

CUBA

P.M. - Olds. Tues. Feb. 26, '63.

The speech delivered by the Guatemalan Foreign Minister in Washington today - is about the strongest declaration yet made on Castro's Cuba. Unda-Murillo, addressing - the Organization of American States. Calling for more than - a reaffirmation of the Monroe Doctrine. He wants the Monroe Doctrine - to be extended. Applied to all Colonialists in the Americas - and not merely used as a shield to prevent any more from entering.

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Specific application - to Cuba. The Foreign Minister from Guatemala, demanding - that the O.A.S. drive the Russians from the island. "With bayonets, if necessary," - as he put it.

RECONNAISSANCE

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It's all hush-hush around the Pentagon - that question of why the reconnaissance of Cuba was shifted from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Strategic Air Command. The CIA has been blamed for not discovering the Soviet missile buildup - sooner. Now we have the information that Sac planes replaced C.I.A. planes - just in time to take the historic photo of October fourteenth. The picture that showed the Soviet launching pads - almost ready for action, The picture that caused - the American ~~gigantic~~ quarantine of Cuba. And Khrushchev's decision - to remove the missiles.

The Defense Department insists - there was never any conflict between the C.I.A. and Sac. Still, talk goes on in Washington - about the intelligence gap that almost allowed Khrushchev to turn Cuba into a missile base.

COMMUNISM

Here's a follow-up to last night's story - from New Delhi. Nehru, telling the Indian Parliament - that Western aid is arriving without strings attached. That the danger to India comes from - the aggression of Red China. And that one reason for hope - is the split in the Communist bloc. The two Red giants - disputing about ideology. Their divergent national interests, leading to - a struggle for power. The current attempt to patch up the quarrel - bound to fail.

Said Nehru flatly - "The Communist world is disintegrating."

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Now, how would you expect Peking to react - to that? Nehru, termed a fool - of course. Mao Tse-tung's radio predicting - not the disintegration - but the triumph of Communism. Fraternal brotherhood behind the Iron Curtain - and so on.

The really interesting point - is this:- The

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Red Chinese broadcaster says that the Communist world will be unified - on Red Chinese terms.

Revisionists - meaning Khrushchev - to be eradicated.

All of which would seem to indicate that Behru is right. The Sino-Soviet conflict beyond repair. The Communist world - disintegrating.

COMMON MARKET

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The vote in the Common Market today - strictly a matter of resentment. Holland and Italy, having nothing against - the former French Colonies in Africa. But they do have something against - France. Namely - de Gaulle's veto of British membership in the Common Market. Which is why the Dutch and Italian delegates - voted "no" in Brussels. Turning down de Gaulle's plan to establish a Common Market aid program - for the African territories that used to be French.

Closer to home - more unyielding winter records.

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WEATHER

The weather report from Europe ^{once again} is an icy one.

~~is~~ Europeans are calling this winter - "The Little Ice Age." The Baltic Sea - almost frozen over tonight. The east German port of Stralsund, blocked by a barrier of ice - fifteen feet high. In West Berlin, ~~the~~ fish are frozen in the ice of the lakes - because the cold forced them to the surface. Mountain passes, ~~is~~ blocked by snow - from the Urals to the Pyrenees.

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~~lower~~ - this was supposed to inhibit fire.

VENUS

~~Now, what about - the planet Venus?~~ ^{TF} What did

Mariner Two find - when it flew within twenty-two thousand miles of the planet ^{Venus,} last December?

It found that life can't exist - on Venus.

Life, as we know it - anyway. The surface, too hot - eight hundred degrees fahrenheit. Hot enough - to keep lead boiling. Our scientists had thought that the heat of Venus might be due to an ionosphere - an electrified region above the atmosphere. ^{But} Mariner Two reported - the heat, on the surface.

Hence, any living things on the planet Venus - must be strange creatures indeed. Like the legendary salamander - that was supposed to inhabit fire.

