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### SUBSTITUTE ATTACK

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Those Russian-built MIGS definitely did attack an American shrimp boat in the Caribbean. So say ~~the~~ fishermen <sup>4</sup> Paris Jackson and Ben Washington of Fort Myers, Florida. Jackson and Washington, describing to newsmen - how three or four planes made passes at them. Firing machine guns at them. Missing - by about two hundred yards.

Marine interceptors quickly flew to the spot - when radar picked up the MIGS. The Leathernecks - ready for action. But by the time they arrived - Castro's pilots had prudently hightailed it for home.



**ADD ATTACH**

Some members of Congress advocating -  
"hot pursuit." Castro's planes, to be followed  
home - and destroyed at their bases, if necessary.

MEXICO

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The long arm of Castro's subversion -  
reached into Mexico today. Followers of the  
bearded dictator, murdering one American - wounding  
the other. Scribbling on the wall - "Cuba, si,  
Yankees, no." Under <sup>h</sup>wich a Mexican wrote -  
"Cuba, si; Castro, no."

Dead - Fred Plumley of San Francisco.  
In the hospital - Phil Bennett, a student from  
San Antonio. Bennett, reporting that they were  
jumped by two men - when they arrived at their  
apartment in Mexico City.



## IRAQ

Those political discussions in Baghdad - have overtones of history. In fact, the oldest history in the world. ~~The~~ archaeologists tell us ~~that~~ civilization began in Mesopotamia - between the Tigris and the ~~E~~ Euphrates, ~~And~~ that one of the earliest peoples of the area were the Kurds, who lived in the Zagros mountains ~~for~~ four thousand years ago.

~~work~~ The Kurds - are still there, <sup>and</sup> still fighting to maintain their identity - as a separate group. ~~And~~ <sup>now</sup> their delegation is <sup>in</sup> Baghdad to discuss that issue - with the Junta. Trying to work out an agreement with the military men - who overthrew Kasseh.

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The talks appear to be favorable - to the tough mountaineers. The Junta, willing to allow a degree of autonomy - to the Kurds. <sup>It</sup> ~~Could~~ be that we'll see the revival of the historic state of Kurdistan.

KENNEDY

It's been a long time since a President criticized a labor leader - but it happened today. President Kennedy, attacking Bertram Powers - at his news conference. Terming the head of the Typographers Union - "obstinate." The union boss, continuing the New York Newspaper strike which is - bad for the public, bad for the newspapers, bad for the union.

President Kennedy's proposal - a "third force" to enter the dispute. Someone who could bring labor and management together - without Federal arbitration. In other words, the President is entirely unsatisfied with the efforts so far - in the newspaper strike that has lasted over two months.

SHIP

The testimony <sup>at</sup> in Beaumont, Texas - makes it seem more likely that the "Marine Sulphur Queen" blew up. A Coastguard inspector, testifying - that <sup>he</sup> ~~had~~ found three fractures in the bulkheads of the freighter. One fracture in a tank - holding sea water for ballast.

In other words, the water might have reached - the cargo of sulphur, ~~forming~~ forming an explosive mixture - that could have torn the vessel apart. And apparently did - judging by the debris floating in the Florida Straits.



## OPERA

Opera fans will be interested in this one. Place - the Opera House in Amalfi, Italy. Opera - Carmen. Everything O.K. up to the point where Carmen attacks Don Jose with her dagger. You know the scene? Carmen pulled away by the rest of the smugglers.

Last night, the sopra no refused to be pulled away. Breaking loose from the chorus, she attacked the tenor for real. Belting him over the head with her stage dagger, knocking him cold. Quite a discord in "Carmen".

The explanation - it's simple. Gina and Giovanni Toma are Mr. and Mrs. offstage. Continuing a family discussion - onstage. Gina clobbering Giovanni. Carmen mauling Don Jose for the first time in the annals of Grand Opera.

WEATHER

Leave it to a Britisher to come up with ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> understatement about our weather. "Quite invigorating," said her Majesty's <sup>Consul</sup> ~~General~~ General, as he arrived in Chicago. Invigorating? ~~That~~ Chicagoans have some different epithets - for the thermometer that plunged fifty-nine degrees, in twenty-four hours. Epithets like "Brutal, intolerable" - to quote from the printable expressions.

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The coldest state in the Union, as usual - Minnesota. Coldest spot in Minnesota, as usual - International Falls, with a temperature of twenty-nine below zero. Bemidji, not far behind - at twenty-seven below.

The frigid air, pushing south - to the Texas Panhandle. East - to the ~~eastbound~~ coast of Maine. Most of the country, <sup>Dick,</sup> staggering under what <sup>many people</sup> we hope is the last big <sup>wallop</sup> punch of the winter.

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## ICICLE

This crime story from Taunton England seems appropriate - in view of the weather they've been having over there. Jim Heaphy, in court, on a charge of aggravated assault. Accused of beating his victim with the well known blunt instrument. What blunt instrument? Why an icicle. Six inches of solid ice, a "dangerous weapon" in <sup>the</sup> view of the court, over in Taunton, England.