

EICHMANN

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The verdict on ~~Adolf~~ Eichmann was easier than - his sentence. ^{Few} ~~Practically no one~~ doubted that the accused Nazi mass murderer would be found "guilty" - by the Jerusalem court. The case against him, documented during a trial - lasting four months. Fifteen hundred - exhibits. A million and a half words of testimony from many witnesses - including Eichmann himself. All, leading up to the verdict that he was indeed responsible for - the crimes he admits he committed.

But - what should his punishment be? Almost anything seems too mild - where the Nazi horror is concerned. And yet the feeling lingers in Jerusalem - that Eichmann's judges may not sentence him to death. Reason? - the former S.S. Colonel ^{- too insignificant} seems just ~~too petty~~ a figure, to bear the crushing weight of Hitler's monstrous regime.

On many television stations right across the country I will ^{be} review ^{the} Eichmann trial tonight; - probably one of the most important trials in the past 2000 yrs.

ALLIES

The Paris conference that began today - has one major item on its agenda. The Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, West Germany, and the United States - struggling to hammer out a common approach to the Berlin crisis. In particular - what to do about negotiating with Khrushchev.

The line-up, as you probably know - looks like this:- Britain wants to get the talks going - as soon as possible. ~~France~~ that is, DeGaulle - doesn't want to talk to Khrushchev at all, at this point. West Germany and the United States - in the middle. Ready to negotiate now - but only if Khrushchev proves that he'll come to the conference table in good faith.

Is any common approach possible? Officials close to the Foreign Ministers in Paris - think that the answer is "yes." They point out - that one basic point is already settled. Britain and America will not go it alone - with Khrushchev. Will not negotiate - without France.

CONGO

The Katanga crisis, as expected - is dividing the Western Allies more than ever. This fact ^{is} symbolized by two announcements - made almost simultaneously. Washington, reaffirming our full support - for the U.N. operation in Katanga. London, demanding an ^(accounting) ~~account~~ from the U.N. - before handing over those British bombs. Prime Minister Macmillan, saying he wants a guarantee - that the bombs will not be used against any Katanga target, except airfields and grounded planes.

Meanwhile, conditions in Tshombe's secessionist province - are becoming catastrophic. On the ground, a wild melee - of infantry fighting. In the air, Tshombe sending his few planes - against the U.N.-held Elizabethville airport. ~~U.N. jets, flying a hundred and fifty miles north - to bomb and strafe a key rail center.~~ Katanga, assuming the ugly appearance - of a major battlefield.

Once more, the poignant spectacle that we have seen so often - in this century. Hordes of refugees, trying frantically - to get out of the battle zone. Today a trainload of women and children - crossed the border into Rhodesia.

SPY

The Soviet spy on his way home from Ottawa - is the second to be caught in five years. Last time, a Soviet Embassy secretary named Popov was sent back to Moscow - after classified information was found in his possession. Now it's the turn of Anatoly Loginov - Military Attache at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. Loginov, caught by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police - when he was trying to buy state secrets. Declared persona non grata - by the Canadian government. Given - the boot.

ALBANIA

During the Nineteenth Century there was a stock ~~xxxxxxxx~~ character in vaudeville known as - "the Mad Russian." He used to appear on stage in a bushy beard, baggy trousers - and Slavic tunic. He generally had a fund of mock-solemn jokes - about vodka, Siberia, and the Czar. Anyone who could play "the Mad Russian" - had an avid audience, in cities all the way from Berlin to San Francisco.

All of which may seem a round-about way of getting to the news - that Russia has broken diplomatic relations with Albania. The connection is that the Albanians in Moscow are talking about - "the Mad Russian." And - he's no comedian to them. In fact - he's the villain of the piece. Who? Why - Nikita Khrushchev.

One Albanian student, remarking - "Don't believe the Mad Russian when he blames us for this." ~~Nikita's act not going down well with his audience. Catcalls instead of cheers.~~ Exit the Albanians - from Moscow. But not - exit laughing.

