

MEXICO

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The President of Mexico has turned down a proposal -
by the dictator of Yugoslavia. Tito, offering to join in a
common effort - to mediate between the United States and Cuba.
President Lopez Mateos, rejecting the idea - on the ground that
Russia ~~has~~ ^{did} intervene in Cuba. And that Washington is quite
right to take a strong stand - against the puppet regime ~~that~~
threatens ~~the~~ ^{is} the hemisphere with Soviet rockets. Mexico,
supporting the OAS - and its unanimous condemnation of Castro.

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ROCKETS

The Soviet misadventure in Cuba has raised again the whole problem of - Soviet rockets. The question - are they as good, or as numerous, as Khrushchev has been boasting? The Kremlinologists are inclined to say, with some caution - that they are not. Hence, Moscow's attempt to establish a missile base - close to the United States.

Another surmise - the Red army was at fault, ^{and} ~~The Soviet marshals, worried about the predominance of American power -~~ pushing ^{ed} Khrushchev into the Cuban fiasco.

VENEZUELA

The Red saboteurs who blew up one section of Venezuela's oil system - handled the job like amateurs. Oh, yes, they did succeed - in cutting oil production in the *rich* Maracaibo ~~complex~~ *area*. But they bungled the job - because the dynamite went off prematurely. One of the raiders - killed by the blast. Two others - injured, and captured. The rest of the gang, quickly run down - by the Caracas police. Only a few - still at large tonight.

The Venezuela oil system ~~is~~ *is* being repaired, ~~Expected~~ *and is* to be ~~back to~~ *flowing at the* normal ~~rate~~ *rate* in a few days.

U THANT

The Secretary General of the U.N., returning to New York tonight, ^{evidently} without ~~and~~ accomplishing his mission. ~~U Thant, failing to~~ ^{ing} persuade Castro to okay - U.N. supervision of the dismantling of the Soviet missile bases. Castro, ^{is} said to be insisting on - his so-called "five points." Including - American evacuation of Guantanamo. A condition ^{Washington} ~~that we~~ will not even discuss.

All we know tonight - is that the conversations are to continue at the U.N. But the point is that U Thant brought back - his entire party. ^{Leaving} No one ~~left~~ in Havana - to start ^{any} ~~the~~ U.N. operation.

^{Some} ~~A final~~ agreement - ^{may still} ~~had better~~ come soon. ^{At any rate} The two-day suspension of ~~our~~ ^{the} blockade and air surveillance ^{will be} ~~is~~ expiring. President Kennedy, still meeting daily - with the National Security Council. Still ready with alternative courses - depending on the success of the Secretary General, ~~or~~ - lack of success.

MIKOYAN

The present visit of Mikoyan to Cuba ^{presumably will be} rather different ^λ than ^{to} his last one. Then - he was Castro's faithful comrade.

The two of ~~them~~, all smiles - as they were photographed together.

This time, there aren't likely to be - any smiles.

^{we assume is} Mikoyan, on his way to Havana - to placate the bearded dictator.

Or, is Castro ^{just} a Soviet puppet? Anyway, Mikoyan's job is to

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give Castro some kind of backing - while insisting that those

Russian missiles have to go. ^{This to be done} And ^λ under U.N. supervision.

Mikoyan, scheduled to leave Moscow - tomorrow. The

speed of his departure, strengthening the belief - that

Khrushchev wants to bring those missiles home ^{soon} ~~as quickly as~~ possible. ^{any further} And wants to keep Castro - from becoming ^λ a problem.

CODE FOLLOW MIKOYAN

Incidentally, our listening post in Miami has picked up - Russian language messages from Cuba. Messages ~~in~~ ^{which} code. They are now being studied, ^{by} American experts in cryptography. Presumably, ~~they are~~ the words of Soviet technicians - reporting back to Moscow. Reporting directly - without bothering to go through Cuban channels. ~~The missile operation, a Soviet show from beginning to end.~~

KRISHNA MENON

There ^{maybe some} ~~is no disguising~~ ^{here and there} American satisfaction ~~at the~~

^{per the} fall of Krishna Menon. For years, ^{our people} we have been warning the

caustic Indian Defense Minister - about the perils of

Communism. ^{But} Especially - Red China's threat to India. For

years, Krishna Menon has been lecturing us - about the

peace-loving comrades behind the Bamboo Curtain, Especially -

the affection of Mao Tse-tung for India.

^{seemed} Krishna Menon, so blatantly anti-American -- that our

government protested to Nehru. Still, it wasn't his obvious

bias & that finally undermined the New Delhi Defense Minister.

It was - his ^{complete} ~~gross~~ incompetence. ^{Actually this}

The Red Chinese invasion of Indian territory - is more

than two years old. ^{And} Krishna Menon, ^{has had all} ~~having~~ that ~~much~~ time - to

equip his army. Instead, he left his ^{people} ~~men~~ to face overwhelming

odds - when the Reds began their ^{recent} ~~big~~ push ^{thru} ~~out~~ of the Himalayas.

Indian troops, using old-fashioned rifles -- against high

powered automatic weapons.

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Krishna Menon could have had the first Western arms -
but he preferred to dicker with Moscow. Khrushchev, evidently
stringing him along, ~~as the battle developed.~~ And then saying -
"No." Nehru, hurriedly turning to - London and Washington, to
~~getting~~ what he wants. ^{also} Doing something ~~that~~ the West hoped
for - ~~ouster of~~ ^{evicted} Krishna Menon from the post of ~~Indian~~ Defense
Minister. ^{Putting an} ~~Probably the~~ end ~~of~~ ^{to} - Krishna Menon's ^{Ambition to} ~~hope to~~
^{ever to be} ~~become~~ Prime Minister of India.

RUSSIA FOLLOW KRISHNA MENON

The Russian attitude toward the ^{China}~~Sino~~-Indian war --
moral support for Red China, but no arms. Khrushchev, opposing
Mao Tse-tung's aggression - especially with the world situation
so dangerous. At the same time, Khrushchev has to defend Mao
publicly - for fear of splitting the Communist bloc. Which ~~is~~
^{has been} ~~already~~ showing wide cracks - in what ^{once} was supposed to be a
monolith.

~~Whatever Khrushchev does with regard to the fighting
in the Himalayas - will embarrass him. And the line of least
embarrassment evidently demands - at least lip service to
Peking.~~

R.A.F.

Here's another story about - that odd British phenomenon, The right of a service man - to buy his way out of Her Majesty's armed forces. A few weeks ago, we had the soldier - who was "bought out" of the British army, by his girl friend.

Tonight, it's an aviator - in the R.A.F. Brian McGee, still in uniform - when he joined the pacifist Campaign for nuclear disarmament. Brian, deciding that military aviation didn't seem completely consistent - with his new career. So he asked the pacifists - to get him out. Which they did ^{today -} ~~tonight -~~ by ^{anti-ing} ~~ponying~~ up two hundred pounds sterling.

^{And -} ~~Rather~~ unusual - a pacifist in the R.A.F. ^{discharge.} ~~rather~~ unusual, ^{the way} ~~how~~ he got out. Simply - buying his ^{way out.} ~~way out.~~