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**RUSK**

At his news conference today, Secretary of State Rusk would not commit himself -- to early negotiations with Moscow. Dean Rusk, pointing out -- that Khrushchev's demands are as <sup>in-flexible</sup> stringent as ever. The lifting of the Berlin deadline -- reducing the immediate tension, <sup>but so far no</sup> ~~not~~ dropping <sup>of</sup> the Khrushchev plan -- to get rid of Western rights in West Berlin. Our Secretary of State wants a better diplomatic climate than that -- before proposing that we talk it over with Khrushchev.

As for the UN, Dean Rusk admitted -- that the administration is becoming impatient with Moscow, ~~Rusk adding, that~~ if Khrushchev remains recalcitrant -- we may ask the General Assembly to bypass him. Elect a new Secretary General -- in spite of the Soviets.

## REACTION

In Paris, an expert on the Soviet Union remarked today -- "If I weren't a diplomat, I'd say I'd told you so."

This, the French reaction to Khrushchev's speech. All along, as we know -- DeGaulle has been insisting that Western firmness would make the Soviet dictator back down. And he has backed down -- according to Paris. The evidence -- Khrushchev, withdrawing his deadline for signing a peace treaty with East Germany. The deadline that he called "unpostponable" -- only a couple of weeks ago.

~~This French interpretation, shared on the other side of the world in Japan -- which emphasizes the domestic concern that is forcing Khrushchev to be less belligerent. As the paper "Tokyo Shinbun" puts it -- "The Russians are very uneasy about Khrushchev's brinkmanship."~~

The general belief in the free world -- is that the Berlin crisis is a bit less tense, ~~But~~ that Khrushchev's atom diplomacy -- is as brutal as ever. His disclosure of the coming explosion of a fifty megaton atomic bomb -- causing fear around the globe, ~~Fear~~ of how much radio active fallout -- he is about to hurl into the atmosphere. Our government has appealed to the boss of the Kremlin -- to call off the fifty megaton terror. Washington, pointing out that a bomb that big -- is of no military value.

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Nobody expects Khrushchev -- to accept this appeal.  
But at least it will put him on record before <sup>much of</sup> the world --  
(as the wild man who likes to rattle his rockets; And --  
explode his atomic bombs.)

## KHRUSHCHEV

Nikita Khrushchev was a mixture of realism and  
<sup>u</sup>~~Utopianism~~ -- in the second half of his marathon address.  
Realism, because he told the Communist Party Congress --  
that the West <sup>is</sup> still strong; ~~Not~~ -- to be underestimated.

~~Khrushchev~~ was utopian because he solemnly repeated  
the myth -- of the American democracy collapsing under its  
own weight. Khrushchev apparently unable to understand the  
<sup>simple</sup> ~~power~~ fact -- that our system is an evolving one. That it  
changes -- with the times. The Soviet dictator <sup>clinging</sup> ~~clinging~~ ~~for~~  
~~dear-life~~ to the old communist nonsense <sup>of</sup> Visualizing  
America as it was eighty years ago -- in the days of the <sup>so-called</sup>  
robber barons. Which prompts one American in Moscow to  
inquire sarcastically -- "Why didn't Khrushchev ask to meet  
Commodore Vanderbilt when he was in the United States?"

## HAMMARSKJOLD

The plane crash that killed Dag Hammarskjold last month -- was an accident. So reported to the UN -- by the government of Rhodesia. The Rhodesian investigation, turning up -- no evidence of sabotage. *Investigators say* The bullet holes in the plane -- and in some of the passengers, too, were caused by exploding ammunition when the plane burst into flames after the crack-up.

Cause of the accident -- that took Hammarskjold's life? Still unknown.

RE But the plane's altimeter shows -- that it was flying twelve hundred feet too low. Hence -- the crash.

## FLINT

I am in Flint, Michigan tonight. Flint, a General Motors' city, even if Dupont and a few others do have plants here. Some of the parts of your Oldsmobile are built in Flint; there is a big Chevrolet plant; and, it is famous as the home of Buick.

Did you know the Buick was named for a man named Buick? I didn't, until I heard it today from two gentlemen I sat with at luncheon. Two men, each of whom has often been called Mr. General Motors - Harlow Curtice, who retired not long ago as president of G.M. and, the specific information about Buick was given to me by the man who I believe owns more G.M. stock than any other person, Charles Stewart Mott, who is eighty-six years old. He says Mr. Buick's name was David and that he was a plumber; and that the Buick car goes way back to the year Nineteen Hundred One. The Buick, the Oldsmobile, and the Cadillac too, were among the

earliest automobiles actually put into production.

And the report here is that things are really booming for Buick, as well as for Oldsmobile.

I hope any of the heads of Oldsmobile listening won't have appoplexy hearing me give this plug to Buick.

What I really started out to tell you was that Mr. Mott at eighty-six is a most impressive human being, tall, keen, and evidently with all his faculties unimpaired. He was born just a couple of miles outside of Hoboken, New Jersey, was educated in Brooklyn, of all places, grew up in New York, and came to Flint fifty-four years ago, to start a small plant to make various things for the young automobile industry. Evidently he did all right because I understand that he has established his own personal foundation mainly for educational and cultural and all around welfare objectives, here in this area. Putting all of his own

fortune in it -- some three hundred million dollars.

I like to devote the entire broadcast to telling you about Mr. Mott, and also about Harlow Curtice - and Flint, Michigan - which when young Mott came here had less than ten thousand people and now has three hundred thousand.



## CAMEL DRIVER

Now, what would you expect a Missouri farmer to say - to a farmer from abroad? Moreover - suppose that the man from the "Show Me" state - happens to be Harry Truman. His guest - Bashir Ahmad, the Pakistani camel driver. Well, what H.S.T. said was -- "I'd like a ride on your camel." Bashir Ahmad responding with the invitation -- "come to Karachi! I'll give you a ride!"

The interview, taking place in the Truman Library - in Independence. Our former chief executive, unable to spare more than ten minutes - because he's making a TV documentary. Dick, can't you see Mr. Truman on Bashir Ahmad's famous camel? H.S.T., H.S.T!  
Have a camel!

## HOOVER

Two statesmen met in New York today - amid historical memories that were almost tangible. Finland's President Kekkonen, calling on - former President Hoover. Mentioning the fact that Mr. Hoover is a legendary figure in his country.

The reason goes back to the period - just after World War I. when Mr. Hoover was - Director of the American Relief Administration, with one of his toughest problems - how to help save Finland from the scourge of war and famine. He was responsible for getting the independence of Finland recognized by - the Allies after which, it was possible to send food and medicine to the Finns without waiting for the peace treaty.

The story of this episode is told by Mr. Hoover in the recently published third volume of his "American Epic". The Finns have never forgotten - their ordeal,

their salvation and the man who did so much for them. They gave Mr. Hoover an overwhelming reception - when he paid them a visit in Nineteen Thirty-Eight.

Today President Kekkonen promised him another national welcome if he will repeat that visit. One of the most affectionate bonds ever - between a nation and a man. Finland - and Herbert Hoover. And -

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