

The man on the hot seat in Moscow - is Mikhail Suslov. The theoretician who delivered the key attack on Khrushchev - before the Central Committee. A five-hour harangue that spelled out - the misdeeds of the former leader. And was followed by - Khrushchev's overthrow.

With Khrushchev out - you might think that Suslov would be riding high. In fact, he was the number four man - behind Brezhnev, Kosygin and Mikoyan. Then, suddenly - Suslov disappeared. He was said to be in Peking, or in the hospital - or some place else. Now the rumor going around Moscow has it - that Suslov ~~is in disgrace~~ may soon be disgraced. Despite his reappearance today - at the Kremlin.

Here's - the political logic. Suslov was the Soviet leader who grossly underestimated the reaction in the Communist world - to the fall of Khrushchev. He persuaded Brezhnev and Kosygin, who in consequence - can make him their scapegoat. Secondly, Suslov has the reputation of being - a Stalinist. And the Reds in the Free World as well as in Eastern Europe - are beginning to suspect a Stalinist plot against Khrushchev.

Which again leaves Suslov the candidate - most likely to be thrown to the wolves.

But ^{the new} B. and ^{combine} K. are still not out of the woods. The

least they can be accused of - is bad judgment in going along with Suslov. Besides, they too criticized Khrushchev - at the closed session of the Central Committee. And many Communist leaders outside Russia - are demanding a full transcript of all the proceedings. A demand that will embarrass B. and K. - whether they agree to it or not.

JOHNSON

This Presidential day spans the distance - between New England and New Mexico. L.B.J., moving fast - as the campaign enters its final week. Addressing crowds - from Boston to Albuquerque. With stops at cities - like Pittsburgh and Evansville.

His theme today - mainly domestic. That question of how much the Federal government should do - to help the individual. Mr. Johnson, of course - thinks it should do a great deal. Housing, education, medicare - and so on.

He repeatedly criticized Senator Goldwater's position - on these issues. That is, the Goldwater position - as seen from the Johnson angle of vision. "Two generations behind the time in which we live" - said Lyndon Johnson.

GOLDWATER

Following his triumphal reception at New York's Madison Square Garden - Barry Goldwater took off for the border states. Carrying his campaign into Tennessee and Kentucky - before going on to Ohio. And tonight's major speech - in Cleveland.

The Republican candidate returned over and over - to a theme ~~that~~ he has been hitting hard. The accusation that President Johnson - is "power hungry." Willing to promise anything - if the voters will give him authority to extend the power of the Federal government over their lives.

In place after place, Goldwater asked - if Americans want Lyndon Johnson to have this authority. In place after place, he received a resounding shout - of "No!"

CANDIDATES

A week before the election seems an appropriate moment to mention the other candidates - who will be on the ballot. Because there are - other candidates. We don't often hear their names - because they have no chance of winning. Yet they meet the qualifications of the presidency - no less than the leaders of the two major parties. ~~And they deserve - a mention.~~

Eric Hass - of the Socialist Labor Party. Clifton deBerry - of the Socialist Workers Party. Earle Munn - of the Prohibitionist Party. Joseph Lightburn - of the Constitution Party.

These are the major names - among the minor candidates. They may not sound formidable - but they have a place in our constitutional system. And they conceivably could determine - our next President. Because they will probably attract half-a-million votes - enough to decide close races in key states.

CRASH

The twin engine bomber that crashed into the Naval Air Station near El Centro, California -- turned the commissary into a blazing inferno. The impact of the plane - shattering buildings. The explosion of the fuel tank -- setting the wreckage on fire. Communications between the base and the city -- knocked out. Two killed. Around 50 injured - including some children at the Base nursery.

CAMBODIA

The border between South Viet Nam and Cambodia - is more tense than ever tonight. Reason - the Cambodian announcement that its armed forces shot down an American transport plane. Killing the eight men - aboard.

Of course Cambodia claims - that the plane crossed the border. Violated - Cambodian air space. But the American authorities in Saigon - have released a map of the area, Pinpointing the wreckage of the transport - ^{at} ~~one~~ thousand yards inside South Viet Nam.

ALGERIANS

The following sounds like a faded clipping - from the newspaper morgue. It tells of - French Indo-China. The attempt to hold the territory beyond the Far Pacific - a decade ago. Ending in the calamitous French defeat - at Dien Bien Phu.

Before the Battle of Dien Bien Phu - the French Army had begun to feel the impact of desertion. Particularly among their military units - from North Africa. Algerians, melting away - into the jungle. Never - returning.

Tonight's story from North Viet Nam - refers to a group of these deserters. It says that one hundred Algerians - are being sent home. Repatriated. Their homeland was France - when they went to the Orient. A decade later, they are returning to - the independent nation of Algeria.

RHODESIA

The first Commonwealth problem facing Britain's new Labor Government - is one that the Tories failed to solve. Namely - the problem of Southern Rhodesia in East Africa.

The planters of Southern Rhodesia - led by their Prime Minister, Ian Smith - are threatening to issue a declaration of independence. Cut loose from the rest of the African states - and establish a nation of their own.

Well, if there is a forthright Prime Minister in Salisbury - there is another in London. And Harold Wilson made his position clear - today. Beginning with a flat statement that the Southern Rhodesians cannot have independence - on a unilateral basis - within the Commonwealth. Moreover, should they leave the Commonwealth - London will end its economic aid. And abrogate - the existing trade agreements.

The moment of truth ^{- Dick -} for the African territory that has been British - since the days of the great Empire builder, Cecil Rhodes.

ROBBERS

The two suspects of Lido Island - were trapped at the bridge.

Cliff Chapman and George Unwin, a couple of teen agers - ~~are~~ accused of rifling the home of Yachtsman Briggs Cunningham. On Lido Island - off the California coast. Their haul - one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars in jewels.

Police say that they hid - the loot, ~~And~~ started for the mainland - by car. Unfortunately, Mrs. Cunningham - had given the alarm. When the two alleged robbers drove up to the bridge - they found a roadblock. ~~WAITING FOR THEM~~

Since the only road from the island crosses the bridge - it was just a matter of waiting for them to arrive. ~~Elementary - my dear Watson.~~