

RIGHTS

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Zanzibar)

The Federal Rights Commission has called off its hearings in Montgomery, Alabama. The reason - local officials, refusing to produce their voting records. The Commission wants the Justice Department - to intervene. According to Chairman Hannah, he and his colleagues will have to wait - until the Justice Department can do something about those records.

The problem in Montgomery - is voting rights for Negroes. There have been charges - about those rights being violated - in state elections. The Rights Commission had several Negro witnesses on hand - to testify. But it's impossible to go ahead - without knowing just who has voted in past elections.

Montgomery Segregationists declare - they have no intention of giving in. They won't surrender their county records. Judge George Wallace is even defying - a subpoena. Says Judge Wallace - "I don't care - who the Commission calls in."

HUMPHREY

A Minnesota Democrat was at the White House today - for a long conference with the President of the United States.

Senator Humphrey, passing on to President Eisenhower - those secret proposals made by Khrushchev - during Humphrey's visit to Moscow.

We have no details - about today's meeting. Senator Humphrey, naturally, refusing to say - how Mr. Eisenhower reacted to - the Khrushchev proposals. But Humphrey did say - he himself considers the secret Kremlin plan for Germany - "unacceptable."

KREMLIN

Ever since Senator Humphrey got back - he's been answering one particular question. What's it like - to visit Khrushchev in the Kremlin? The Senator's reply - it's easier on the nerves - than a lot of Washington offices. During those eight hours - Khrushchev wasn't interrupted once. No telephones ~~xxx~~ ringing - no secretary popping in and out. The only time Khrushchev's aides entered - was when he pressed ^a ~~xxx~~ button. In Senator Humphrey's words - "Khrushchev is the executive - least likely to get an ulcer."

But of course the Kremlin - has its own hazards.

Like the continuing struggle for power - at the top of the Soviet hierarchy.

SEROV

Tonight, the fate of General Ivan Serov - is still a mystery. Has the former boss of the Soviet Secret Police - been demoted - or promoted? Western diplomats in Moscow, believe that Serov is moving up a notch. These diplomats point out - Serov is a member of the Supreme Soviet. Also, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Then again, he's a protege of Khrushchev - and that's a pretty hard parley to lose on - in the Soviet Union.

GOLDFINE

The indictment of Bernard Goldfine, covers eighteen questions - that he refused to answer. Questions - fired at him by a House Sub-committee. The key issue - Goldfine's ~~after~~ Boston Port Development Company. Eighteen times he refused to answer - when the Sub-committee asked him about - the finances of that Company. Now he's been indicted - by a Federal Grand Jury.

Meanwhile, an echo of the Goldfine case comes from New York. Harpers, announcing - it will publish the memoirs of Sherman Adams. The former Special Assistant to the President - to tell his side of the affair - that cost him his White House job.

WEATHER

The city hardest hit by the blizzard - is Oswego, New York. Five feet of snow - falling on Oswego. The wind - howling in from Lake Ontario. Blowing the snow into drifts - twenty feet deep. Tonight, the streets of Oswego - are blocked. Communication lines - down. Schools - closed. The population - digging out. Rescue operations are in full swing - with the police, hoping they can deliver enough food and fuel - before the weather gets any worse.

Most of the country - is getting a taste of the same thing. Heavy snow, and high winds - from the Canadian border to Texas.

ROCKET

From French Equatorial Africa - final word about
Juno the Second. Our moon rocket - that got sixty thousand miles
into outer space - and then fell back. Burning out - over the
African jungle.

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TRAIN

Today's crash on the New York Central - could have been a real tragedy. Forty-seven children, aged eight to twelve, were in the car - that went off the tracks. But the car remained upright - instead of turning over. The result - only a few minor injuries. The irony is - that the youngsters were being shown - how a railroad operates.

WRITER

That Soviet writer who fled to the West - is a winner
of the Stalin Prize for Literature. Alexander Tscheysvili,
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honored by the Soviets - for his novel about collective farms.
Later, he became disillusioned - disgusted with Communism.
He wangled an invitation to a Communist Writers' Congress -
in East Berlin. And from there - made his dash for freedom.
He's been granted political asylum - in West Germany.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight's report from Lowell Thomas - finds him still in the air. Still finding out - interesting things about his fellow passengers.

(SCRIPT NEVER RECEIVED IN OFFICE)

An American in London, has just pulled off - the biggest one-man book deal in history. H.P. Kraus, of New York. He strolled into ^{Soth-by's} Sotheby's Auction Room - and spent two hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars - before he came out.

Kraus parted with that much - for six books. The prize catch - a Latin Gospel, dating from the Middle Ages. German monks at the Helmars]hausen Monastery, copied the Gospel - back in the Year Nine Ninety-Seven. They drew every letter - by hand. They decorated the margins - with bright colors. They carefully stitched the pages together - and bound them into a book. How much did they get for their labor? One guess is - a few pieces of gold for their monastery - from some medieval baron.

Today, nine hundred years later - the volume sold for - over a hundred thousand dollars. The medieval Gospel of Helmars]hausen - going to bookdealer ~~Kraus~~ Kraus, of New York