

GROMYKO

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The Soviet Foreign Minister was not smiling - when he arrived at the White House today. But then - Andrei Gromyko hardly ever smiles about anything. He didn't get ~~that~~ nickname ~~of~~ "Grim Grom" - for nothing. So his somber expression in Washington today - is not really a pessimistic sign. Gromyko actually <sup>d</sup>exuded about as much optimism - as he ever does. Replying to questions about Berlin <sup>he said: -</sup> ~~with the words~~ - "the danger must be averted". A proposition - with which President Kennedy fully agrees.

The big question is whether Gromyko brought Kennedy the news that Khrushchev is willing to put the damper on the crisis he created. One hopeful sign comes from Belgrade. A Yugoslav spokesman, declaring - that Frol Kozlov will soon be on his way to Washington. Kozlov - Khrushchev's heir apparent. If the Belgrade report is true it could mean that the West is getting somewhere in handling Soviet ~~in~~ belligerence.

BRANDT

The Mayor of West Berlin was realistic in his speech -at Freedom House in New York. Willy Brandt saying that the West Germans realize that East Germany is there, as a physical fact, And that further contacts with the Kremlin's <sup>captive</sup> ~~experts~~ nation are inevitable. In other words, there's no question of West Germany pretending - that it can act as if German reunification were just around the corner.

The illusion that Willy Brandt wants to dissipate, is the one we're all concerned with, The myth that peace can be bought by surrendering West Berlin to the Russians. Brandt put the consequences of appeasement in one word at Freedom House, -- "Unimaginable" <sup>said he.</sup> (Adding quickly that President Kennedy knows this -- as well as anyone. And MacMillan and DeGaulle know it too.

BERLIN

The latest allied protest to the Soviet Commander in East Germany - concerns <sup>the recent</sup> ~~that~~ shooting across the border.

The western powers pointing out that the danger of war is getting <sup>closer and</sup> ~~more~~ close<sup>n</sup> now that the East German guards are allowed to open up with their machine guns. ~~For~~ Forcing the West Berlin <sup>police</sup> to shoot back in self defense.

Meanwhile, President Kennedy's personal representative in West Berlin - is keeping a close watch on the Red barrier. The "Ulbricht Line" as it's called. General Lucius Clay touring the "Ulbricht Line" - warning allied soldiers and West German policemen not to start any incidents. But, to defend themselves if attacked.

Meanwhile - Mikoyan was on the other side of - the Ulbricht Line, ~~Promising~~ Promising Ulbricht - that the Soviet Puppet will soon get a separate peace treaty.

ATOMIC

The eighteenth atomic explosion in the Soviet Union

*This,*  
- ~~was~~  
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the most powerful of the series. So powerful, that western scientists are asking - whether Khrushchev is leading up to the super bomb he's been boasting about. Western diplomats have the same idea, on political grounds. They feel that Khrushchev won't call a halt -- without some devastating display. Probably - a version of the super bomb. Continuing his policy of terrorizing the world - since a bomb that size would have little military value.

SOVIET

The peace marchers in Moscow have come up with this interesting piece of information. Mrs. Khrushchev doesn't know much more than the average Russian -- about the current series of Soviet atomic explosions. One of the marchers noted during conversation with the Dictator's wife - that the eighteenth bomb was ~~just~~ touched off today by Russian scientists. To which Mrs. Khrushchev responded in obvious surprise - "really?" You know more about it than I do."

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~~Evidently~~ Nikita ~~doesn't~~ bring his office work home, and share it with the "Little Women?" Apparently, ~~home with him. At least - not his work on the atomic testing.~~ he leaves the atomic part ~~He leaves that behind~~ at the office, in the Kremlin.

## DEW LINE

The head of the Air Force Electronics' Division explains his latest job - in a football metaphor. Says General Kenneth Bergquist "we've blocked off that end run."

<sup>To</sup>  
~~Let's~~ analyze the Bergquist figure of speech.

