

**SPACE**

L.T.-OLDS.

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The review of the space race by Vice President Johnson - is a frank admission that we are behind. The Vice President - running down a list of items. Rockets - the Russians have bigger boosters. Payloads - the Russian space capsules weighed more than ours. Manned flights - the Russians have had two cosmonauts in orbit, at the same time. And - so on.

So - are American prospects really dim? Not so - said Vice President Johnson. *He tells us* We'll have to ride out - more Soviet space spectacles, *But the gap is* narrowing - and will disappear eventually, *if we continue* ~~as long as~~ *to* ~~we~~ run as *fast* ~~hard~~ as we can - to catch up.

Said Lyndon Johnson - " Last year Americans spent more money on horse races, than on the space race."

## IDEOLOGY

The boss of the Kremlin ought to appreciate - the latest declaration in Peking. After all, Khrushchev is fond of - sententious folk wisdom. And this sounds like - one of his pet sayings. "Genuine gold stands the test of fire - and truth cannot be obliterated by abuse."

Unfortunately, Khrushchev is on the receiving end - of this lecture. Mao Tse-tung, warning him - that Red China will not give up her ideology. And has the support of - almost half the Communist world. The pure gold of Marxism - in Peking, says Mao.

## CASTRO

Just what Castro said to that French journalist - seems to be a matter of dispute. Claude Julian repeats that the bearded dictator did say - that he would have boxed Khrushchev's ears during the missile crisis.

*Was*  
~~But~~ Castro ~~was~~ joking?

*Anyhow*  
~~However~~ it's not the kind of joke that goes down well in Moscow. And today ~~MMMM~~ Havana was full of - denials. The interview, termed - "Capitalist intrigue."

~~But~~ The French journalist defends - the piece he wrote *and* ~~he~~ insists that Castro was indeed furious - about the way the Soviet missiles were pulled out of Cuba. Khrushchev, ignoring Castro-when the orders were given.

## INDIA

If you want to know what the Indian Army has been up against in the Himalayas - consider this fact. New Delhi has just decided to scrap - the bolt-action rifles of World War One vintage. Seems incredible, but the troops who were rushed north to stem the Red Chinese invasion - carried arms that were the latest thing, half-a-century ago. The rifle that refuses to eject a spent cartridge - until the bolt is pulled back. The rifle that can't fire again - until the bolt is pushed forward again.

So <sup>one reason</sup> that's why the Indian Army - was driven back.

Beaten by - superior fire power. But Britain and America have been rushing modern arms - to India. And the Indian generals report that their front line troops <sup>now</sup> will be using automatic rifles - if Mao Tse-tung's legions attempt to advance deeper into India.

## BRITISH

It's been a long time since beauty and politics were mixed on such a high level - as they are in London tonight. Beauty - Christine Keeler, the stunning model. Politician - John Profumo, the British Minister of War. Mystery - what has become of the model? And - did the Cabinet Minister have anything to do with it?

These questions, so provocative - that John Profumo answered them in the House of Commons. At his side, ~~IMM~~ to give him moral support - his chief, the Prime Minister.

Profumo, telling the Commons - that he knew Christine Keeler, ~~But~~ - only casually. ~~And~~ knows nothing about the fact - that the model hasn't been seen for two weeks.

Just to add spice to the story - Christine Keeler was under summons to appear in court. Called

as a witness in a shooting affair - involving her  
boyfriend.

If you think its getting more and more like  
Edgar Wallace - here's another tidbit. One of the  
model's friends was - a Russian officer attached to the  
Soviet Embassy in London.

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out of that.

## TYPHOID

Tonight's story from Zermatt, Switzerland - has overtones of Edgar Allan Poe. Remember - "The Masque of the Red Death"? Carnival atmosphere - corroded by disease and death?

Well, in Zermatt it's - winter sports and typhoid. A minor epidemic, causing the Swiss health authorities - to ask for less conviviality. But they say that the dancing is going on tonight - while typhoid cases are being cared for in the hospitals.

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## AVIATION

The mechanics of aviation may be revised because of - a whistling swan. So says the Civil Aeronautics Board - referring to a plane crash last November. A United Viscount, hit in the horizontal stabilizer - by a whistling swan. The impact of the bird, knocking the plane - out of control, causing it to crash - with a loss of seventeen lives.

The point is - that birds are suspected in many unexplained air tragedies. And the C.A.B. is investigating ways and means - of re-designing planes. Making them - bird proof.



## EXERCISE

Americans who have been going in for those fifty mile hikes - does that include you? - will be interested in this dispatch from Helsinki. Seven students at the University claim a record - for pumping a hand-car down a railroad track.

They got their chance - because of a railroad strike. The tracks, clear - all the way from Turku to Helsinki. The students, wheeling their hand-car out - in sub-zero weather and keeping it going without a stop - for one-hundred-and-twenty-four miles. The seven students, working in relays - for sixteen hours.

Their car, the only thing rolling on the tracks as they zoomed triumphantly into Helsinki. And then Dick, do you suppose they headed for the nearest sauna?

## ANIMALS

Now, let's take a look at - a few animals.

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a donkey. Pig, larger than - a hippo. Baboon, larger  
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## MOON

*Remember the theory that the moon once occupied the bed of the Pacific Ocean? That was discarded - because the composition of the moon doesn't fit the geology of the Pacific basin.*

*Now, Professor John O'Keefe of the Space Administration tells us that the moon probably was torn away from the earth. But - not from the Pacific basin. He says the depression it left - is now far below the surface of our planet, and is a cause of earthquakes and volcanoes.*

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