

**CYCLONE**

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A deadly cyclone smashed into the east coast of Pakistan today - taking <sup>perhaps</sup> ~~SIXTY~~ one thousand lives, and causing terrible havoc. The city of Chittagong was cut off from all outside communications - telephone poles uprooted, lines down, airport runways and railroads flooded. - The government - unable to send in relief. A tidal wave also hit the shore south of Chittagong - capsizing seagoing ships and many barges.

Chittagong - where three years ago more than fifteen thousand people were killed - by a cyclone.

**PLANE**

The Navy flatly denies the charge - that one of our planes fired on Cuban and Russian technicians.

According to Havana Reds, the plane zoomed over an island off Cuba - and sprayed it with machine gun bullets Harassing the crew - prospecting for oil.

To which the Pentagon replies - "No truth whatever." The Navy adding, that our pilots fly under strict orders - not to use ~~THEIR~~ their guns, except in self-defense.

## VARENTSOV

Anyone who even knew Oleg Penkovsky - that Russian spy who has just been executed - had better watch out.

Tonight we hear that Chief Marshal of Artillery Sergei Varentsov, Hero of the Soviet Union - has been demoted. His crime? He was a friend of Pen<sup>x</sup>kovsky.

And Pen<sup>x</sup>kovsky exploited the friendship - for purposes of espionage. So says - Radio Moscow. — A MAJOR GENERAL, A COLONEL AND SEVERAL SCIENTIFIC WORKERS WERE SIMILARLY PUNISHED. — <sup>on the other hand,</sup> WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED AGAINST PENKOVSKY AT HIS TRIAL, SAYS IZVESTIA, RECEIVED "VALUABLE PRESENTS".

**SUGAR**

Housewives around the nation will be glad to know - that we do not face a sugar shortage this year. And that prices - should level off soon. This re-assuring news tonight from Undersecretary of Agriculture Charles Murphy - testifying before Senate investigators.

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## TEST BAN

Secretary of State Dean Rusk is not sure whether Russia is stalling over a nuclear test ban - because Khrushchev wants to embark on another round of testing. Or because he is afraid to rock the boat - just before those scheduled talks with Red China. Talks at which the two nations are to sit down and iron out their differences - ideological and political. If they can. Which - is very doubtful.

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## IRAQ - SAUDI ARABIA

Hello Dick, Good Evening Everybody:

I was speaking about the Persian Gulf Sheikdom of Kuwait, saying its ruler is now easily the richest man in the world. From the sea of oil underneath his small desert state he earns, net, around a million and a half dollars a day. His neighbors, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iran would all like to -- well, each would like to annex fabulous Kuwait -- especially Iraq. But, British economy depends heavily on Kuwait oil, and only Britain's naval, air and land forces in the Persian Gulf make it possible for the Sheik of Kuwait to keep on piling up those tens, those hundreds of millions.

Since the assassination, a few months ago, of Kassem who was himself an assassin, there has been a shaky government run by the military, in Baghdad -- shaky mainly because the warlike Kurds in the mountains of Iraq are demanding more

autonomy - and they control most of the oil rich areas of Iraq. So no wonder those now at the head of the government in Baghdad would like to take over Kuwait.

There are some two and a half million Kurds by the way in the ancient land of the Tigris and the Euphrates, another million in Iran, eight hundred thousand or so just over the border in Russia, and perhaps two hundred thousand more in Syria. And it's the dream of all these Kurds to break away and form their own nation - Kurdistan. It may not happen soon. But some day they are sure to do it.

On the other side of Kuwait to the south, Saudi Arabia is doing a better job of spending its vast oil millions than it did a few years ago. Prince Feisal, in spite of his ulcers, is running the country at the moment, apparently. But it won't be long until he and his brother King Saud will pass from the scene. And then what? Their successors undoubtedly will be their sons who are graduates of Princeton



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and Stanford, from whom a more enlightened regime will be expected for Arabia.

As for Jordan - young King Hussein - we support him, as you know. But assassination is common out here, and the assassins hand could change things over night in Jordan.

If you want excitement come on out to the Near East, or the Middle East. And if you want to live comfortably while you watch the scene, move to Beirut, the new spy capital of what some experts regard as still the most important area on our planet.

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FOLLOW L.T.

Excitement and comfort - that's a pretty good advertisement for Beirut, Lowell.

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In Lynchburg, Virginia - the drugstore and restaurants, however, although Greenville, South Carolina, abolished all of its

segregation laws. It replaced them with a "no-tolerance ordinance" which would penalize the owner of a business for refusing water

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## CIVIL RIGHTS

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## KENNEDY

Uncle Sam can go into debt more than ever -  
because of the President's action today. Mr. Kennedy,  
signing the bill that raises the limit of the national  
debt - temporarily, at least - to a cool three hundred  
and seven billion dollars. In short,

As for civil rights - the President talked the  
subject over with nine Democratic governors today. And  
scheduled a meeting with about a hundred businessmen.  
Object - to find ways and means of heading off any more  
violence before it begins.

**POPE** ~~BLANDY~~

Pope John is feeling a little bit better tonight -  
to the relief of millions, Catholic and non-Catholic,  
who have been following the course of his illness - with  
anxious concern. He even spent some time reading today  
~~AND SOME~~ in meditation and prayer. In short,  
tonight's medical bulletins from the Vatican - are not  
quite as disturbing as last night's.

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USS BLANDY

It was a smart sailor who saved the Destroyer USS Blandy from worse damage - by that fire which erupted in the ships boiler-room today. The fire, probably touched off by a spark falling into some lubricating oil- after a pipe broke.

Boiler Technician J. D. Mitchell of Mountain Grove, Missouri, quickly turned off the oil flow and sealed the boiler room - thus keeping the fire from spreading.

The U.S.S. Blandy - just arrived in Portland, Maine for <sup>a</sup> Memorial Day visit - but not in its best form tonight.

To the end, his thoughts were on the outstanding achievement of his Pontificate - the Second Vatican Council, which has caught the imagination of the peoples of all faiths, everywhere in the world. Pope John set out less than five years ago - to remove old antagonisms.