The two football teams - Russia and America, <sup>and</sup> figuratively speaking - Khrushchev has the ball. Ever since we established the Dew Line across northern Canada and Greenland - Khrushchev has been barred from running "up the middle". Unable to hurl his rockets across the North Pole - without being detected.

But, East of the Dew Line - the ~~Soviet~~ Dictator could turn the corner with an "end run" across Iceland. That is, until now. As General Bergquist puts it "we've got a defensive ~~end~~ end out there to stop the run."

~~Dropping the metaphor, the <sup>The</sup> ~~Dew~~ Dew Line has been~~

extended across the Atlantic between Greenland and Iceland.

<sup>Another</sup>  
~~missing~~ link in the chain of warning stations - that can detect missiles and bombers while they are <sup>a considerable</sup> ~~still hundreds of~~ <sup>distance</sup> ~~away~~ away.

## RAYBURN

The Vice President and the Speaker of the House met today - on the saddest occasion for either of them. Lyndon Johnson visiting Sam Rayburn at Baylor University's Medical Center. Staying only a few minutes - because of Rayburn's illness. But, Vice President Johnson showed much emotion - as he and Mrs. Johnson left the hospital. After all, the Vice President is more than the speaker's friend. <sup>Lyndon</sup> Johnson rose in Texas politics - as Rayburn's protege. So the disappearance of "Mr. Sam" from Capital Hill, has a deep personal meaning for <sup>the Vice President.</sup> ~~Lyndon Johnson~~ <sup>As to</sup> ~~The political problem is obvious~~ Who will <sup>of Texas</sup> replace Sam Rayburn as Speaker of the House? The best guess is McCormick of Massachusetts.

DEAN SMITH

If you are one of the younger generation, ~~say~~  
in your thirties or forties, it may be difficult for you to  
visualize a day when there were no ~~passenger~~ airplanes flying  
~~passengers~~ back and forth across this country. When everybody travelled  
by train, or by horse and buggy. You just missed <sup>all</sup> that, <sup>But</sup> ~~period~~.  
~~It~~ was only the other day.

For high adventure, for spine tingling thrills,  
and for those moments of sheer terror, I wonder if anything  
in the history of man ever ~~quite~~ equalled those early flying  
days?

~~The~~ <sup>For</sup> true stories of the early fliers ~~make thrilling~~  
~~reading, and~~, nothing that I know of has come along that's  
~~any~~ better than a new book just out, the title, ~~of which is~~  
most appropriate: BY THE SEAT OF MY PANTS. ~~It~~ written by  
Dean Smith who was one of the first to fly the airmail. Dean  
Smith was one of the <sup>World War One</sup> boys from Kelly Field, <sup>Texas, Years later,</sup> after his airmail  
adventures, he also flew with a Byrd expedition in the Antarctic.



As an airmail pilot they finally had to design a special plane for him because he's so tall. It would take a half hour broadcast to do any sort of justice to the Dean Smith story. It's full of laughs as well as thrills. There was the air mail flight that he made; like so many others' flights by his pals that ended in a crash. This time Dean sent the following telegram to his air mail chief:

"On trip number four west bound, flying low, engine quit. Only place to land, on cow. Killed cow; wrecked plane; scared me. Signed Smith."

Dick, I hope you and everybody will rush out and get copies of Dean Smith's BY THE SEAT OF MY PANTS!

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Observers at the U N says it looks like -

U-Thant of Burma, for Interim Secretary General. Our delegation denies that we've reached an agreement with the Russians -- to back U Thant. But the talk in the

cloak room and corridors - indicates it will be the Burmese Ambassador. Interim Secretary General of the U.N. U-Thant from the Road to Mandalay.

-- Alexei Golub, a Soviet chemist - asking for asylum on the ground that he couldn't stand any more the tyranny.

So - what about his wife? Did she want to - choose freedom? That's what the Dutch were trying to find out at the airport police station - what is stored there ten Russians. During the imbroglio that followed - the Soviet Ambassador managed to get himself pushed in the nose. But the Russians pushed the Dutch away, seized Mrs. Golub - and hustled her into the office of the Soviet Airline.

The airport police, calmly showing a portion -