

RUSSIA 17-0000s. Tues. May 23, '61,

Tonight, experts on Soviet affairs are asking - "Is Russia headed for another round of collective leadership?" The question arises because of - the illness of Khrushchev's heir apparent. Frol Kozlov - incapacitated by a heart attack, Putting him - out of the running. So if anything happened to the present boss of the Khremlin - there wouldn't be ^{one - any} any individual, ready to step into his shoes.

The obvious solution - collective leadership.

~~At~~ But that was tried - after Stalins death, ^{and} All it produced was - a struggle for power, from which ~~Khrushchev~~ Khrushchev emerged as the new Dictator. It seems evident that the same thing will happen again. Pointing up one fundamental vice - of the Soviet system. No method of passing authority - from one Premier to another. There's always a struggle for power - in the Kremlin. The winner? - whoever is crafty

and ruthless enough to get rid of his opponents.

Khrushchev - for example.

CONFERENCE

The White House press secretary is in Vienna tonight - conferring with his opposite number from Moscow. Pierre Salinger and Nicolai Sacharov, ~~a~~ laying the ground work for - the Khrushchev - Kennedy meeting. Today Salinger and Sacharov were together - for an hour. Emerging, to tell newsmen - that the meeting was "very friendly." More such talks are scheduled - for tomorrow, with a joint news conference ~~is~~ set for Thursday.

Salinger is also talking with - the Austrian authorities. High on the list of subjects - the accreditation of newsmen. Fifteen-hundred of whom, from all over the world - are expected to cover the Khrushchev - Kennedy get~~t~~together.

CUBA

The United States Government is going to stay out of - the "tractors for men" negotiations. President Kennedy, refusing - to play Castro's game. Refusing to make the deal - that the Dictator of Cuba wants.

Besides, there's no reason - for Washington to become involved. Private sources lead by Mr^S Roosevelt, Walter R^euther and Milton Eisenhower - say they can raise the money for five-hundred ^{bull dozers and} tractors. A price they^ere willing to pay - for twelve-hundred anti-Castro prisoners of war. Castro wants to trade - men for machines, ^{— and there are} ~~a lot of~~ Americans ~~are~~ willing to trade - machines for men.

MONTGOMERY

The "freedom riders" in Montgomery, Alabama - intend to keep on riding. So ^{says} ~~stated by~~ the Reverend Martin Luther King. - ~~at today's news conference.~~ The group, holding a strategy conference - deciding ~~that~~ they are ~~there~~ ~~there~~ on the right track. So they'll be moving in their busses - through other parts of the South. When - will they be pulling out of Montgomery? No decision - on that.

Today Montgomery was a city of - rumors. Word of more freedom riders arriving - swept through the city several times. All the rumors - proving false. Outwardly, Montgomery is getting ^{back to} ~~the~~ ~~business~~ as usual. Beneath the surface - the tension continues. In the words of the Attorney General - "the Montgomery situation is touch and go."

REACTION FOLLOW MONTGOMERY

Reactions from abroad - are pouring into Washington, ^{indicating} ~~their words~~ that President Kennedy's prestige is on the line in Montgomery. And that even our closest allies won't take America ^{too} seriously as a champion of freedom - unless the rights of negroes are protected.

Says the "London Times" - "if President Kennedy loses in Montgomery, he loses around the world." In Paris, the opinion of "Le Monde" is - "President Kennedy must succeed with the race problem now, because time has run out for him." Similar statements - from Spain to Sweden. African newsmen are more voluble - in their criticism of America. The Communist news media, needless to say - are playing the Montgomery incident for all the propaganda it's worth.

Our friends say that they expect us to win the fight for civil rights - in the South. Our enemies

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charge - that the South will never give the negro a square deal. ~~Our~~ friends and ~~our~~ enemies ^{appear} ~~to~~ ~~have~~ ~~agreed~~ on one point - ^{that} Montgomery is the test.

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ECONOMY

The Commerce Department reports - a notable upturn in the national economy. The business recession - beginning to ^{peter} ~~pick~~ out. Main reason - something of a boom in hard goods. Especially cars - and basic raw materials like steel. Not - that everything is rosy in the business world. Our mills are still operating - at seventy percent of capacity. We still have - too much unemployment. But the point is - that our economy is definitely on a rising curve.

HAWAII

In Hilo, Hawaii - its the Army Engineers versus the civilian authorities. That is - on the question of the new sea wall. Will it or won't it - protect Hilo? ~~The city~~^{Hilo} officials ^{are} sceptical. But Colonel John Clifton of the Army Engineers ~~retorts~~^{says} - "the sea wall won't provide absolute protection, but it is adequate."

Why all the argument? ~~Why~~ The existance of Hilo - is at stake. Exactly one year ago, a tidal wave two stories high - hit the city. Touched off by - earthquakes in Chile. Traveling - clear across the Pacific. Smashing - into Hawaii. At Hilo the toll was - almost a hundred dead. Hundreds - injured and missing. Damage - running into many millions.

The city fathers, vowing - never again. Putting twenty-two million - into a new sea wall. But can this dike really stop - a tidal wave two stories high? If

the army Engineers are right - Hilo can go about its business in safety. If they're wrong - the city may become a ghost town. Or, whatever the Pacific ocean leaves to become a ghost town.

ALLEGHANY

Tonight we have the figures - in the fight for control of the vast Alleghany Corporation. The Murchison Brothers, beating Allan Kirby decisively - taking over a six-billion dollar empire.

The two Texans ran up a margin of one-million - in the scramble for common stock proxies. The Murchison's corraling five-million - to Kirby's four-Million. Preferred stock? That went to the Texas Wheeler-dealers - two-hundred-and-forty-seven thousand, to one-hundred-and-thirty-six-thousand.

Result - a Murchison sweep of all nine seats on the Alleghany Board of Directors. One of whom will not be Allan Kirby - according to John Murchison.

ADMIRALTY

In London, the Admiralty is doing - some tall explaining. The reason - bad security at a British Naval base. No, not an espionage ring - this time. Just a bold band of - sea cadets. Eight of them, sneaking into - a submarine depot. They got aboard one sub - and climbed down a network of ladders to the wardroom. Planting fake bombs in strategic places - from the ~~XXXXIX~~ Conning Tower to the torpedo tubes. Then they turned and left - as they had come. All except one - who tried to walk out the main gate. And there - a sentry finally stopped him. The whole story - coming

out. *Diels, can you imagine what*
Her Majesty's Admirals - ~~groping for an explanation~~
are saying?

PROFESSOR

America's most popular professor of English literature - retired today. Doctor Frank Baxter, who won a nation-wide audience - with his T. V. lectures on Shakespeare. The professor has been talking about the bard - for forty years. One newsman wanted to know whether he's tired of "Hamlet," "Macbeth," "King Lear" - and the other Shakespearean masterpieces? For his reply, he went to - another great authority on Shakespeare. In the eighteenth century, the great Doctor Samuel Johnson said - "whoever is tired of London, is tired of life." Doctor Baxter's version of this celebrated line - "whoever is tired of Shakespeare, is tired of life." I hope none of you feel that way - tired of life.