

*H. - Older Tues. Aug. 1st. '61.*

The House Foreign Affairs Committee supports -  
the administration aid bill. Almost four and a half billion  
- to help other nations of the free world. The Committee  
majority - overwhelming. Twenty-seven - to four. Reflecting  
concern on Capital Hill - that President Kennedy be granted  
the authority he needs to meet the world crisis.

*Also,*  
~~over~~ in the Senate - success for the administration  
defense bill. The Appropriations Committee, putting its O.K.  
on - almost forty-seven billion. The largest sum voted for  
military spending - since World War Two. Prominent in today's  
allocation - more than five hundred million for long range  
bombers. President Kennedy didn't ask for this - but the  
committee is giving it to him anyway.

## NAVY

The retiring Chief of Naval Operations remarked today - "The Fleet is strong and ready!" Which is what we would expect of an organization - headed by Admiral Arleigh Burke, "Thirty-One-Knots Burke," famed World War Two commander of the "Tin Cans" - the destroyers.

Scourge of subs and battleships - when his squadron patrolled the oceans at top speed, at thirty one knots.

Now ending six years - as top man in the Navy, Turning the job over to - Admiral George Anderson.

Retirement for Arleigh Burke - as crusty a sea dog as our fleet has had in a long while. Already a legend among the fighting men of the sea - "Thirty One Knots Burke."

*One part of a great*  
~~A fraction of a~~ city continues to be - the focus  
of the cold war crisis. West Berlin - ~~an~~ oasis of freedom  
behind the Iron Curtain. Today Khrushchev was talking  
tough again - in Moscow. *And* rattling - his rockets. *And* Leaving  
Washington - rather unimpressed. Secretary of Defense  
MacNamara warning - that ~~when~~ we'll use atomic bombs if  
there's ~~no~~ other way of safeguarding our rights in West  
Berlin. Our Secretary of Defense, asking all Americans to  
join - a civil defense build up -- shelters for protection -  
against fallout.

As for West Berlin itself - ~~its~~ the target of  
~~that~~ new ~~red~~ red harrassment; The East German regime *has*  
start<sup>ed</sup>~~ing~~ the rumor of - a polio epidemic in West Germany.  
Trying to frighten the refugees - who continue to trek West  
~~in~~ in unprecedented numbers.



CHINA

As expected, President Kennedy and Formosa's Vice President Chen Cheng didn't see eye-to-eye, at their second White House session. The two statesmen, proposing different approaches to the key issues - of a possible U.N. seat for Red China; ~~And~~ possible American recognition of Outer Mongolia. Vice President Chen wants a flat "no" to both. President Kennedy agrees that Mao Tse Tung should be kept out of the U N -- the only difference being a question of strategy. <sup>π</sup> Outer Mongolia seems to be - a more difficult problem. Especially since we want a listening post in that part of - Central Asia. The place where Russian and Red Chinese ambitions might collide - with an explosive impact. Outer Mongolia.

## COMMON MARKET

The common market appears to be booming - more than economically. Attracting - new members - nations, anxious to give <sup>up</sup> a little of their own sovereignty -- in order to sell <sub>λ</sub> their wares across Europe.

Latest candidate - Ireland. The Dublin government, <sup>now</sup> <sub>λ</sub> ~~announc~~ <sup>so that</sup> <sub>λ</sub> it will follow Britain's lead - and abandon economic insularity. Prime Minister Lemass, telling the Irish parliament - that he doesn't see any other solution to the financial squeeze. Exactly the sentiment expressed yesterday - by the British Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, the six original members of the common market - are rolling out the red carpet for the new arrivals. <sub>λ</sub> ~~Hailing~~ - the London decision. Accepting the explanation offered in Paris by Britain's Lord Privy Seal- that ~~xx~~ his country wants membership, if suitable terms can be worked out. The others, voting unanimous approval - of the British petition.

## STORM

Tonight the East Coast is cleaning up - after the second cloud burst inside a week. From New England to the Carolinas - a mountain of debris. Trees and telephone poles - knocked over. Bridges - washed out. Highways - covered with silt. Shingles - littering thousands of backyards.

In the West they also are having the usual spectacular summer cloud bursts. Denver two in less than twenty four hours. Women in Denver taking off their shoes and stockings, lifting their skirts and merrily bucking the torrents that raced through many Denver streets. Tourist rather awe-struck by it all.

## AMMONIA

The banks of the Illinois River are covered with -  
dead fish, and insects. That is - the part near the <sup>picturesque town of</sup> ~~city of~~  
Creve Coeur. Victims of ammonia fumes - leaking from a barge  
on the river. The deadly gas forcing ten thousand people -  
from their homes. Causing more than fifty casualties -  
none serious. Drifting down stream for ~~xx~~ several miles -  
killing fish and insects along the way. Tonight - emergency  
over. The ammonia, dissipated into the air - above Creve  
Coeur, Illinois.



HAVANA

There was a touch of humor in Yuri Gagarin's visit to Havana - although we didn't realize it at the time. We did know that the Cuban government ordered out a ~~mix~~ brigade waving banners - to welcome the Soviet Cosmonaut. Today, refugees arriving in Miami ~~xxx~~ reported that some of the banners read - "Russians go home." The Cuban leftists, not understanding the words - which were in Russian. They stood smiling in front of the banners - and were flabbergasted when the Russians began to scowl. The men with Gagarin, translating the sentence - "Russians go home." Whereupon, those particular banners - quickly disappeared.

~~Its a good example of the Cuban genius - for~~  
~~comedy. Parading anti-Soviet remarks - under the nose of~~  
~~Khrushchev's admirers. I wonder - if Castro is - laughing.~~



## EXPLOSION

American Actor Gene Kelly today lost his car - in Paris and is lucky - he didn't lose his life. The car, brand new, gleaming with chrome. Gene parked it near the famous Bois de Boulogne. When he returned, it was - a smoking heap of twisted junk..

The Paris gendarmes say the explosion was caused by - right wing French terrorists. Demonstrating against - DeGaulle's plan from Algeria. They aimed their bomb at the home of - a DeGaulle supporter, missed the house - and hit Gene Kelly's car.

Another little item for the insurance company. I wonder what it says in the fine print - Dick - about your car if bombed by terrorists?

## STARS

Here's an interesting ailment - "star sickness."  
Sounds as if it might be some sinister disease - caused by  
rays in outer space. But the latest case of "star sickness"  
is closer to the ground.

Ivan Dikovets - a Soviet football player. Ivan,  
star of his team - and most popular man in the Ukrainian mining  
town of Stalino. As a result - he began making ~~his~~ big  
demands on his club. His biggest demand - that they present  
him with an automobile. You can understand the meaning of  
this - because in the <sup>Ukraine</sup> ~~Ukrainian~~ cars are almost as rare as  
gold nuggets. Most of them, driven by - Communist big shots.  
~~The rest standing in line, and its a rather long line.~~

~~Well,~~ Ivan the football player demanded - that he  
be <sup>put at</sup> ~~moved to~~ the head of the line, ~~and~~ given <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ car for  
<sup>Wherefor Ivan gets</sup>  
nothing. ~~Hence he has~~ a spot - on Pravda's front page.

The Soviet ace of ~~the~~ football ~~field~~ diagnosed as suffering  
from "star sickness."