

ATOMIC

L1-Olds Wed. Oct. 25 '61.

Khrushchev ~~has~~ exploded ^s ~~still~~ another atomic bomb - a small one. Less than a megaton. But ~~every~~ ^{any} Russian nuclear test is sure to have world wide reactions - ~~ever~~ since Khrushchev touched off his thirty, or forty or fifty megaton giant, on Monday. The latest, this small one, brought protests from nations around the globe, from Stockholm to Tokyo.

At the U N today, the Political Committee gave priority to what is described as - the "solemn appeal", proposed by six nations directly in the path of Soviet fallout. When the Soviet delegate challenged the chair on its ruling, the issue was put to the "full committee" - this "solemn appeal" to Khrushchev, to call a halt to what he is doing.

Here's something that sounds like the statement in Viking mythology, that "when the gnome enters the cave, the fire mountain will erupt, bringing about "the ruin of Valhalla" and "the twilight of the gods".

But the statement today refers to a place that isn't quite Valhalla. It's about Carlsbad, New Mexico. The "gnome" in today's dispatch is the atomic explosion to which President Kennedy gave the green light today. It all has to do with a nuclear test - twelve hundred feet under ground. The President is inviting Foreign observers - including the Russians - to witness Project Gnome.

GROMYKO

About Gromyko's address - in Moscow -- we have no official word as to what the Soviet Foreign Minister told the Kremlin Congress. But unofficial reports indicate that Gromyko hewed close to - the old Moscow line, calling for negotiations between Khrushchev and Kennedy, but only on - Khrushchev's terms.

The report is that the Gromyko speech was one of the dull spots - of this Red Kremlin conclave. Many delegates, not even appearing - to hear him. The auditorium of the Grand Kremlin Theater - full of empty seats. The Red big shots - out enjoying the Moscow sights. Paying no attention to "gloomy" Gromyko.

BERLIN

No one expects the Russians to accept today's American protest - on traffic through East Berlin. But at last we're keeping the record straight - on our right to enter East Berlin without showing identity cards. General Albert Watson American Commander in the beleaguered city ^{today} crossing ^{ed} the border to pay a call on his Soviet opposite number, ^{to tell} ~~telling~~ the Russians that American officials will continue to travel back and forth - as ~~provided for under~~ ^{set forth in} numerous agreements signed by the Russians. General Watson, register^{ed} a strong protest - against Red harrassment of our personnel.

This harrassment, ^{incidentally} was the reason for - today's alert.

Our entire Berlin garrison of sixty-five hundred men ^{were} kept in combat readiness for five hours. Tanks and infantry - moving ~~right~~ ^{with} up to the border, Three jeeps, entering East Berlin - to escort an American command car through the check point.

The East German guards - not attempting to stop them. The Reds are still amenable to -- no, not reason, Force.

MISSILES

On the basis of intelligence reports, the administrator has decided that there is - a missile gap. And, that the Russians are the ones who ought to be worried about it - because it is they who are behind.

We are told that those who think they know, believe that Khrushchev has - fifty to seventy five inter-continental ballistic missiles. While we have forty five of them - ~~not~~ plus some eighty Polaris missiles aboard our nuclear submarines. That our missile striking power is superior to that of the Soviet Union by about two to one.

Since the Soviets have their own intelligence system, Washington is quite sure that Khrushchev knows all about this difference in strength between America and the U.S.S.R. And that what he is doing now is an attempt to conceal his own inferiority.

HONG KONG

While tension focusses on the refugee problem in East Germany - the same problem is acute on the other side of the world.

Mao Tse Tung is resorting to stringent measures to keep his people from escaping - attempting to seal the border - between Red China and Hong Kong; with a new barrier of concrete - and barbed wire. Maintaining controls around the clock - including savage police dogs.

Today, over a hundred Chinese - tried to slip through to the British Crown Colony of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Hongkong. About twenty - making it. The rest, rounded up by the Red guards, forced to make the trek back - to wherever they came from behind the Bamboo Curtain.

VIET NAM

President Kennedy's ~~personal~~ representative in South Viet Nam - is optimistic. General Maxwell Taylor, ^{says} ~~admitting~~ he was ~~most~~ impressed - by what he saw and heard in Saigon, ^{especially} ~~above all~~ by the determination of the soldiers. The Army, loyal to the legitimate government - and ready to defend their native land. ~~in arms.~~

~~still,~~ General Taylor ^{admits} ~~also saw~~ the magnitude of the problem facing Saigon. The Red guerrillas, having an inexhaustible source of men and supplies - in Communist North Viet Nam.

Will General Taylor recommend that American troops be sent - to South Viet Nam? ^{no comment on this} ~~He refuses to answer~~ until after he has reported to President Kennedy.

~~Incidentally,~~ The Reds, ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ Asia, have been playing up the Taylor mission - giving it much more space than the Communist Congress in Moscow. Red China ~~and the others,~~ fulminating - and threatening all kinds of dire consequences.

WRECK

In Miles City, Montana a National Guard Captain said ^{when} today, "the train started to bounce and buck, ~~and~~ we knew we were off the rails."

That's the way it felt to three hundred and eighty five National Guardsmen - on their way to Fort Lewis, Washington. ^{when} Their train, colliding ^{ed} with - a truck loaded with gravel. Eight cars - derailed. The diesel engine - skidding along on its side. Three hundred and sixty feet of track - twisted like a pretzel. The toll, six dead - the driver of the truck and five trainmen. ^{As for} The three hundred and eighty-five Guardsmen, ~~suffering~~ nothing worse than - cuts and bruises.

PICASSO

Tonight, a chateau near Cannes, on the French Riviera is draped with -- burglary alarms. The home of a rich man? The police precautions are not because of - furs and jewels. Under special protection are the works of Pablo Picasso.

The greatest living artist - eighty years old today. Exhibiting a whole gallery of his own work never seen before. Paintings, drawings, and so on. For example - that famous Picasso owl. The one made of cork and wire -- that looks real enough to fly away.

The astounding thing about Picasso - is not his genius. There have been - greater artists. But there has never been an artist so wealthy. The Spanish master is said to be worth - a couple of million dollars; all made on his own art. His originals, bringing fantastic sums - on the world market. For example, the highest price ever for a painting by a living artist-

a quarter of a million dollars. Picasso eighty years old today. An artist, Dick, who is a self made multi-millionaire - just splashing paint around.

There is a report from Moscow tonight - that Khrushchev has rejected all appeals about stopping his atomic explosions. In particular, he repeats that he is definitely going to explode that fifty megaton bomb. This Moscow announcement is apparently lined to forestall the U. N. resolution against the super bomb.