

ATOMIC

L.T.-Odds. Wed. Sept. 6th '61.

Today, Congress followed up President Kennedy's announcement - that we will have to resume nuclear testing. The President, saying emphatically that we are not going to give Khrushchev the privilege of - no competition in the development of atomic weapons.

The result on Capitol Hill - overwhelmingly favorable. Especially in the House - where the Appropriations Committee quickly voted the money needed for our new atomic experiments. An extra thirty million - to get the program moving.

What kind of a program? ~~was~~ Atmospheric testing is ruled out - at least for the present. The administration, not wanting to add to - the fall-out hazard. President Kennedy feels that our national security - doesn't demand it. And the American President is determined to let the world see - just who is indifferent to the welfare of humanity.

So - our atomic experiments will be underground. High on the priority list - weapons for the armed services. An atomic bazooka - for tactical use by the Army. Anti-submarine

nuclear bombs -- for the Navy. And atomic warheads - to be
fired from planes of the Air Force.

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BELGRADE

Everything was done with diplomatic formality - in Belgrade today. President Tito, calling in the American and Soviet ambassadors - handing each of them an identical note. Contents - the uncommitted nations, calling for a summit conference. Asking Kennedy and Khrushchev to meet - and head off a possible nuclear war.

Still, the Belgrade document doesn't mention the real problem - how to make Khrushchev drop the war scare. *Did the* neutralists ~~might have asked~~ the Soviet dictator - to cancel the rest of his nuclear explosions? *no.* Instead - they evaded the issue.

Perhaps they didn't want to undercut \neq Nehru and Nkrumah. The leaders of India and Ghana were given - that mission to Moscow. And since Khrushchev is said to respect Nehru's opinion - Belgrade may feel that the best results will come out of confidential talks in the Soviet capital. Whether Khrushchev really respects Nehru that much - is a question. Today's fanfare at the Moscow airport may not mean a thing - if the boss of the Kremlin decides to talk tough to the Prime Minister from New Delhi.

COMMUNIST PARTY

If you wonder whether Khrushchev's antics are hurting the Soviet Union - consider the doleful condition of the American Communist Party. U.P.I. ^{Correspondent} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Lyle Wilson points out - that our home-grown Reds are in a state of shock. Still reeling from the Soviet dictator's decision - to renew nuclear testing.

Until now, the pitch of American Communism has been - anti-atomic. Villain of the piece - Uncle Sam. The American Reds, condemning the United States - demanding that we stop hurling radio-active fall-out into the atmosphere. The local comrades, insisting that we imitate the glorious Soviet Union - by refusing to touch off nuclear explosions.

~~Now~~ ^{Now} the glorious Soviet Union is - a somewhat tarnished object to the American Left. The Red escutcheon - besmirched by Comrade Khrushchev. And adding insult to injury - he didn't bother to let his American puppets know what was coming. They were still peddling the anti-atomic line - when Khrushchev reached all the way from Moscow, and pulled the rug out from under them.

So American Communism is going through another phase like the one that followed - the Soviet pact with Hitler's Germany. Like the phase that followed - Khrushchev's exposure of the crimes of Stalin. This time - the Russian Reds, exploding nuclear bombs. The American Reds - demoralized.

BERLIN

Refugees from East Germany are reaching West Germany in greater numbers - than a week ago. So reported by West German officials - in West Berlin. Reason for the increase - the East Germans have located the gaps in the Red barricade. Where it's easiest to jump the wall - or slip through the barbed wire fence. Where the Communist guards are careless - or willing to help the escapees get out. And so on.

How many refugees - are making it to freedom? All we're told is that the daily number averages out at - three figures. Anywhere from a hundred - to nine hundred and ninety-nine.

SOVIET

A dispatch from Soviet central Asia tells us - that the West isn't the only place that has anti-police hooligans. The dispatch, stating that a big crowd attacked the police station - in the city of Alexandrov. ~~Raxi~~ Forcing their way in - roughing up the policemen on duty. A wild riot, surging through that police station - before reinforcements arrived and restored order.

You can judge how serious the violence was - by the sentences handed down in a Soviet court. Four ringleaders, to be executed - by a firing squad. Five others, getting - fifteen years. The workers' paradise, not quite as peaceful - as Comrade Khrushchev likes to pretend. They could tell him a thing or two - out there in Alexandrov, ~~butxthaxaxinxaxkaxkaxk~~ in Soviet Central Asia.

BRAZIL

The strategy of Brazil's Vice-President -- is clearer tonight. One of Goulart's followers, declaring he'll take office - under the compromise amendment that makes him a figurehead. Then - he'll carry his fight to the people of Brazil. Try to gain enough popular backing - to re-amend the Constitution. Restore to him the power - that was wielded by former Presidents.

Meanwhile, the crisis - has died down. Brazil, getting back to normal - after teetering on the brink of civil war.

BUS

That bus accident on a mountain road near Pulaski, Virginia - could have been a wild tragedy. A school bus - thirty youngsters aboard. The driver trying to negotiate a narrow winding road - when his bus creened, over the edge. Plunging down the embankment - turning over and over. Windows - shattered. Top - crushed in. Motor - smashed. Axels - broken.

Sounds grim. Down a mountainside extending down for hundreds of feet. But luck was with the driver - and his young passengers. The bus, plunging into a clump of trees - jolting to a stop against the treetops. The children, climbing out through the broken windows - with a lot of cuts and bruises. But - no one was seriously injured.

BASEBALL

The homer Maris hit today - his fifty-fourth.

Six more will do it. Will he make it?

Those of us who were at Yankee Stadium this afternoon say the Bronx bombers hit a barrage of home runs; as their star pitcher Whitey Ford shut out the Senators eight to zero - for Whitey's twenty-third win. The Yanks hit five homers.

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~~all that.~~ But there's nothing common about what happened to -
Juan Rodriguez, of Maturin, Venezuela.

Juan, engaged to - Lupe Valdez, ~~getting~~ cold feet -
at the last moment, ~~saying~~ - he wasn't going to go through with
the ceremony.

Ah, but Lupe has three big brothers - and they said
they weren't going to see their baby sister jilted. So they
seized Juan Rodriguez and dropped him into - a barrel ~~full~~ of
water, ^{where} They kept him ~~there~~ for a week. One of the brothers,
always standing guard - to see that he didn't climb out. At
night, they let him sleep in the hayloft - chained by the foot.
Every morning - back into ^{that} ~~the~~ barrel for Juan.

Today, the rather sodden captive managed to slip away -
while the brother on guard was having a snooze. The reluctant ^{dripping}
Romeo, turning up at the police station, ~~dripping water~~ asking
the police to protect him from the Valdez brothers. And - from
their sister too.

NORTH CAROLINA

Today at Bayonne, New Jersey - the Navy handed the battleship "North Carolina" over to the Tarheel state. The mighty thirty-five thousand ton battlewagon - was queen of the Pacific in World War Two. She took part in all the major engagements - from Guadalcanal to Okinawa and the Philippines. Winning - twelve battle stars.

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