

RUSK

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Today the American Secretary of State discussed the friction - between Russia and Red China. Secretary Rusk, going farther - than any American of his rank ever has. Stating flatly that the dissention is there in the Communist camp - and growing worse. The Moscow-Pekin antagonism, exacerbated by - discontent inside the satellite empire. "A growing demand for freedom" - was the way Secretary Rusk put it. Not that he expects any sudden dramatic rift - behind the Iron Curtain. The important thing, in his view - is that the Reds have problems of their own, Problems at least as great as those - facing the West. The Rusk formula is - to rely only on Western power to save the free world, While not overestimating the power and unity of the Communist bloc.

BERLIN

The crisis over Berlin seems to be turning into something of an international poker game. Each side, considering its own cards ~~and~~ hinting that it holds a rather strong hand. At the same time, each is trying to discover - whether the other is bluffing. And - just what the stakes of the game are.

Khrushchev played one of his high cards on Sunday - with his display of warplanes, ~~The~~ kind he used to say - ~~new jets~~ were obsolete. Those new jets didn't seem very obsolete - zooming across the sky over Moscow.

~~with~~ The West is countering - with some high cards of its own. President Kennedy has ordered another look at our military power - in the light of the Soviet build-up, Secretary McNamara, putting the order - into effect. But the Secretary of Defense is not - too worried. Says he - "We are as strong, if not stronger, than any potential aggressor." Meaning - Khrushchev.

And the administration has released secret

testimony - by General Lauris Norstad. Last month, the Commanding General of Nato declared, before the House Foreign Affairs Committee - that the entire Western Alliance would resist any Communist attack on West Berlin. General Norstad, adding - that this knowledge could be an important factor in deterring Khrushchev. Especially since the Nato countries have decided - to add more divisions to their armed forces.

In Europe, the feeling seems to be - that the time has come to see Khrushchev's "hand". That we can't allow this international poker game to be decided - by bluff in Moscow. And so far the betting in the West ^{is} ~~seems to be~~ that Khrushchev is - bluffing. At least, in the sense that he won't do anything - to start a major war.

ATOMIC

British scientists are going to keep tabs on -
atomic explosions in outer space. The method? -
recording ultraviolet rays thrown off by ^{every} nuclear blast.
The rays are so intense that instruments can pick them
up - at a distance of six-hundred-thousand miles. The
British predict that their system will make it
impossible for any nation to touch off ~~x~~ undetected
atomic explosions - within a million miles of the earth.

DISASTER

The smoking hulk that lies grounded on a sandbar off the coast of Mozambique - was a Portuguese munitions and passenger ship of two thousand tons - with five hundred-and-fifty persons on board. Also, a big cargo - of guns, ammunition, and gasoline. She was on her way up the coast - toward the Horn of East Africa, when she ran onto a sandbar. Water pouring in through a hole in the side causing a short circuit - which in turn started a fire. The flames, raging out of control - reaching the hold where the ammunition and gasoline were stored. The explosion, shattering - the hull of the ship. The result: - you can imagine the inferno. Many killed, many injured - the rest scrambling over the side in a panic. Some, drowning - others attacked by sharks.

The survivors managed to make it to shore - on the Mozambique coast. Death toll - not yet known exactly. But Portuguese authorities say its around a

hundred and fifty and mebbe higher. About half - of those who were on board at the start of the voyage.

CUBA

Havana is in the midst of - a crime wave. So say Cuban refugees - who have just arrived in Miami. They describe an outbreak of - burglaries, armed robberies, and car thefts. Moreover, the counterfeiters are at work. Turning out reams of - ten peso notes.

Cause of the crime wave? One suggestion is - the extraordinary powers granted to the revolutionary militia. Castro's men are authorized to search homes - without warrants. Confiscate - money and valuables. So if a militiaman "forgets" to turn in his haul - he is indistinguishable from the out-and-out robber. Apparently a lot of Castro's agents - are suffering from lapse of memory.

PLANE

The posthumous award announced today by the Smithsonian

~~Institution~~ brings back memories of the early days of

aviation. ~~The time~~ when planes seemed ~~stuck together - with~~ ^{to be made of sticks and} ~~glue and bailing wire.~~ ^{and} When aviators flew without instruments -

by the "seat of their pants."

This award is in memory of Perry Rodgers - first man to fly coast to coast. In Nineteen Eleven, Rodgers took off from an open field - on Long Island. He revved up his four-cylinder engine, hit a top speed of fifty-five miles an hour - and headed west. It took him eighty-four days -- and sixty-eight stops -- to cover four thousand miles. But when he came down at Long Beach, California - he had done something never done before. First of our cross-country flyers -- Perry Rodgers, whose antique plane is in the Smithsonian, ~~Institution.~~

PEERS

The news from London features a commoner becoming a peer - and a peer who wants to be a commoner.

The first is - the Earl of Avon. Known until now as Anthony Eden. Last week we had the story of - the Queen bestowing an earldom on her former Prime Minister. Now we know the title Anthony Eden has chosen - for his entrance into the House of Lords. He's the Earl of Avon - and Viscount Eden of Royal Barmington.

The man who wants to go the other way is, of course - Viscount Stansgate. The reluctant aristocrat who wants to remain - plain Anthony Wedgewood Benns. Also to remain - in the House of Commons. Which is impossible under the present law - compelling peers to sit in the House of Lords. Today Viscount Stansgate appeared in a London Court - arguing for his right to drop his official pedigree. Cheering him on, ~~Viscountess~~ Viscountess Stansgate - the former Caroline deCamp of Cincinnati. The Viscountess from Cincinnati staggered a lot of Britishers by calling their class system - "tribalism, voodoo."

But her husband agrees with her - because he wants a career in British politics. A career open to Anthony Wedgewood Benns - but not to Viscount Stansgate.

EXHIBITION

How would you like an electric carving knife - that operates on batteries in the handle? Or maybe a charcoal bucket - decorated with gold leaf.

These are on display in Chicago, along with a hundred and fifty thousand items - in the exhibition by the Houseware Manufacturers Association. From plastic corkscrews to fur covered flower pots; a machine - that folds shirts; and one that matches socks.

How about an electrical salad tosser - that starts throwing lettuce and radishes in the air, when you press a button? Dick - how about a tea cart - that's actually a bar on wheels? complete with a switch valve siphon for fast action on tall drinks - and slower action on short ones?

WHALE

A report from Moscow sounds like something out of - Moby Dick. A Soviet tanker captain, telling of an encounter with a whale - in the south Atlantic. The whale, squirting a geyser of water - across the ship. ~~Churning~~ Churning up a froth, lowering its head - charging full tilt. Hitting the vessel amidships, just below the water-line, rocking it to one side. This time, however, the ship won. The whale, stunned by the impact - flipping over, sinking into the depths. I wonder what Captain Ahab would have thought of that? ~~And what would have happened if the ship had been hit by - the great white whale, known as Moby Dick.~~