

HAVANA

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A dispatch from Havana, late this afternoon, states - that the quarrel in the ranks of triumphant rebels has been patched up. A student revolutionary group, which has seized the presidential palace in Havana - having come to an agreement with Fidel Castro, whose army of insurrectos is in control.

Earlier in the day, the news was that Castro had sent Provisional President Urrutia to Havana. Dr. Urrutia - the former magistrate, whom Castro selected as head of the new regime. But, when he landed at the airport, the Provisional President was informed - that the student revolutionaries had occupied the presidential palace. Declaring - that Castro would have to deal with them. So, Urrutia remained at the airport - waiting in the plane. *P* The action by the students was followed by an order from Castro - declaring martial law.

The split / ~~xxxxxxx~~ looked as if it might be dangerous - threatening Cuba with new turmoil. But now a dispatch - that, after emergency negotiations, *in* the students are evacuating the presidential palace. Leaving a small delegation, *to confer with Pres. Urrutia.* ~~only~~ to

MIKOYAN

The Soviet number two man began his conferences in Washington, today. <sup>Deputy</sup> ~~Deputy~~ Premier Mikoyan - in a talk for an hour and a half with Secretary ~~of State John Foster~~ Dulles. Upon emerging from the State Department, Mikoyan said - they discussed the Berlin crisis, the reunification of Germany, and prospects for Soviet-American trade. Mikoyan adding - that he'll have a meeting with President Eisenhower, later this month. *He also* ~~he~~ said: "There will be peace." Which sounds okay - from Khrushchev's chief assistant.

Washington police took elaborate precautions to guard Mikoyan, ~~as~~ *the* State Department was picketed - by Hungarian refugees. They gave Mikoyan a noisy salute. Chanting - "Red murderer!"

## LUNIK

Moscow reports - ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Lunik~~ <sup>has</sup> stopped broadcasting, today. The radio of the moon rocket - going dead. The missile, aimed at the moon - has passed the target and is far beyond. The Lunik - reported as <sup>now</sup> ~~being~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~three-hundred-and-seventy-two~~ thousand miles from the earth, and continuing on to the sun.

The news ~~she~~ over the weekend has been headlining the assumption - that <sup>t</sup> ~~the~~ rocket would go into an orbit around the sun. Becoming - a tiny planet. It isn't clear how they'll determine that - since an object so small will be invisible at such a distance. And now - the radio is no longer ~~sending~~ signals.

Moscow says radio communication with the Lunik was lost early this morning, <sup>at</sup> two A.M., Eastern Standard Time, <sup>over here,</sup> The radio power plant having become exhausted - after the rocket was on its way for sixty-two hours.

The word "Lunik" is ~~a~~ a nickname. In Russian, "luna" means - "moon", as in Latin. But the Moscovites are also calling

the rocket - a "lunatik". Which word has the same meaning - as in English.

Well, anyway, it's another great Soviet exploit in the realm of space - and the "lunatik" is no fool.

## BUDGET

President Eisenhower's new defense budget comes to forty billion, nine hundred million dollars. Presented - to Congressional leaders, today. The Democrats immediately complaining - that the huge defense budget will not answer the Russian challenge in the realms of military weapons and space projects.

VATICAN - AMBASSADORS

It's official now - that the Vatican has withdrawn recognition from the Ambassadors of the anti-Communist governments in exile of Poland and Lithuania. So stated by the Vatican City newspaper, today. Which expresses - profound regret. But explains - that the Ambassadors of those exiled regimes do not, really, represent any government at all. The Ambassadors had been accredited back in the days - before Communism seized Lithuania and Poland.

(This withdrawal of recognition - foreshadowed when the Lithuanian and Polish anti-Communist Ambassadors were not invited to the coronation ceremonies of the new Pope. The word *having been* - at the time ~~being~~ - that the Polish Cardinal Vyszinski gave the opinion that the position of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland would be better. If recognition of the exiled governments - were discontinued. So that, now - has happened.)

## POPE

Here's a Roman headline - the Pope goes to the opera.  
Something that hasn't been known in Rome - for a long, long time.

Pope John the Twenty-third has been breaking precedents  
day after day - in his desire to draw closer to the people and  
events of contemporary life. So what opera did he hear?

A new one - based on a drama by the American-British  
poet, T.S. Eliot. The music - by the Italian modernist, Pizzetti.

An opera - with a name that might sound like a mystery story:

"Murder in the Cathedral." But it's <sup>about</sup> one of the dramatic events  
in history - the ~~murder~~ <sup>tragedy</sup> of Thomas a'Beckett, Archbishop of  
Canterbury, eight hundred years ago.

So we may say - the Pope went to an appropriate opera.

TORRE

At a New Jersey jail, today, <sup>an attractive</sup> a woman prisoner walked in - with a proud air. Beginning a term - of ten days in the hoosgow. Marie Torre ~~(the last syllable is pronounced)~~ of the New York Herald Tribune - who prefers to go to prison rather than reveal a source of newspaper information.

<sup>Miss Torre is well known</sup>  
~~She is a~~ television columnist, and published something about a T V lawsuit. The judge demanded - who told her that? But Marie Torre claimed - a news reporter's privilege. Whereupon she drew the ten day sentence - for contempt of court.

Today, the judge told her - she could go free, if she'd name the informant. <sup>talented</sup> But the <sup>and</sup> thirty-four year old mother of two children said - she'd rather go to jail, <sup>and</sup> upholding the right of a news reporter to protect confidential sources of information.



## UNION

Over in England, there's a labor organization called - the "Wool, Shawl and Antimacassar Union." Ever heard of an "antimacassar?" To protect the backs of chairs. The union has a hundred members and claims to be - the smallest union in the world.

Today, however, came word of the "Amalgamated Society of Lace Pattern Correctors and Piano Punchers." Which as only fifteen members. By all odds - the smallest union in the world.

But what have lace patterns to do with piano punchers? Which might sound like - jazz musicians. Well, the piano punchers of England are lace makers, who correct patterns for a gadget with a keyboard like the piano.

Yes, there will always be an England.

BALLOON

*Well they made it — by rubber boat,*

*A* One of the strangest voyages on record ended at the Barbados, ~~islands~~, today. When three men and a girl arrived safely - after crossing the Atlantic.

Twenty-four days ago, they started out from the Canary Islands - in a balloon. Four Britishers - intending to ride the trade wind that blew Columbus along in the ~~discovery~~ discovery of America.

They rode their balloon for eighteen hundred miles. At which point, the gas bag came down on the ocean. But the gondola could operate as a boat - and they drifted <sup>*in the gondola*</sup> for the remaining twelve hundred miles.

*That's*  
*Don, see* That venerable figure over there, <sup>*is*</sup> the shade of Christopher Columbus - looking astonished.

## BLANKET

We often speak of - a "wet blanket," thrown over somebody. So consider the case of Waterbury, Connecticut, today - where there was a power failure, and a whole section of the city was left without electricity.

Here in the east, we've been having - a wintry gale. The wind - simply howling. At Waterbury - a wet blanket hung out on the wash-line. When a violent gust of wind picked it up, and carried it - flying high. The wet blanket - landing on a powerline. Which cut off the electricity - far and wide. The whole neighborhood blacked out, by a wet blanket.