

MARS

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The Soviet probe toward Mars - resembles the American probe toward Venus. A capsule, weighing some two thousand pounds - launched in the Soviet Union today. Winging its way across the Solar System - tonight. Headed for a rendezvous with the Red Planet - several months from now. Interesting thought, the Red Planet - investigated by Red scientists. The planet Mars, nearest thing to our own planet - that we know of.

## ATOMIC

The latest American nuclear explosion over Johnston Island - was a real halloween spectacle. The atomic bomb, dropped from a plane - flying over the Pacific. Erupting into a fireball - that mushroomed high into the sky. Looking like a pumpkin-colored sunset - an exploding sunset. Then, fading - into a white wisp of cloud. This fantastic display, lighting up the area so brilliantly - that the fireball was clearly visible in Honolulu, Eight hundred miles to the northeast.

Said one Hawaiian- "the most beautiful atomic explosion we've seen yet." Said a scientist on Johnston Island - "one of the most successful."

SIBERIA FOLLOW ATOMIC

The Soviet Union went us one better today - at least in the number of nuclear explosions. Two intermediate atomic bombs, going off - at the Soviet testing ground in Siberia. Nothing as spectacular as ours - but just about as powerful. This makes twenty eight - in the current Soviet series. And - seven in the past six days.

## BERLIN

Does the arrival in Moscow of the puppet leader of East Germany mean that the Berlin crisis is easing off? At least - for the moment? So say - some Kremlin experts in the west. Their logic - Khrushchev in no mood for another adventure. Still smarting from his last one. Maybe he'll prefer to let the furor over Cuba die down - before he makes another move against West Berlin. In other words - these experts wouldn't be surprised by another postponement of the Khrushchev deadline. Again put off the Treaty with his East German puppet.

## CASTRO

The Secretary General of the U N may not have been received coldly in Havana - but indications are that the Russian trouble-shooter may find the atmosphere less than cordial. Mikoyan's visit - already being played down in Castro's press. Khrushchev's man, said to be coming - "to exchange points of view about the international situation." Evidently meaning - that Castro intends to do as much talking as the Soviet First Deputy. Quite a change for Mikoyan, who used to be billed as - "Cuba's friend."

Anyway, Castro holds the stage - tonight. He'll be on with one of his marathon addresses to the Cuban people. Bombast, threats, promises - the usual Castro, probably.

## BLOCKADE

The resumption of the American blockade of Cuba -  
is in line with our timetable. We called off the  
quarantine for two days - in order not to embarrass  
the U. Thant mission, ~~to Havana.~~ Now that the Secretary  
General ~~of the U-N~~ is back in New York - <sup>the</sup> ~~our~~ ships are  
back <sup>on</sup> ~~patrolling~~ the waters around Castro's island.

All vessels bound for Cuba - to be stopped and searched.  
~~Those~~ <sup>they'll be</sup> carrying offensive weapons, - turned back.

The blockade, to remain - until ~~the~~ offensive  
weapons now in Cuba are removed. And that includes  
Russian bombers - capable of carrying atomic bombs.  
Not merely - missiles.

~~What about these offensive weapons - in view of~~  
~~Castro's unpredictable behavior?~~ American reconnaissance  
planes are again - keeping a camera eye on <sup>Cuba.</sup> ~~them.~~

GUANTANAMO

There's one interesting thing - about Guantanamo.

Our naval base in Cuba <sup>is reported to be</sup> ~~is~~ on a war footing. ~~Yet,~~

~~the~~ Cubans who work there - are still on the job. <sup>That</sup>

<sup>is</sup> About three thousand - passing through the gate <sup>each day,</sup> ~~today.~~

Searched, as usual - first by Castro's militia, and

then by the Guantanamo military police. These employees

from Castro's domain, going about the <sup>or</sup> work that keeps

a lot of Cuban families - in Yankee dollars.

CUBA

The Cuban crisis in such a snarl tonight - that contradictory interpretations are being suggested - at almost every turn.

Is Mikoyan in Cuba - to crack down on Castro? Or - to shore up the bearded leaders diminishing prestige? Each of these questions is being given an affirmative answer - by <sup>the</sup> many experts.

Does Khrushchev want Castro to permit U N supervision - of the dismantling of the Soviet missile bases? Or - does he want Castro to keep the U N talking, until the missiles are gone? ~~Again - you pay your money, and you take your choice.~~

~~One diplomat at the U N - cuts the Gordian Knot like this. Forget the rumors - because they cancel one another out. The fact is - that Khrushchev did let Castro down. Castro said - "we are not alone." But - he is alone. He said - "Soviet missiles will~~



INDIA

*at* The military staff meeting in New Delhi today -  
~~had~~ a conspicuous absentee, Krishna Menon, not there -  
for the first time since Nehru began regular conferences  
with his generals. The ousted Defense Minister, no  
longer qualified - to sit in on these top level  
briefings. Besides - he might be a discordant element.  
The Indian Generals <sup>said to be</sup> are more furious than anyone - at  
~~the state in which~~ <sup>what</sup> Krishna Menon <sup>did to</sup> left their army.

As to the fighting in the Himalayas, Nehru uses  
the phrase - "ominous quiet." But there's no quiet -  
in New Delhi. ~~Hundreds of~~ <sup>in</sup> students - rioting ~~through~~  
the streets ~~of the city~~ <sup>in</sup> attacking Chinese shops and  
restaurants - without waiting to find out about  
political affiliation. Burning an effigy of - Red  
China's Premier, Chou En-lai. Shouting - "drive the  
Chinese back to the Chinese Wall!"

The New Delhi students also stoned - the

headquarters of the Indian Communist party. Refusing to be placated just because India's homegrown Reds - are denouncing the aggression of Red China. The

soldiers of the Queen - Queen Victoria - specifying Afghanistan. Strengthening the border - of the imposing British Raj of Hindustan.

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Alfred Harker - like survivor of the historic Afghan war. Lost of the British Empire he searched through the Afghan Empire. In eighteen seventy eight

## SOLDIER

Back in eighteen seventy-eight, a British force entered the Khyber Pass - and drove on to Kandahar. The beginning of - the colorful Afghan war. The soldiers of the Queen - Queen Victoria - pacifying Afghanistan. Strengthening the border - of the imposing British Raj of Hindustan.

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*— Tommy Atkins, right out of Khyber*  
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Afghan war. Last of the British Tommies who marched through *Khyber way way back* ~~The Khyber~~ - in eighteen seventy eight.  
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## NOBEL

The Soviet scientist who has just won the Nobel Prize for Physics - almost wasn't there to receive it. Lev Landau, in the hospital since January - when he was hit by a car. The amazing thing being, that four times the Soviet physicist went through what medical men call - "clinical death." Four times - his heart stopped beating. Four times - they managed to bring him around.

Lev Landau, still in bad shape - but at least he knows about the crowning reward of his scientific career. His experiments with gas at low temperatures, winning him - the Nobel Prize for Physics.

Incidentally, there's talk in Moscow - about one of Landau's doctors winning the Nobel prize for medicine, next year. The achievement, - This Soviet doctor brought his patient back from "clinical death" four times.