~~are~~ willing to take the risk of war - rather than see the President of the United States go to a Soviet Munich.

EUROPE FOLLOW CRISIS

With the American people determined to stand fast over Berlin - let's take a look at our European allies.

How are they reacting - to the crisis?

First of all - Bonn. The capital of the Federal Republic is calm - but determined. The people of West Germany, doubting ~~that~~ there will be a war - but convinced ~~that~~ the allies must be prepared to fight for West Berlin if necessary.

Paris. Not too much interest - in Berlin crisis, ~~There are other crisis~~ overshadowed ~~by~~ Algeria, Bizerte. Besides, the French are on their summer holiday - and ~~they~~ don't like to be disturbed by vulgar politics.

London - also has problems closer ~~to~~ home, ~~than~~ ~~than~~ Berlin. Just now the chief topic is - Britain's entrance ~~in~~ into the common market. Still, the British are aware of Berlin - of the need to negotiate, and the possibility of war.

Rome. The government is concerned - the people unconcerned. Premier Fanfani came back from Moscow - with

Khrushchev's threats fresh in his mind. He has ~~not~~ to think more about Berlin - than do the Italians vacationing at Capri or Lake Como.

RUSK

Secretary of State Rusk had some strong words - when he arrived at Orly airport outside Paris, today. ~~Dean Rusk~~
Referring to Soviet propaganda ~~and calling it~~ *he called it*
"grotesque." Grotesque, because Moscow makes a practice of hiding tyranny - under terms like "peace, self-determination, freedom and democracy." The Communist lexicon, an exercise in upside-down semantics - said he.

Secretary Rusk had no comment on - the latest Soviet note ^{that} he's waiting to discuss ~~his contentions~~ with his opposite numbers from Britain, France and West Germany. ~~Actually just~~ About everything that can be said, has been said - because Khrushchev merely parrots his ~~old~~ old line, ~~is~~ charging that the West has no legal rights - in West Berlin, ~~And~~ so on and so on.

TRADE

The State Department reveals that we may slap a trade embargo - on the Communist empire. This - a possible reply to Khrushchev's belligerent rocket rattling.

Washington, threatening to close a market in which Khrushchev admits - he wants to sell Russian goods. Especially - those glossy furs from Siberia.

The State Department points out that Khrushchev can keep his American ~~market~~ market - easily enough. All he has to do is honor the international agreements - repeatedly and solemnly signed by the Soviet Union.

LATIN AMERICA

At Puento del Este "alliance for progress".

That's the unofficial title of - President Kennedy's plan to raise the standard of living throughout Latin America. The plan now under discussion - in Uruguay's capital. Representing the United States - Secretary of the Treasury Dillon, and many American experts on everything from steel to agriculture.

The problem before this conference is a gargantuan one: - how to lift a continent out of - poverty and ignorance. How, without loss of democratic freedoms. The chances of success? At Puento del Este, they are hopeful.

HIJACKERS

Tonight we have revealing descriptions of those two would-be hijackers - who staged that ~~fantastic~~ plane incident in El Paso, Texas. Leon Bearden - "a psychopathic personality of some sort, but very sure of himself." His son, fifteen year old Cody Bearden - "a cold and cruel little customer."

Who says so? ~~my~~ *Q* man who ought to know. Texas border Patrolman Leonard Gilman - who jumped Bearden, ~~we~~ and knocked him out. The key episode in capturing the Beardens - aboard the jet liner they attempted to hijack.

The unstable character of the father and son - may explain how they could have been such fools. But many points about this weird case - haven't been cleared up yet. For one thing - those reports from Mexico City, ~~stating~~ - that ~~Leon~~ Bearden had been in touch with the Cuban and Soviet Embassies. Which prompts the surmise that he may have been - a tool of Communist agents. All he will say - is that he doesn't like America. Prefers to live - in Castro's Cuba.

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If so - he wnet about it the wrong way. He'll
be sojourning for awhile - in an American jail.

ITEM

Several years ago I quoted a few lines written by Rufus Porter, the bearded gold miner and hard rock poet who still lives on a mountain top in the Rockies at Cripple Creek. Cripple Creek's Robert Service now has a new one, more tales and ballads about "the world's greatest gold camp." Through it there runs a rather disturbing note, uranium taking the play away from gold. But, I agree with Rufus Porter, and Don MacLaughlin head of the Homestake in the Black Hills, richest gold mine in America, that gold will come back. Says the Hard Rock Poet:

King gold once claimed the loyalty
Of Men in every clime,
Today, no longer royalty,
Uranium has beat his time.

Alas, King Gold his time has come
He's shunned by all alike
Who now chase ~~gold~~ uranium
By jeep and motor bike.

~~Even I have joined that lusty throng
As crazy as the rest. Uranium. Huh.
But for my gold queen I still sing my song
To me she's second best.~~

If you are interested in adventure, stories of gold stampedes and all that, you can get copies of the Hard Rock Post's latest little book by writing to the newspaper in Cripple Creek - to The gold Rush.

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MARINE

That "spiritual sanctuary" on the ~~at~~ banks of the Little Wabash - didn't seem ^{so} ~~very~~ spiritual ~~when~~ when it was invaded by a force of police, F B I and Marines. The invaders found it more like - an armed fortress.

You ~~may~~ ^{you} have heard ~~of~~ the story, How Dion Davis went A W O L from the Marines - and hid out on the estate of John Harrell. Harrell, the head of - a religious sect, gathering his followers - around him - calling his estate - their "spiritual sanctuary."

When the A W O L Marine arrived - the leader of the sect refused to let the authorities come in after him. Whereupon, the Justice Department ~~is~~ declared Harrell - in a state of insurrection against the government of the United States. So at dawn today - an army halftrack battered down the gate, ^{and on} ~~The invaders,~~ rushing into the estate ^{to} ~~arrest~~ ~~the~~ the fugitive, and his protector.

~~was~~ ^{Lucky} no one got hurt, ^{altho'} ~~because~~ the members of the sect were armed ~~to the teeth~~ ^{with} ~~carrying~~ guns, pistols

and daggers. In their arsenal - a hundred rifles, and ten thousand rounds of ammunition. Without firing a shot they meekly filed out of - their fortress - I mean their "spiritual sanctuary."