ALGERIA

A dispatch from Algeria sounds like something out of -
"Beau Geste," or "Under Two Flags."

Picture a French outpost - deep in the Sahara.
Soldiers - manning their posts. Tri-color -- flying overhead.
And so on.

Then picture a Moslem army - suddenly surrounding the
outpost. Firing on it - from the sand dunes. The French
defenders, answering with a barrage of their own - from the
embrasures of their fort. The tri-color, flying bravely -
amid the blare of bugles and the roar of guns.

But this story doesn't end in the manner of P.C.
Wren - the master novelist of the Foreign Legion. Wren
usually portrays a French camel corps of legionnaires -
arriving just in the nick of time. In this Algerian dispatch,
no rescue - out in the Sahara. The French - overwhelmed.
The defenders - killed or captured. The Moslem force, melting
away - back into the desert. No happy ending - for the French.

WIRES

~~Here's a question.~~ How would you like to sit for half an hour - with thousands of volts of electricity buzzing around you? It happened today - in Atlanta, Georgia. A car with four people inside, swinging in front of a bus - holding fourteen passengers. The car, hitting a utility pole - knocking it over. Several high tension wires, draping across - the two vehicles. Also twisted - in the wheels. The eighteen persons involved in the accident - terrified by their predicament.

All they could do was sit still - until a ^{corps} ~~gang~~ of servicemen gingerly removed those live wires. Half an hour - with electrocution only inches away.

PREDICTION

The Weather Bureau in Washington - is going out on a limb; a snowy limb. Predicting the weather pattern for the entire nation - during this winter ahead. The method of arriving at a prediction, described by weather-man Jerome Namias, who calls it "a blend of science, experience and intuition." With an assist from - the Bureau's mechanical brain.

So - what kind of weather can we expect? In the east - higher temperatures than normal, for the next ninety days - for three months. Let's go to the Alps. Our Great plains, to get the kind of winter - they generally get; and the continental Divide region, Colorado, to see the thermometer plunging - far below normal.

Rain? Especially heavy - on the west coast. Heavy snow in the Sierras - Squaw Valley, Mammoth. Especially heavy - around the Great Lakes. The rest of

PARIS

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The allied conference in Paris, - seems to have run into an impasse. The conflict between France and the others - apparently insoluble. The reason, oddly enough - something that happened three thousand miles away. Yesterday's Washington speech - by the Soviet Ambassador to the United States. Menshikov, making those intransigent remarks - in which he virtually demanded a Berlin settlement on Soviet terms.

The point, in Paris - DeGaulle now feels vindicated in his opinion of Khrushchev. DeGaulle, more ~~is~~ sure than ever - that this is no time to negotiate with the boss of the Kremlin. Paris ~~is~~ absolutely refusing to go along with the rest of the allies - in approaching Khrushchev on the Berlin issue.

London, Bonn, and Washington - trying to see if there's a way out of this impasse. Which - there ~~is~~ doesn't seem to be.

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RETAKE

the country, about normal.

Well, they say that if you want to be a prophet -
you'd better put your predictions far in the future.
Otherwise, you're liable to be asked embarrassing
questions - about what went wrong. This time, Dick,
we'll know within ninety days - whether the Bureau is
a prophet; or - a false prophet.

KANGAROO

In Miami, they say a few rummies - have just given up drinking; because of - Katy, the kangaroo. Katy, mascot of an airline - escaped from her cage last night; decided - to see the sights, and headed for the bright lights of Miami.

Soon the police station and the Humane Society - were flooded with inquiries. Ten of the callers, admitting - they'd been hitting the bottle; so weren't quite sure whether the kangaroo was real, or whether its color was pink.

Katy the kangaroo is O.K. Also - smart. When they caught up with her - she was headed for Miami Beach, and a dip in the ocean.