GUN

The gun that was found on the beach at Whitehaven, England - goes back to ~~the~~ the American Revolution, ^{when we even} ~~You may not recall that the patriots~~ carried the war across the Atlantic. ~~But~~ John Paul Jones did. In April of 1778, he led a raiding party ashore - at Whitehaven, Driving the British defenders - back, Capturing the battery - in the harbor. ~~The~~ ^{John Paul} ~~patriot commander~~ ordered the guns ~~to be~~ spiked - and thrown onto the beach. One ~~of those guns~~, now coming to light - when the wind blew the sand away. A venerable artillery piece, taking us back to the days - when John Paul Jones roamed the seas.

LIZARD

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The four-toed triton that lived for five thousand years - may sound like the beginning of a fairy story. Actually - it's a story from the far more wonderful world of science.

The four-toed triton - a lizard that roamed Siberia five thousand years ago. One of the creatures got buried twenty-five feet underground - where it went into hibernation, Or - suspended animation, And it remained like that - for five millennia.

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Discovered by Soviet scientists - the prehistoric creature ~~was~~ carefully thawed out, ~~whereupon - it~~ came to life. Not quite as lively - as in the old days. But it walked around its cage, and ate berries - and survived for three months.

Quite a life-span for the four-toed triton! -
Five thousand years!

ADD LIZARD

But - is the Moscow report true? A scientist at the Museum of Natural History in New York - doubts it. Doctor Charles Bogert, insisting ^{Dick} - "There must have been some sloppy scientific observation."

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SOCCER

In Sheffield, England, the Sheffield soccer team came tearing down the field - toward the Manchester goal. Manchester goalie Dave Gaskell - dove headlong for the ball. He also dove - out of the lower half of his uniform.

Thirty thousand spectators watched in fascination - as Dave kept on after the ball. Forgetting about his state of dishabille - until the goal was scored. ~~Then he wriggled into - the missing part of his uniform.~~

Amusing - you say? Ah, but wait, ~~till you hear the rest of it.~~ Among the spectators was - Patience Savage. ~~And~~ prim Patience found the spectacle of the semi-dressed goalie - indecent. In fact, Patience had Dave arrested - on precisely that charge.

The case, coming up in the Sheffield court - today. ~~Case - dismissed.~~ Said the judge - "One can't always attend to one's uniform, when one is chasing a soccer ball." *Case dismissed!* So long until tomorrow

L.T. OLDS. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

Kremlinologists - are busy tonight. The experts on Russia, studying the text - of Khrushchev's marathon speech. Trying to figure out the meaning - by reading between the lines.

So - what do they read? For one thing - that the Sino-Soviet split is real, and bitter. Actually Khrushchev said just the opposite. But here are three interesting points - that are being noted. First - Khrushchev - admitted that differences exist in the Red bloc. Second - he avoided all reference to the Mao Tse-Tung. Third - although he confirmed support of Red China in case of a hypothetical attack from Formosa, no mention of Mao's aggression against India .

Khrushchev also talked softly - about Berlin. No ultimatum - no deadline. Just a repetition of his old plan - to have the U.N. take over from the allies in West Berlin.

Apart from that, Khrushchev didn't have much to say - of interest. He rattled his rockets in defense of Castro - and pretended to believe that we have given a "no invasion" pledge with regard to Cuba.

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REACTION

The first important reactions to the Khrushchev speech - are ~~taking place in~~^{from} Peking and Washington.

The Chinese Reds, picking up that point about Communist unity. The Peking broadcaster, declaring that there will be no unity - until Khrushchev apologizes to Mao, And agrees to a Red summit conference - where the Chinese charges against him will be aired.

Washington is adopting an official policy of - no comment. What about the ■■ mythical "no invasion" pledge - on Cuba. It's pointed out that Khrushchev knows - that we demand on site inspection first. But we're not contradicting him publicly - because ■■ we don't want to embarrass him too much.

Why not? Because we want him to get the habit of retreating quickly - from a showdown with the United States.

BEN BELLA

The Premier of Algeria feels - that he was tricked by Castro. So reported by Mennon Williams - who is just back from a trip to Algiers.

You may recall how Ben Bella went from Washington to Havana - and made what sounded like anti-American pronouncements. Now, Ben Bella says - it was all a mistake. The words, put into his mouth - by the bearded Dictator.

The Algerian Premier, terming himself - "pro-western and pro-American."