

ISLAND

L.T. class. Tues. Oct. 10 - '61.

The "loneliest island in the world" - is exactly that tonight. Tristan da Cunha, ^{far} off in the South Atlantic - between Africa and South America. A thousand miles - from nowhere. Population - two hundred and sixty-six. Descendants of a British garrison wrecked on the island - en route home from St. Helena, where they had been guarding Napoleon.

Tristan da Cunha is formed by - a volcano. The fire mountain, considered extinct - until it started to rumble a month ago. Today - a violent eruption. The volcano - blowing its top. Sending streams of lava - rolling across the entire island. Most of the buildings, ~~knocked~~ ^{turned} into heaps of rubble - by earthquakes ^{and} then set on fire - by ^{the} deluge of blazing ashes.

The inhabitants, sending out an SOS - just before their radio went dead. After which, all two hundred and sixty-six of them pushed off in their longboats - for a nearby rock, ^{where} ~~tonight~~ they ^{are now} waiting to be rescued by a British frigate - racing to the scene. The "loneliest island in the world" - really lonely tonight. That blazing volcano, having Tristan da Cunha - all to itself.

DEFECTOR

As The list of Soviet scientists defecting to the West -
is growing ^s~~ing~~ longer, Their motives - becoming ^e~~ing~~ clearer. The life
of the scientist in the workers' paradise - ~~is~~ ^{evidently not} ~~as~~
~~pleasant as~~ ^{quite what} we had been told.

Consider the ^{latest} case of - Chemist Alexei Golub, ~~an~~
expert on - fallout from atomic bombs, ~~carrying~~ on experiments
designed to save victims of - dangerous radioactivity. Golub's
experiments - humanitarian as well as scientific.

One day, a Soviet bureaucrat passed him the word -
that no more experiments of this kind would be permitted. Golub,
ordered to turn to - some other field. Instead, he decided to
turn to - the West. Defecting in Amsterdam - asking the Dutch
for asylum. Also - for a chance to go on with his experiments.
A chance that the Dutch say - Golub will get. Moscow's loss -
Amsterdam's gain.

GROMYKO

The Soviet Foreign Minister, arriving in London - said he thought an agreement on Berlin was "possible." Gromyko, protesting that the West - "doesn't understand the Soviet position."

Still, wasn't Gromyko sent West by Khrushchev - to explain the Soviet position? Looks as if he didn't ^{quite make} ~~do a very~~ ^{it clear,} ~~good job,~~ Or could it be that the leaders of the West have spotted the booby-traps-- in the proposals that Gromyko brought with him from Moscow?

In any case, the Gromky-Macmillan meeting in London - evidently got nowhere. The British Prime Minister, reacting - as President Kennedy did. Refusing, as Mr. Kennedy put it - "to trade an orchard for an apple."

MacMillan termed today's get-together - "useful." Gromyko said that it showed - "growing understanding." ^R Pleasant words - but Western diplomats won't know what they mean without a bit of semantic analysis.

MONGOLIA

At the U.N., the deal seems to be - Outer Mongolia for Red China. That is - the territory between Russia and Red China, will be admitted. If - Red China is kept out. The whole operation, turning on - the attitude of Nationalist China. Chiang Kai-shek, fearing that his opposition to Outer Mongolia might cause a swing against him - at the U.N., ^{with a} big switch of votes - in favor of his mainland enemies. Chiang, deciding to accept - the lesser of the two evils. Okaying Outer Mongolia for membership - as the best way to keep his own seat in the Security Council.

MARKET

~~THE~~ The British have reached - a turning point in their history. The place - Paris. Occasion - London applying for membership in the common market of continental Europe.

Edward Heath, Her Majesty's Lord Privy Seal - conferring with the Ministers of France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and West Germany. Their aim - to cover the problems involved. Especially - the future relationship of the Commonwealth to the common market.

Once the problems are ironed out - the terms of membership are expected to be decided quickly. Prime Minister Macmillan, pushing to have Britain in the common market - by Nineteen Sixty-Three, at the latest. The British, joining the continental powers - for the first time since the Middle Ages.

LAOS

The King of Laos consents to receive - the head of the neutralist faction in his kingdom. The word "consents" - a euphemism. King Savang Vathana couldn't do anything else - after his Right Wing advisors told him he would have to let Prince Souvanna Phouma form a government for Laos.

Actually, the King has ^{played no part in} ~~been a nonentity~~ throughout the negotiations for an end to the civil war. His Laotian Majesty, remaining in Luang Prabang - waiting for his subordinates to arrange a cease-fire with the Red guerrillas. Then waiting to be advised - about the choice of a Premier. *Which*

Sounds as if King Savang Vathana is ~~very much of~~ a constitutional monarch - with ^{even} less power than ~~the~~ dynasties of the West. But some Laotians claim - that their sovereign is just indolent.

SYRIA

The Syrian bandwagon - is rolling tonight. The nations of the world, hastening to get on board - by recognizing the new government. Accepting the junta that broke Syria loose from Egypt - and set up an independent state in defiance of Nasser.

Today, Iraq and the United States both gave official recognition - to the regime of Premier Kuzbari. Washington, acting after being assured by Damascus - that the new government will honor the international obligations to which Syria has been committed by past governments.

HOFFA

The head of the AFL-CIO refers to the Bible - on the question of the Teamsters' Union. George Meany was asked to name the conditions that Jimmy Hoffa would have to meet - to be readmitted to the AFL-CIO. Said Meany - "He'll have to imitate Saul of Tarsus, and go into the desert for a year to repent."

That's an interesting - juxtaposition of names.

~~Remember you will~~ Remember how Saul of Tarsus became - St. Paul?

So, would a year in the desert turn Jimmy Hoffa into - St. James?

It looks as if - we'll never find out. Jimmy says - he's allergic to sand. Besides - he's never been much addicted to repentance.

The leadership of the AFL-CIO retorting - that they'll keep the door barred to his Teamsters. Reason, in George Meany's words - "corruption and criminal elements in Hoffa's organization."

COSMETICS

In Madison, Wisconsin, they're opening - a beauty parlor. Everything from washing hair - to applying cosmetics. All done by - expert cosmetologists.

Ah, but my-lads
What's the story? This beauty parlor is - for ~~men~~ *you!*

The point being that back in Nineteen Thirty-Six, a law was passed - restricting the art of the cosmetologist to women. These coiffeur specialists, not even allowed - to cut a masculine head of hair..

But - the winds of change are blowing through Wisconsin. Anyway - through the hairdressing establishments. The State Attorney General deciding - that men have a right to cosmetology, if they want it. *Dick*
The fall of one more bastion of feminine supremacy - the beauty parlor.

IONOSPHERE

The rocket launched at Wallops Island, Virginia, today - entered the ionosphere, that electrified belt surrounding the earth, some five hundred miles up which makes ~~possible~~ possible - long distance radio messages. Bouncing radio waves on a massive arc - from one side of the globe to the other.

Today's "Argo" rocket went up - five hundred and eighty-five miles. Its mission, to test the equipment - that will be put into artificial satellites next year. A joint Canadian-American project - to use outer space for an elaborate communications system.

That's the news from the ionosphere via Wallops Island - and s-ut-m.