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Republican leaders in Congress are calling on President Kennedy - to show the Russians an example of firmness. The G O P arguing - that negotiations with Khrushchev appear to be ~~xxx~~ a waste of time. ^{So we'd better} ~~and that suggests~~ ^{have} a change of strategy. What the Republicans call - "vigorous moves". For example - a deadline on the atomic test talks, to prevent Khrushchev from dragging them out indefinitely.

The Republicans claim ~~xxxxx that~~ the safety of America demands - a return to the old time leadership;
The kind that we got ~~xxxxx~~ from General Eisenhower - in the crisis involving Iran, Lebanon, Guatemala, and Matsu.

VIET NAM

South Viet Nam will not fall - to the Reds,

~~That is~~ if we act now to strengthen the ~~the~~ defenses of
that ~~nation~~^{small} of Southeast Asia, ~~bordering~~^{a nation next door to} Laos. So testified

today - by Secretary of Defense McNamara. The Secretary
had just finished telling the House Foreign Affairs Committee
- about the equipment and training that Viet Nam needs.

One member of the Committee asked - "do you think South
Viet Nam is going to stand?" ~~answered~~^{Said} Secretary McNamara:—

~~firmly~~ "I do."

LAOS

The Communist advance in Laos evidently is not as important - as we thought last night. The dispatches told of - Padong overwhelmed by Red infantry. Government forces - pulling back ten miles. But tonight Vientiane reports - detachments of the Laotian Army still holding out at Padong; aided by - Meo tribesmen from the Laotian hills. The Meo's are an aboriginal - pre-Chinese race; similar to the Lolos in Western China.

There's one especially heartening thing - about this Vientiane dispatch. It says that morale in the Laotian Army - is high. Officers and men, putting up a stubborn fight - against the Communist guerrillas. The loyalist forces dug in - vowing to stay where they are; asking only that they receive adequate arms - to match the enemy arms supplied by Russia and Red China.

GENEVA FOLLOW LAOS

The slightly brighter picture in Laos - doesn't change anything in Geneva. The Reds - are still shooting. Still violating Khrushchev's pledge - to work for a genuine cease fire. Hence, the refusal of the western delegates - to return to the conference table. Britain, France, and the United States, pointing out ^{that} it's impossible to talk peace with an opponent who won't stop the war.

In Washington, President Kennedy frankly admitted - he's disappointed. ^{and} ~~He's~~ afraid no agreement with Moscow can be reached on any major issue - if a cease-fire in Laos cannot be arranged. The President took Khrushchev's words seriously - in Vienna. ^{As far} Khrushchev, ^{is he} ~~doesn't seem to be~~ taking them seriously? ~~in Vienna, or anywhere else.~~

KOREA

The resignation of the entire South Korean Supreme Court ^{comes as} ~~is~~ a protest against the power of the ^{new military} ~~the~~ junta. Chief Justice Pae Chung Kyun, declaring - that he and his colleagues on the bench cannot carry out their duties under an absolute government. "Absolute" is exactly what the junta has become - following its latest decree. The one that brings all executive, legislative and judicial power - directly under the ~~military~~ military men who are now supreme in Seoul. "Judicial" means - the courts. ~~Beginning~~ with - the Supreme Court. The justices - not waiting to receive their new orders. Resigning - in a body.

DOMINICAN

A weird story is being told by one of the conspirators - involved in the assassination of the Dictator of the Dominican Republic. Pedro Celano, speaking from a hospital bed - after being wounded and captured; says the original plan was - to kidnap Trujillo. He says the signal agreed on was for three blinks of a car headlight. But he explains that the conspirator in the car - forgot to give the signal. Whereupon shooting started - and Trujillo was killed - this contrary to the wishes of the men who killed him.

RIDERS

One of the "freedom riders" arrested today in Jackson, Mississippi - is the New York head of the N.N.A.C. Percy Sutton, arriving by air - from Montgomery, Alabama. Then violating the Mississippi segregation laws at the terminal. He was hustled off to jail - along with his white companion - Mark Lane of the New York State Legislature.

The number of "freedom riders" who have been arrested in Jackson nears the one hundred mark.

KENNEDY

The President's back injury? Painful, we hear, but not serious. That's the medical diagnosis of the White House physician - Dr. Janet Travell. Her advice - crutches for a few days, an ~~often~~ occasional dip in a warm pool - and then he will be as good as new.

President Kennedy has a medical record of back injuries - going back to a football game in his teens - when he played for Harvard or before. This we hear was aggravated when his P T boat was ~~rammed~~ by the Japanese destroyer - his boat cut in two -- in the Pacific. As a ~~result~~ result, he wears a brace - and a lift in one shoe.

The ~~present~~ difficulty we are told came about as a result of a tree planting ceremony in Ottawa. But, he went right ahead with his European trip - in spite of the ~~injury~~ injury.

Today the President got along without crutches - when he went to the airport to ^{greet} ~~greet~~ President Fulbert Youlou of the Republic of Congo. That's the Congo that

formerly was ~~MMRE~~ under French rule. Next door to the former Belgian Congo.

The President walked with a slight limp - explaining that he wants to try one more day - without crutches. Maybe a few days in Florida will do the trick. That's his hope.

DUKE

A wedding took place in York, England, today - and we hear the London bobbies began to cheer. What's the connection? This all has to do with the Duke of Kent - a high spirited young nobleman - of the Royal Family - who today married commoner Katherine Worsley - in the ancient Cathedral of York - with all the historic pageantry - of British royalty. Sixteen hundred guests - crowding into the cathedral; headed by - Her Majesty the Queen. A host of British aristocrats - and members of the age-old dynastys of Europe - all gathered in York, to pay their respects - to the Queen's coursins, the Duke of Kent, eighth in succession - to the British throne.

That's the York angle - of today's wedding. The London angle - about the Bobbies? For years, the Duke of Kent has been known as - "The Madcap Duke." Throwing wild parties - in Mayfair. Plastered and

pickled in Piccadilly. Once caught throwing bags of water at pedestrians - from a window of the swank Savoy Hotel. The Duke a problem, Dick, for the London Bobbies who are cheering - and hoping the marriage will tone down - the "Madcap Duke of Kent."

TRACTORS

I suppose it was inevitable that Mrs. Roosevelt and Milton Eisenhower - would say "No" to Castro. Refuse to go to Havana - to talk terms with the Cuban Dictator. There was never any suggestion that Walter Reuther might go - not after those wild attacks on ~~him~~ him in Castro's controlled press.

The point of Castro's demand - is obvious:- He was hoping to put on ~~a~~ ^{quite a} ~~choice~~ propaganda display. Show the world that he could make two leaders in American life - jump at his command. Hurry off to Havana - just to talk with ~~him~~ him. Which neither Mrs. Roosevelt nor ~~Mr.~~ ^{Pres. & John A. Hopkins} Eisenhower ~~has~~ has any intention of doing.

~~Anyway,~~ ^{Why} the trip ~~wouldn't be necessary.~~ ^{says it} The "tractors for freedom" Committee stands ready - to take Castro at his word, ^{the} Ship ~~him~~ him five hundred tractors - in return for ^{the} twelve hundred prisoners of war. ^{That} The exchange was his idea - in the first place. ^{and} All that's needed now

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is a little honesty - on the part of the bearded tyrant,
who lords it over the people of Cuba.