

CULTURE

L.T.-Odds Thurs. Mar. 8 - '62,

The new agreement on cultural exchange between the Soviet Union and the United States - covers everything from A to Z. From Athletes to Zoologists. For example - the Ukrainian dance ensemble is scheduled to tour America. xx The New York City ballet - performing in Russia. Experts from both nations, to investigate - radio, television, movies, newspapers, housing, trade, public health. There will be visiting members from Russia - at our National Academy of Sciences. Americans - at the Russian Academy of Sciences.

This, the biggest cultural exchange agreement yet. So don't be surprised by - the rise in international traffic. Individuals and groups of every variety - in a flurry of coming and going. In their baggage - culture.

We can only wonder how this will work out.
Wonder - and hope.

FIRST LADY

When the First Lady left the White House today - you'd never have guessed that she was just over a bout of sinus trouble. Beautiful Jackie, as beautiful as ever. Also - as chic as ever. Dazzling in a leopard coat - and small black hat.

Mrs. Kennedy, escorted to the presidential plane - by the President. Then she was off to New York - and an overnight stay. Joined by her sister - Princess Lee Radziwill. The two, scheduled to leave tomorrow - for Rome.

Among their baggage - several trunks belonging to Mrs. Kennedy, filled with - the First Lady's new wardrobe. Hats, coats, gowns, shoes - everything that a well groomed lady needs on a semi-official visit to Rome, India, and Pakistan.

The style - of this wardrobe? We are told - not the "Jackie look" that bowled Europe over. This time - a rather oriental air. Including some adaptations of - the Indian sari. One shoulder evening gown - designed especially for the First Lady. Sounds interesting. Beautiful Jackie, in a sari.

WEATHER

The best place to start tonight's weather story is - the middle of the Atlantic. Out where fantastic oceanic storms are sending tidal waves - in both directions, West - toward the coast of America, East - toward Ireland, Britain, and France.

Let's start with Penzance, England, the Cornish coast. Home port of the pirates - from Gilbert and Sullivan. But tonight Penzance isn't a bit like - a Gilbert and Sullivan opera. Waves more than fifty feet high - pounding ashore. Smashing through the sea wall - cutting off the entire city. Hurling five ton boulders along the beach - as if they were marbles. Crushing - dozens of cottages. Lifting a yacht over an eighteen foot wall - leaving it high and dry in the main street of Penzance. Hundreds of the inhabitants, fleeing - back into the interior of Cornwall. This, the worst battering the Atlantic has given Penzance - since the British Weather Bureau began ~~gi~~ keeping records.

Meanwhile, the west of Ireland is being buffeted by high winds - and drenched by a torrential downpour. Along the

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French coast - weather too stormy for the fishing fleet. The anglers of Saint Malo - sticking close to port. Saint Malo, where they've boasted about challenging the sea - ever since Jacques Cartier sailed for the new world, and the exploration of Canada.

On our side of the Atlantic - conditions not that bad. Still - bad enough. Waves twelve feet high - surging against the Florida shore, ^{with} Much of the ^{famous} "Ocean Highway" - under two feet of water. Many Miami hotels - with flooded ~~basement~~ ^{basements}. From ships on the high seas - a familiar call. S.O.S. At least a dozen - reporting damage. And, ² ~~that~~ ^{that} Liberian tanker snapped in two - under the pounding of the Atlantic waves.

MURDER

The key witness in the "Stogner murder case" - is on her way home from the Congo. Secretary Elizabeth Thring, who was with Colonel Hulen Stogner - when he was shot by an unknown assailant. The Colonel's secretary - first under suspicion. Then expulcated - by the authorities in Leopoldville. Tonight, secretly put aboard a plane - bound for New York.

Algeria. Back in Leopoldville, the search for the murderer of Colonel Stogner - goes on.

ALGERIA

The Moslem offensive against the French army in Algeria - has no bearing on the peace talks at Evian. That's the verdict in Paris - about the battle raging along the Algerian-Tunisian border. The rebels, wheeling their artillery into position - on the Tunisian side. Shelling the electrified barbed wire fence - put up by the French, to keep them out of Algeria. French batteries, answering - with a barrage of their own.

Why is this artillery duel - unimportant? Paris claims - the shooting is for home consumption. Intended as - a show of force. The Moslem rebels, letting their supporters in Algeria know - that they haven't been defeated. The same reason, given for - the rebel threat to ~~break~~ break off the peace talks.

At Evian - a different tune. The Moslem diplomats, working with - their opposite numbers from Paris. Working toward - a cease-fire in Algeria. The negotiations, proceeding smoothly - in spite of the thunder of the guns in Algeria.

ACTRESS

Here's an interesting conundrum - "What has Kim Novak in common with Josef Stalin?" Give up? The answer - both have been excluded from Lenin's tomb. The difference - for the dead dictator, the exclusion is permanent. For the blonde movie star - only temporary. Kim Novak, wandering into a restricted area - escorted out by a Soviet policeman. Shown to - the main entrance, where she filed through with hundreds of Soviet visitors.

The Lenin tomb in Moscow - reopened today, after what the Russians call "repairs." Meaning - eradication of the last signs of Stalin, including his name - over the door, ^{even} And the outline on the floor - where his coffin used to stand. Nobody in Lenin's tomb tonight - except Lenin.

ROCKET

At Cape Canaveral, Number Six - in the series of Minuteman missile shots. But for a moment it looked as if the rocket - wouldn't get far from its launch pad. As it erupted from the underground silo, in an inferno of flame and smoke - the Minuteman wavered in the air. Seemed about to veer - off course. The safety officer at the Cape - reaching for the destruct button.

Then, the sensitive guidance system inside the rocket - took over. Pulling it - back on course. The Minuteman, flashing down the Atlantic range - landing in the target area, three thousand miles away.

Success Number Six - in the series. And it means that the Minuteman may be in our arsenal - before the end of the summer.

SMOKING

The question "to smoke or not to smoke" - is agitating Britain tonight. Part of the agitation - political. The Communist Daily Worker, suggesting that only American tobacco - is harmful. The aromatic Cuban leaf - okay. At least - as long as Castro is running Cuba, so says the London Communist paper.

Most Britons involved in this controversy - are following the pattern we have seen in the United States. Lining up pro and con on the report by the Royal College of Physicians. The learned British medicos, claiming to have experimental proof - that smoking does cause cancer. The British tobacco industry, countering with - some laboratory data of its own, purporting to show - no proven connection between cigarettes and illness.

British smokers, Dick - shaking their heads solemnly - as they listen to the debate - and light up.

MRS. KHRUSHCHEV

~~Now,~~ How would you like to see Mrs. Khrushchev - tripping the light fantastic? ~~Sounds like quite a spectacle -~~

The portly spouse of the portly Premier, kicking up her heels, Doing everything - from a jig to an African tribal dance.

It happened in the Kremlin, - ~~last night.~~ Nina Khrushchev, playing hostess to - the wives of diplomats from forty neutralist nations. Mrs. Khrushchev, evidently hoping to sway them politically - with a bit of swing and sway. The First Lady of the Soviet Union - gamely performing the native dances of her guests, ~~Including a rousing whirl - from Ghana.~~

The Moscow dispatch says - that she stuck it out to the end. Puffing and perspiring - but still on her feet when the music stopped. A formidable terpsichorean artist of high diplomacy - Mrs. Khrushchev.