

ALGERIA

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The Battle of Algiers - that's what they're calling it - erupted as a consequence of yesterday's warning. The Right Wing underground, telling the French Army - to stay out of its stronghold in the suburbs. A patrol that entered today - were cut down in a blaze of machinegun fire.

Result - armored cars and mobile artillery, charging in. OAS commandos, blazing away at them - from the rooftops. The soldiers, moving quickly into battle formation - combing the buildings for snipers. In a moment, it was artillery - against bazookas. The streets, raked by - withering rifle and machinegun fire. Buildings, rocked - by explosions. The battle, ~~swinging~~<sup>swaying</sup> back and forth - in a savage hand-to-hand conflict. The outcome, doubtful - until the French army sent jets to attack with bombs and napalm.

Tonight, that part of Algiers looks like a battlefield - which, indeed, it is. A shambles of shattered masonry, broken glass, burning cars, abandoned weapons - and cartridges piled high in ~~the~~ gutters.

Both sides are regrouping - for another collision,

The predicted show-down -- between the French army and the Right Wing underground. From Paris, comes DeGaulle's order to his troops - "Crush this rebellion at all costs."

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## AMERICANS FOLLOW ALGERIA

One of the fantastic absurdities of the Algerian crisis - today's threat to the Americans in the territory. If the threat came from the OAS or the Moslem nationalists - it might make sense. But the authors are - Right Wing Moslems. Opponents of - Moslem nationalism. For some reason, they've decided - that they don't want any Americans around. Hence their warning - for all Americans to be out of Algiers by tonight. Or else, in their words - "be struck down without pity."

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## CONFERENCE

The full irony of the cold war came out in the open - in Geneva, today. The disarmament conference was called - to ease the tensions of the world crisis. Instead, the conference has made the international ~~atm~~ climate - more frigid than ever.

Not only is the deadlock - still there. But the feeling between the Soviet Union and the United States - has reached the lowest point since the Korean War. Rusk and Gromyko, exchanging accusations - as in the days of Stalin.

It all boils down to - Soviet unwillingness to let other nations know what they are doing. Khrushchev's refusal - to permit disarmament inspectors on Russian soil. An intransigence that Dean Rusk excoriated - in a hard-hitting speech. Our Secretary of State, repeating - that we would be fools to take Khrushchev's word again. The word that the Soviet boss broke so flagrantly - when he violated the atomic test moratorium.

Rusk again offered a cancellation of our atomic tests-



KENNEDY

President Kennedy's trip to California is being called - "non-political." At least - by the White House. The interpretation from Lower California to Oregon - somewhat different. California politicians are taking it for granted - that the President wants to put his prestige behind Governor Brown. Help the Governor <sup>stay in</sup> ~~to represent~~ the executive mansion - ~~at~~ Sacramento; <sup>and</sup> ~~this~~ keeping ~~the~~ Richard Nixon - out.

President Kennedy is said to have two motives - for intervening in California politics. First - to see that a key state remains Democratic. Second - to head off Nixon, who could go from Governor of California to Republican candidate for president in Nineteen Sixty-Four.

The President's speech at the University of California today, <sup>did</sup> ~~needless to say~~ avoid party issues. Topic - freedom and Communism in the world. President Kennedy, warning that we will have to face more crises and more frustrations - in the near future. As for the long run - he's optimistic. Predicting the collapse of Communism - from within.

President Kennedy pointed to the problems that Khrushchev faces - the mess in Soviet agriculture, the challenge from Red China, and so on. Then the President commented - "From Moscow, the world may seem even more troublesome, intractable and frustrating than it does to us."

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## TELESCOPE

An astronomer at Sydney University in Australia said today - "We're on our way to the galaxies." He was referring to the donation by our National Science Foundation - almost a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, toward payment for the new Sydney radio telescope. The American contribution, just enough to put the University over the top.- With seven hundred thousand dollars.

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## FIRST LADY

Rawalpindi, in Pakistan, is near the historic Northwest Frontier - where the traditions of Islam hold sway. Including the tradition that women wear veils - and remain cloistered. It's been that way, ever since Mohammedan armies overran northern Hindustan - in the Ninth Century.

Today, a thousand years of history - gave way. The streets of Rawalpindi, thronged with women - determined to get a look at their visitor. And they cheered loudly as Mrs. Kennedy rode through - to a Pakistan Day celebration. The equivalent of - our Fourth of July.

Even history surrenders - for beautiful Jacquie.

## SPELLING

Here's an interesting idea. Khrushchev, helping to raise funds for - the Republican National Committee. It happened - in Providence, Rhode Island. The boss of the Kremlin, working for the GOP - at least indirectly.

The explanation - a bright idea dreamed up by Mrs. Frank Lisle. The lady from Providence, betting all comers - that they couldn't spell the name "Khrushchev." An even money wager - involving a quarter on each side.

Mrs. Lisle - correct. Those who took her wager - began to stumble all over the letters of the alphabet.

Eventually, she raised - sixty-three dollars for the GOP.

Let's see, at a quarter a head - that makes two hundred and fifty-two people in Providence, who can't spell "Khrushchev."

*Dick,* How do you spell it? <sup>3 H's - full of H.</sup> K-H-R-U-S-H-C-H-E-V. ~~of course,~~

Mrs. Lisle could have complicated the problem - if she'd asked

*1/2* them to spell Khrushchev in Russian.

RECORD

If you doubt that Spring is here - consider the earth-shaking news from Fresno, California. The students at Fresno City College, claim to have set a new record for - applauding. Clapping their hands in relays - for nearly twelve hours. They say this has to be a record - because no one has ever tried it before.

I wonder what the betting is - that Fresno City College will soon be challenged. After all, we have a lot of other campuses - where the undergraduates have been known to get a little whacky in the Spring. So maybe there's going to be a crescendo of applause - from Maine to U.C.L.A.