

U.N.

L.T.-Odds. Tues. Oct 25-'60

The Secretary General of the U.N. introduced his budget for the Congo operation today - amid all the signs of a financial crisis. The cause of the crisis is not the figure involved - sixty-six million. It's the fact that the Communist nations - are refusing to pay their share. Khrushchev, smarting from his defeat in the Congo - says he won't support the U.N. policy that defeated him. His puppets - falling into line automatically.

So who will pay - the Communist share of the U.N. expenses? The obvious guess is - Uncle Sam.

CONGO

Informed sources in Leopoldville state that the U.N. command - is taking stronger measures against Colonel Mobutu. U.N. troops are now said to be holding strong points - along the main highway into the city. Their orders - to repulse an armored brigade, if Mobutu tries to bring it into Leopoldville.

The armored brigade is composed of - elite soldiers of the Congolese army; ~~They are~~ loyal - to Mobutu. And they compose the strongest detachment he has. So the fear is that he might send his armor into action - to enforce his power over the capital of the Congo.

The mystery in all this - is, ~~the power of~~ Lumumba.

Can the deposed Premier - really stage a come-back? Western

observers ^{as we have been hearing, are sure} believe - that's what Mobutu is afraid of. That's

why he called off - his trip to U.N. headquarters in New York;

~~And~~ today proclaimed a new government for the Congo - headed

by himself and his high commissioners.

INVASION

The United States supports a Cuban resolution -
in the U.N! Castro is calling for an investigation of what
he calls ^{an} ^ "American plan for an invasion of Cuba." Our
spokesman today termed the accusation - "fantastic." Adding -
we welcome a full U.N. investigation.

CUBA

The latest expropriations by the Havana government - were expected. It was taken for granted that Castro would retaliate for our embargo - by seizing more American firms. Which is just ~~exactly~~ what he did - today. Taking over - a hundred and sixty-six companies, ~~Worth~~ - three hundred million dollars.

In Washington, the State Department promptly labeled these expropriations as - "totalitarian"; ~~And~~ predicted more economic hardships - for the Cuban people. Hardships imposed upon them - by their dictator.

EISENHOWER

Today President Eisenhower told newsmen - "Now I'm going into the political field." Meaning - the President is about to plunge into the campaign. Stump the country - for Nixon and Lodge, call on the electorate to vindicate the Eisenhower record - by electing the man who served for eight years as his Vice-President.

The Democrats are saying - the President has just been in the political field. They claim his recent tour wasn't "non-partisan" - no matter what the White says. President Eisenhower covered almost seven thousand miles - and delivered a number of major speeches. Since he several times jibed at Americans who underestimate their country - the Kennedy supporters are saying it was not non-political. They claim the President ~~announced~~ obviously was criticising Kennedy.

NIXON

Meanwhile Vice President Nixon seems to be turning on the heat." Today as his train whistle-stopped through Ohio and West Virginia - Nixon again and again denounced what he considers errors of judgment by Senator Kennedy. Especially - in foreign policy. In the Nixon speeches today the same phrases were coming up repeatedly regarding Cuba, Quemoy and Matsu, the U-2 flights, and so on; with special emphasis today on Cuba. Nixon charged that the Kennedy plan to help the anti-Castro forces - has "rocked the capitals of the world." Because it would mean - American intervention in the domestic affairs of another nation.

Nixon "turning on the heat" as he put it, because he thinks the election will be decided - in its final two weeks. The period that began - today.

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KENNEDY

As for the Democratic candidate, he was in Chicago, hitting hard at his favorite theme of American prestige. Senator Kennedy called attention to a report by our Information Agency - indicating that many leaders and people of friendly states are pessimistic about America, afraid the Soviets will be ahead of us militarily and economically - by Nineteen Seventy.

Said Kennedy today - "The administration and Mr. Nixon are wholly misinformed about our position in the world."

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WHEAT

Today's report by the Agriculture Department - isn't giving much comfort to either party. The report forecasts - a bumper wheat harvest next year. Which means - a record surplus. The predicted figure - one and a half billions bushels of wheat.

Grain so abundant in our mid-west - that American farmers can't sell it all at a reasonable price. Hence the reason for - price supports.

EXPLOSION

That explosion in Windsor, Ontario - shattered the Metropolitan Department Store. Two walls of the building - collapsed. The floors - sagged. Three plate glass windows were blown fifty yards- into a parking lot.

The store was full of shoppers - at the time. The result - like something out of Dante's Inferno. The injured screamed, the rest made a panicky dash for the exits -- through falling plaster, water from broken pipes, and fire roaring up from the basement. The toll ^{AT LEAST SIX} - ~~several~~ dead, more than ~~a hundred~~ ^{fifty} injured. The cause of the blast - not yet determined.

PEDESTRIAN

In Cleveland, they have a title - and nobody to go with it. The title - "Miss Perfect Pedestrian of Nineteen Sixty." It's intended for some Cleveland lady - who obeys the traffic signs every time she goes out.

All year long the city's patrolmen have been on the hunt - for a suitable candidates. ~~They've been watching~~ the crowds, picking out the ladies - noticing if they obeyed the signs.

It seemed so easy - because Cleveland has a lot of feminine pedestrians. But, it wasn't easy. In fact, the search has just about failed. Said one patrolman - "We saw plenty of women, and they were all breaking the rules." ^{- Dick} Result - no one to claim Cleveland's title of "Miss Perfect Pedestrian of Nineteen Sixty."

BALLET

The members of the American ballet troupe, just back from Moscow - say they enjoyed their trip to the Soviet Union. The Russians, so friendly. Audiences - generous with their applause. And that's a real compliment - since the Russians have been experts on the classical ballet ever since Czarist times.

As for Khrushchev; they say the boss of the Kremlin presided over a banquet - for them, and they found him most cordial. Talking and joking - all the time. Had you been there you wouldn't have guessed - there was a cold war on.

All this to take place next year - 1961.

Baseball's order of the day - expansion. Making our national pastime - more truly national.