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The decision of the Canadian Prime Minister not to resign - led directly to the showdown tonight in the Ottawa Parliament. ~~John~~ Diefenbaker, rejecting a demand put forward - by a group of his Cabinet Ministers. Refusing to step out - and let some one else, in his party, form a government.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, under no illusions - about the stability of his regime. Not with everyone in Ottawa predicting - a vote of "no confidence" tonight. He simply let events take their course - toward the inevitable collapse of his government.

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So, there will be - that much-prophesied general election in Canada. Diefenbaker, apparently to run on - his anti-American platform. His condemnation of our State Department - because of Secretary Rusk's remarks about American nuclear warheads for Canada.

CUBA

The White House repeats that there has been no military buildup in Cuba - since the President's statement of January twenty-fourth. That is - no significant transportation of military equipment to the island, from ~~the~~ Iron Curtain countries. Our surveillance, keeping track of all ships - bound for Havana. Reporting only one - that could have been carrying arms. ~~But certainly~~ was not carrying - offensive weapons. *That is no* ~~no~~ ~~big~~ big missiles.

Meanwhile, criticism of the <sup>Kennedy</sup> Administration is growing - on Capitol Hill. Some members of Congress, not convinced - in spite of the testimony of the Secretary of Defense. Secretary ~~Mc~~ McNamara, strongly defending - the Pentagon assessment of Cuba. ~~But~~ The opposition is still insisting - that Castro remains a danger; ~~And~~ - should be eliminated.

COMMON MARKET

Tonight, we know one reason for - deGaulle's veto of British membership in the Common Market.

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French Premier Pompidou, telling newsmen - that the Nassau Agreement irked deGaulle; Especially the clause concerning - American polaris missiles for Britain.

In Pompidou's words - "This proves a special relationship between Britain and America." Then he added - "The Anglo-American link is not a European link." Hence - deGaulle's intransigence.

The other five members of the Common Market - are standing firm against deGaulle, Led by Chancellor Adenauer, who termed <sup>the</sup> breakdown of the Brussels negotiations - "a day of disappointment."

## DE GAULLE FOLLOW COMMON MARKET

One thing seems clear - there's nothing to the rumor about deGaulle seeking a Russian alliance. His meeting with the Russian Ambassador today - described as "cool to frigid."

Reason - the Soviet protest over the new Franco-German accord. Moscow, denouncing the accord - as a threat to peace, Warning the President of France - not to hand nuclear weapons to the West Germans.

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DeGaulle, answering - as only deGaulle can. Telling the Russian Ambassador that Moscow should be happy about - the lessening of tension in Western Europe.

## COMMUNISM

~~Who~~ <sup>thinks of as</sup> Who would ~~you say is~~ - "a decrepit theorist"?

Since the speaker is Mao Tse-tung, the "decrepit theorist" has to be - - Nikita Khrushchev. The subject - Red ideology. Sphere of application - Cuba.

Mao claims that Khrushchev has ~~got~~ the Cuban situation - all wrong. The boss of the Kremlin, running away from - that showdown with the United States. Failing to make the tough stand - dictated by Leninist theory. Khrushchev, "a decrepit theorist" - in Mao's opinion.

One group in Peking is sad - because of that opinion. The British Reds - who came as would-be mediators; ~~Only~~ to be caught in the middle of - the rough-and-tumble between Mao and Khrushchev. ~~London~~  
~~was never like that~~

RUSSIA.

If you want to know the meaning of the world

"Draconian" - the following from Moscow will tell you.

Oh, yes - ~~the dictionary is a help.~~ <sup>It says</sup> ~~the remainder that~~

"Draconian" means - "a harsh legal system." ~~So called~~

~~From the name of~~ Draco - the ancient Athenian law-giver

who drew up severe punishments for criminals.

The Moscow dispatch presents - a Draconian system

in action. Revealing that two men have been executed,

and fifty-five - sent to jail, <sup>for what? For</sup> ~~their crimes~~ cutting

three grams of fat out of every meat pie. <sup>and</sup> ~~Selling the~~

fat - on the side. Pocketing - the proceeds.

For this kind of dishonesty - the firing squad.

Hardly another civilized state would inflict capital

punishment <sup>for</sup> ~~in~~ such a case. But ~~there~~ the Soviet

legal system is - "Draconian."

## OIL

A new oil field, just discovered in Iraq - near Basra, at the head of the Persian Gulf. So say geologists and mining engineers- who know Iraq. As for Premier Kassen - he is trying to keep it a secret until the oil rigs are up and the oil is flowing - through the pipe lines.

However Premier Kassen does estimate this new pool of oil to be worth at least two hundred million dollars.

## SHELL

In Bulkington, England, Kate Wilcox had a doorstep for forty-four years. An artillery shell - that her brother brought back from World War One. Fred Wilcox, telling Kate - it had been deactivated by the bomb squad.

Every week for forty-four years Kate polished up her doorstep. She used a hammer to straighten out the rim. And she took a file to the rough spots on the cannister.

You can guess how this story ends. Kate isn't with us any more. It exploded with a terrific roar. The doorstep that Kate Wilcox had polished so vigorously for almost half a century.



## SOLDIER

The order of the day at Aldershot, England -  
"Share the girls!" Aldershot - famous training camp  
of the British army. Where they turn out, among  
other things - army cooks.

Twelve student cooks at Aldershot published  
a lonely hearts advertisement saying they'd like to hear  
from the local girls. Did they hear? Aye Aye, sir.  
Seven hundred and fifty answers to that ad.

Twelve student cooks. Seven hundred and  
fifty young ladies. So the Commanding officer - oh  
wise Solomon - ordered the cooks to pass most of the  
letters on - to the other bachelors in the outfit.

At Aldershot, an order unique in the annals  
of the British Army, Dick - "Share the girls!"

# TAX

When some one goes berserk - it's not always easy to understand. But how about the case of - Dennis Rice, of Cheyenne, Wyoming?

Dennis, trying to figure out - his income tax return, Suddenly - ~~blowing~~ his top. Reaching for his gun <sup>he</sup> ~~beginning to~~ spray <sup>ing</sup> the landscape with bullets. When the police arrived <sup>Dennis-the-menace</sup> he retreated to the apartment house roof, where he held out for four hours.

Finally - running out of ammunition. Surrendering - to the police. In the Cheyenne lockup - tonight. The toll - three injured. One income tax form <sup>torn up,</sup> ~~ripped~~ ~~to shreds.~~