

SPACE

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The latest on yesterdays rocket launching is - *that*  
"Ranger Four will probably hit the Moon, but we won't  
know anything about it." The big rocket - right on course  
Headed for our natural satellite - where it will arrive  
on Thursday. The space shot - apparently a ~~complete~~  
success. *Except for*

The failure - is in the instruments. They'll be  
out of commission - just when they should be sending back  
photographs and scientific data.

Meanwhile, the new Soviet space effort - is  
functioning properly. Cosmos Three, fired into the  
radiation belt around the Earth - to find out what its  
like out there. Another Russian space success - although  
not as spectacular as our Ranger Four.

ATOMIC

The detachment of President Kennedy, <sup>evidently a</sup> ~~is~~ the tipoff  
- on the American attitude toward our atomic series in  
the Pacific. The President, calm and <sup>poised</sup> ~~detached~~ - out  
cruising with his family <sup>today,</sup> on Lake Worth, Florida. In  
other words, the big decision - has been taken. ~~And~~  
<sup>with</sup> ~~there is~~ nothing for the President to do at this point -  
except keep in touch with the preparations at Christmas  
Island.

The big decision, <sup>was</sup> ~~as you know~~ is to go ahead  
with the tests. No hesitation in Washington because of  
Soviet threats - or "Ban The Bomb" marchers in the "free  
world." Any other attitude, absurd and dangerous -  
according to President Kennedy. Especially preposterous,  
the idea that we might force Khrushchev - to resume his  
nuclear explosions. The boss of the Kremlin can always  
find a good excuse - <sup>on that.</sup> for going ahead. He found one  
without any help from us - when he violated the test  
moratorium.

## ARGENTINA

Today's decree in Buenos Aires - has thrown open thousands of jobs throughout Argentina. President Guido, declaring void - all provincial elections since 1961. ~~Negating~~ <sup>Canceling</sup> the election - that <sup>would have</sup> returned so many Peronistas to power.

The President of Argentina has a right to do this <sup>canceling</sup> - under the Argentine constitution. Whether he was wise to do it - depends on what happens next. The followers of Peron are still threatening - to start a civil war. But the army claims - to have them under control. The crisis in Argentina, probably to be decided - when this claim is tested in a showdown between the Peronistas and the army.

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

The guerrilla wars in Southeast Asia - are favorable and unfavorable tonight.

In South Viet Nam, government forces are mopping up - after one of their most important victories. They trapped a battalion of Red soldiers - only thirty-four miles from Saigon. Raking them - with machineguns and grenades. Killing seventy - wounding many more. The survivors, fleeing into the jungle - in a disorderly rout.

From Laos - less optimistic news. The guerrillas, overrunning - an army outpost. Tonight, locked in a ~~fight~~ battle - with Loyalist forces. A battle for control of - the Laotian provinces in the North.

ORAN

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The city of Oran in Algeria - doesn't look the same tonight. The commandos of the OAS used to operate - from rooftops and balconies. Now, those strategic places are out of bounds - to all civilians. And the top floor of key buildings are occupied by - detachments of the French army. Crack riflemen, in snipers posts - watching for commandos in other buildings.

This, an all-out drive by DeGaulle's men - to break the power of the rightwing underground. Oran has always been the bastion - of the OAS. But tonight the OAS is finding it hard to maintain a foothold - in Oran.

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## SALAN

In Paris, its being pointed out that the prosecution of General Salan - is a second time around for DeGaulle.

Back in 1945 - Marshal Petain was on trial, for crimes against the state. He was - sentenced to death. DeGaulle, then President of the Fourth Republic - commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. But, he allowed Petain's henchman <sup>Premier</sup> Pierre Laval - to be shot.

Today, Petain and Laval are replaced by - Salan and Jouhaud. Salan, almost surely marked for execution - as is Jouhaud. But DeGaulle, now president of the Fifth Republic - could commute the sentences.

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That conspiracy to bring arms into Katanga in the  
Congo - was exposed in the most dramatic way possible.  
They simply picked up a traveling salesman - when he  
showed up at Elisabethville Airport. In his baggage - a  
box of samples. Grenades, rifles, machine guns - all for  
inspection by Katanga Premier Tshombe. The Premier,  
placing orders - worth eighteen million dollars. The  
deal, all set to go through - when the Congolese  
authorities caught the salesman.

Official explanation - the carefree  
disregard of the European press. The troops - too  
unqualified for a reigning Princess.

As for the French tax collector - Delville is  
contending that he was per se not in a position to  
France. Mentioned today - drug - tobacco in a sector of  
the pharmaceutical industry - because of the del-ive  
claims. The status that Delville - is interested in  
change.

## MONACO

The Principality of Monaco is reeling tonight - under two blows. First - the tax collector from Paris is getting closer. Second - Princess Grace isn't getting the kind of publicity that the Prince likes.

<sup>To</sup>  
~~lets~~ begin with - the Princess! - Grace Kelly, as you know - announced her return to the movies, a few weeks ago. Today, the blonde beauty who presides over the ~~Hotel~~ Monaco - said she's postponing it indefinitely. Official reason - Director Alfred Hitchcock won't be available. Unofficial explanation - the carnival atmosphere of the European press. The hoopla - too undignified for a reigning Princess.

As for the French tax collector - DeGaulle is insisting that Monaco pay customs on goods entering France. Mentioned today - drugs. Monaco is a center of the Pharmaceutical industry - because of the tax-free status. The status that DeGaulle - is determined to change.



COPYRIGHT

Here's a question for musicians - and ~~short~~<sup>T</sup>shirt manufacturers. The question - are Bach, Beethoven and Brahms public property? ~~For~~ Musicians will answer - "Yes." Pointing out that the compositions of the three masters - have been free of copyright ever since the Nineteenth Century.

Where do the ~~short~~<sup>T</sup>shirt manufacturers - come in? ~~With~~ one firm decided to put pictures of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms - on their products. Which seems like a cultural idea for a trade that is more devoted <sup>to</sup> - Mantle and Mays. <sup>Maries</sup> The trouble arose - when a second company adopted the musical theme.

Hence - a lawsuit over copyright. The verdict, handed down today - by a Philadelphia judge. His Honor, ruling - "No copyright." Even on ~~short~~<sup>T</sup>shirts - Bach Beethoven and Brahms ~~are~~ public property, <sup>Dick?</sup>

PLANE

The following reference - sounds literary. "Scarlet O'Hara - is gone with the wind." It could refer to - the famous novel by Margaret Mitchell. Actually, the story is about - a plane.

The four-engine Lockheed - flown by Jacqueline Cochran. America's lady flyer took off from New Orleans - in "Scarlet O'Hara," And flew to Europe - setting records all along the way. One record - verified today. From New Orleans \* to Gander, Newfoundland - in four-hours-and-twenty-two minutes. A women's record - for the distance. "Scarlet O'Hara" was really gone with the wind - <sup>with Jacquin</sup> ~~when Jacqueline~~ Cochran ~~was~~ at the controls.