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*Good Evening Everybody:*

*Observers in Washington are skeptical about any shift in the method of selecting new weapons for the armed forces. They think the criticism of the Defense Secretary - is too closely tied to a passing controversy. The controversy over the RS-70 bomber - which Secretary MacNamara doesn't want, and for which the House Armed Services Committee has okayed an appropriation of over three hundred and sixty million dollars.*

*A member of that Committee suggests - that future decisions be taken away from the Secretary of Defense. Handed to - the joint chiefs of staff. And the high brass appear to be in favor of the RS-70.*

## POLARIS

*The British support our plan - for a NATO Polaris Fleet, but are not sure - they'll take part in it. That's the rather ambiguous outcome - of the talks in London. Livingstone Merchant, arriving with details of - the American plan. Arguing that one key to the defense of Europe would be - an international submarine fleet, with polaris missiles.*

*The British government, answering with a quick "yes" - to the idea, with a slow "perhaps" when the question of British participation came up.*

## SHIPS

The new government by Syria appears to be  
**Those Soviet trawlers that Moscow says were**  
following an old, old path. Revolution, the first flash  
**fired on by American war ships - were in a part of the**  
Atlantic used for target practice. But this was no  
violation of international law - because all vessels always  
warn others in the area. And shooting is suspended as  
long as anyone might get hit.

The Moscow version is that two American  
cruisers and one destroyer - approached the trawlers off  
Norfolk, Virginia. And fired two volleys - with dummy  
war-heads. This charge, causing no surprise at the  
Pentagon - where they've heard so many Soviet charges,  
like the Moscow fairy tale that the insecticide we use in  
South Vietnam - is really poison gas.

## SYRIA

*The new government of Syria appears to be following an old, old path. Revolution, the first flush of victory - followed by opposition to the rebel regime. The civil population growing restive - under the junta of military men. But the reason this time - is relatively new. The Syrian generals, disagreeing with the civilians - about union with Egypt. The generals, preferring to go slow - while the civilians are demanding a pro-Nasser policy now.*

*Travelers from Damascus and Aleppo - report disturbances in both cities. The Syrian junta claims to be cracking down - on Communist subversion. Especially on Red agitators - who are trying to seize control of this latest revolution. Some say the Reds already have been crushed.*

## IDEOLOGY

*That showdown in the Communist bloc - may become personal after all. Khrushchev, no longer ducking, a face to face confrontation with Mao Tse-Tung. Not saying "Nyet" - to Mao's proposal that the boss of the Kremlin drop off in Peking. Take enough time for that - during his forthcoming visit to Cambodia.*

*Khrushchev appears to be leaning toward - a meeting of all the Communist party. A get-together at which the ideological split in the Red camp - would be settled, if - it can be settled.*

*All of which has some Kremlinologists - in something of a dither. They thought Khrushchev was afraid - to confer with Mao, and afraid of a Communist Congress - that might turn into a general attack on his policy of peaceful co-existence. As a result, there's some surprise at the Peking announcement - that he's thinking about both.*

**RUSSIAN**

**Departure of Khrushchev's son-in-law from Rome - raises a number of questions about why he came to the Eternal City. Did Adzhubei bring the party line - for the Italian Reds? Was he mainly concerned about trade agreements with the Rome Government? Or was he really interested in - that conference with Pope John? Perhaps even a beginning of a concordant - between Moscow and the Vatican?**

**Questions that are interesting - about a Bolshevik, and - the son-in-law of the boss of the Kremlin.**

## WEATHER

*The most tragic state in the union tonight - Kentucky. Mud and debris piled high, as the flood waters from mountain rivers receding almost as fast as they rose. The Cumberland, the Tug, The Guyandotte - and many others.*

*Kentucky - hardest hit of five states battered by floods, states that are still counting their dead. Taking care of fifty thousand homeless. Damage - in the tens of millions.*

*Bright sunshine in Kentucky today - as families filter back to their homes, to mop up.*

*But Kentucky's troubles are not over. The big sandy, rising toward a crest sixteen-point-five feet above flood state at Paintsville - water from melting mountain snows and heavy rains. About two thousand people have moved out of town.*

## VOTE

There's a vote coming up in Texas that sounds like - the easiest thing in the history of lone star politics. Subject - a new water system for Brazoria and Bushy Meadows County. Problem - how to raise the three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. To float a bond issue - or not?

What's so special about that? Oh, there are only two qualified voters - and they happen to be married. O.T. Lucas and his wife. Only the two of them to cast any ballots. And Lucas, himself, is the election judge.

So Dick, there shouldn't be much shooting - or even politiking - in Texas and Bushy Meadows County.



## FACTORY

There is a factory in Ohio that's in the news today. Probably the first of its kind ever to operate in Ohio.

It was set up on the banks of the Walhondine River near Coshocton - nine thousand years ago. Run by men - of the stone age. Their produce - flint javelin tips. The latest thing - in stone age warfare. Also used to bring down - pre-historic mastodons.

Thousands of flints have been dug up at the site. Archaeologists from Case Institute of Technology, say the flints were - factory rejects, a factory that did a roaring business - nine thousand years ago.