

RUSK

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(Given by Walter Cronkite)

A Revolutionary new
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ proposal by the American Secretary of

State ~~XX~~. Secretary

Dean Rusk, addressing a Charter Day gathering at the

University of California -- took up the question of

disarmament. He said that we are going back to Geneva

tomorrow -- to the conference on a possible atomic test

ban -- in good faith. Anxious for an agreement --

that both sides can accept.

Then Secretary Rusk mentioned -- his ^{new} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ idea. Which is -- that some small nations

ought to begin disarmament on their own. Reduce their

armed services -- to the level needed for internal

security. Avoid being caught up in -- the arms race of

the major powers.

Well

Neutralism? /not quite. Secretary Rusk added

that the nations he has in mind -- are at some distance

from the cold war battlefields. And that could cover

a good part of the globe -- from Iceland to Ceylon.
But places like Turkey and Iran -- they're just too
close to the embrace of the Russian bear, to go in for
immediate disarmament.

TOWER

The Air Force has filed charges against three officers - involved in the fall of a Texas Tower last January. The radar station collapsed into the Atlantic - taking twenty-eight lives.

The top officer indicted is Colonel William Banks, who was acting as commanding officer of the Air Defense Sector, Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, New York.

The second officer, Major William Sheppard - was a squadron commander at Otis Air Force Base, Falmouth, Massachusetts. The third officer, Major Reginald Stark - was acting commander of the same squadron. Banks,

Sheppard and Stark are all accused of - dereliction of duty immediately preceding the disaster. The Colonel faces the added charge of - culpable negligence. The

XX Air Force gives no

further details. like detachment -- to restore order.

SOUTH AFRICA

The return of Prime Minister Verwoerd to South Africa today, brought to the surface -- the latent animosities of his land. Boer -- against Briton. Whites -- against Africans. Apartheid -- against integration.

Forty thousand of Verwoerd's followers massed at the Johannesburg airport -- cheering and applauding the man who ^{is taking} ~~took~~ South Africa out of the Commonwealth. But English-speaking South Africans organized -- a protest march. And native Africans -- watched in sullen silence.

Suddenly -- a fight started. Erupting into a wild melee -- through the streets of Johannesburg.

Verwoerd's partisans showed racial broadmindedness -- attacking all opponents of Apartheid, black and white. It took special police detachments -- to restore order.

CONGO

Conditions in the Congo's Kivu Province -- are not quite as bad as we've been hearing. So says an American missionary -- recently released by followers of the late Lumumba.

The Reverend Frederick Vinton describes near chaos -- in Kivu. At the same time -- he denies mayhem on a massive scale against American missionaries. He describes a broken arm -- as the worst injury he knows about. The broken arm, ~~was~~ suffered by his father -- when a Congolese soldier swung a rifle butt at him. Specifically says Dr. Vinton -- "None of our women ^{was} ~~were~~ mistreated."

Which contradicts a lot of reports we've been receiving -- from Kivu Province.

COURT

The Supreme Court is going to take up -- the case of the reluctant admiral. The case of -- Admiral Hyman Rickover. The issue -- copyright. The question -- is it legal for Admiral Rickover to copyright his public speeches? Can he prevent authors from quoting his remarks in their books?

The Admiral ~~thinks the answer is "Yes."~~ ^{he can.}

And an Appeals Court -- has upheld him. But the Public Affairs Press, as plaintiff -- has asked for a ruling by the Supreme Court. Today the Justices agreed -- to hear the case next term.

They also made -- a number of other rulings.

One, supporting a lower court -- which threw out the Louisiana laws aimed at ^{preventing} integration of the Public Schools.

Our highest tribunal is also going to examine a Virginia law -- controlling the activities of the NAACP. And, the case of the Baton Rouge sit-ins will be on the ~~same~~ Supreme Court calendar next term.

TRIAL

Today, London's espionage trial sounded less like Edgar Wallace -- and more like ~~John Buchan~~ ^{MICKEY SPILLANE}. Less mystery -- and more violence.

Henry Houghton, one of the accused -- told the Court how Communist agents called on him twice. Each time -- turning him into a human punching bag. Beating him senseless -- because he refused to work for them.

Houghton says he finally gave in -- because they threatened to kill him, and his fiancée. He admits he took secret documents from the Portland Naval Base -- and passed them on to the espionage ring. But his story is that he tampered with the documents -- in an effort to render them worthless.

WEATHER

Today was the first day of Spring -- but you can't prove it by what's happening in the Southwest. A snow-storm blew out of the Panhandle -- across Texas and Oklahoma. And -- into Kansas. Dropping seven inches of snow -- in many parts of those three states. Piling up drifts -- two feet deep. Disrupting traffic. Closing schools and stores. Bringing out the snowplows once more -- just when it seemed that they could be put in storage until next winter.

ISLAND

A dispatch from the Shetland Islands reveals -- that Foula is still isolated. Foula -- just a small chunk of earth and rock off the northeast coast of Scotland. Population -- fifty-five.

~~The point of the story is that~~ For over two months -- no vessel of any kind has been able to make the run to Foula. Seventy-five days -- of complete isolation from the rest of the world. The longest such period -- on record. Not equalled -- even during the war.

The population is down to -- a diet of bread and potatoes. And is asking the Government to rush supplies -- by helicopter. The alternative -- starvation.

The predicament of Foula Island is caused by an old enemy that the islanders know well -- the sea.

• Late winter storms driving up the north sea ~~xxx~~ between Norway and Britain. Even the Twentieth Century hasn't been able to stop the high winds and heavy seas -- that hurtle against the shores of the Shetland Islands.

GENEALOGY

~~Out~~ In Sharpesburg, Pennsylvania, the officials in charge of the upcoming election, say they could use -- a genealogist. Someone familiar with family trees -- the branches of which have become a bit ~~complicated~~ ^{ENTANGLED.} In fact, so complicated that a lot of voters may not know -- which name on the ballot belongs to which candidate.

The key office in this election -- Burgess of the Borough. Incumbent Anthony Bruno -- is running for another term. One of his opponents -- his son, Orestes Bruno. Two other candidates are cousins -- Sam and Orestes Panza.

Then there's Candidate Anthony Ferraro. His name sounds -- straightforward enough. But consider the case of his three relatives -- and the post of school director. Three ladies -- who are really confusing the issue. First Dolores Ferraro, his daughter.

Secondly, Dolores Ferraro -- his daughter-in-law.

Third, Dolores Ferraro -- his former daughter-in-law.

So it's no wonder that Sharpesburg could use --
a genealogist. Anyway, one thing about this election --
seems fairly simple. The successful candidate for
School Director -- will be Dolores Ferraro.

MR. WOEL?

BEAN

The Mexican jumping bean -- has jumped clear out of Waukegan, Illinois. Its velocity, accelerated by the Waukegan City Council.

Maybe you don't know -- what makes a jumping bean jump. Well, it's the home of -- a small moth. And the activity of the moth spinning its cocoon inside -- causes the outer shell to flip over.

In Waukegan, a moth got out of one bean -- and bit a little girl. Hence -- the City Council edict. The Mexican jumping beans are still jumping -- but not in Waukegan. Sounds as if there ought to be a limerick -- somewhere in this story. Let's see -- "There was a young girl of Waukegan." ~~I wonder what rhymes to Waukegan?~~