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LAOS

Much of Southeast Asia is in a ferment tonight because of the crisis in Laos. If the diplomatic level no one is sure what Khrushchev is up to. Or whether the crisis is being provoked by Mao Tse Tung - in spite of Khrushchev. Will the Red guerrillas cease their advance and return to the conference table? Nations like Thailand and Burma - feel that their safety may may depend on the answer to that question.

far over the truce line. So far - that they compelled a detachment of Laotian troops to cross the Mekong River into Thailand. Still, the Laotians are returning to their country tonight - down river, in an area still held by loyalist forces. And American soldiers are moving up the Mekong - toward Me Laos.

The big decision, as you known has to be taken in Washington. In fact, President Kennedy may have made up

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on the question of committing American troops in Force to the defense of Laos.

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American military power now a reality - in Thailand and South Viet Nam, where it could be the decisive factor as to the fate of, first Laos - and then the rest of Southeast Asia.

## RUSK

If you wonder what would be the most revolutionary thing in the world - Secretary of State Rusk has the answer. "A decision by Russia to live at peace with the world" said he. Dean Rusk, telling legislators from Mexico and the United States - that the Kremlin is the disturber of international peace. Reason - the Red myth about all nations going Communist. Khrushchev, keeping up the cold war because of his ideological delusion. Belleving that he promotes Communism - when he promotes tension. Refusing to see that all he is actually doing - is creating the danger of a shooting war.

According to Dean Rusk, when the Soviets get over their hostile ideology, then will come the revolution.

# DISARMAMENT

Arthur Dean - Chief American negotiator at the Geneva Disarmament conference, spoke with newsmen today after a long session at the White House; telling the President how he feels - about Geneva.

Dean says - the talks are going rather well. The Soviets, not walking out - and even eager to keep kdiscussing disarmament. He believes that after both sides have finished atomic testing there will be a chance for some kind of an agreement. Also, he's satisfied with the eight neutral nations at Geneva because they seem anxious to mediate. No present sign of that irritating double standard - by which so many so-called neutrals have loaded the dice in favor of Comrade Khrushchev.

### INDIA

The dispute between India mit and Red China is worse tonight - after those latest notes from Peking to New Delhi. The caustic documents - in which Mao Tse Tung accused the Indian army of "aggression." And threatens to do something about it. Namely order a counter attack Mao, declaring - "my frontier guards will have to defend themselves" A showdown between Mao and Nehru, developing - in the valleys of the high Himalayas. Up along the Tibet

#### ALGERIA

The violence in Algeria today - was a direct defiance of the interim government. O A S commandos, out to show - that High Commissioner Fouchet cannot control them. The High Commissioner ordered a crackdown - to cut the number of commando atrocities. In reply, the commandos invaded the streets of Algiers and Oran - and resumed their merderlets practice of shooting Moslems on the street. They also set off - a series of time-bombs, Plastiques devastating Moslem homes and shops.

DeGaulle's security forces kept racing from point to point - in Algiers and Oran. But they couldn't keep up with tik - the gunmen of the 0 A S.

## DEFECTOR

Another American who defected to Russia - is re-defecting to America. We've had the story about the Johnson family of Philadelphia coming back to freedom. Now its Bob Webster of Cleveland.

Webster was assigned to Moscow - with our exhibition of Mineteen Fifty Mine. When the rest of the staff returned home - he stayed, went to Leningrad - and settled down there - as a Soviet citizen. But the experience finally soured him too.

Deciding America was preferable - to Russia - he applied for a visa - at our Moscow Embassy, and today it came through. Now Bob Webster is a Soviet citizen, on his way to America under the immigration quota - returning home to Cleveland, as an immigrant.

## DGILAS

The Dictator of Jugoslavia has silenced his most outspoken critics - for the next nine years. That is, unless Milovan Dgilas begs for clemency - and agrees to stop mentioning flaws in the regime. Which, he says he won't do.

Dgilas, once Tito's friend - comrade-in-arms, But Dgilas became disillusioned - with the Communist dictatorship, began to write scathing articles - about the Red bureaucracy. That's why he's already seen the inside of Tito's jails - twice. Today sentenced again.

The harsh penalty, due to - the defendant's bearing in the Belgrade court. Dgilas, declaring himself innocent of the charge - that he revealed state/secrets. Adding quite frankly - that he intends to confront Tito's tyranny with "moral disobedience." Dgilas to keep writing the truth about the Jugoslav regime - as he sees it. The Unit of the regime - nine years, for this critic.

#### SUPREME COURT

A dispatch from Washington points out that the Supreme Court "has"black and white. Not "is" - but "has". Meaning - justices Hugo Black and Byron White, both sitting on our highest tribunal.

So what? The two names got mixed up today in a rather peculiar fashion. Justice Tom Glark was reading the court opinion - on Dave Beck and Maurice Hutcheson. The ruling against the appeal - by the two convicted labor leaders.

At one point, Clark said - Justice Black took no part in this decision." Chief Justice Warren leaned over and whispered to him that it was not Justice Black - but Justice White. Whereupon, Clark answered - "oh well, Black and White."

Sounds like & favorable portent - for litigants?

Will the Supreme Court desmit pretend - that Black is White?

#### DUKE

The Duke of Edinburgh is sticking to his rather vivid description of - the London Daily Express. A bloody awful MM newspaper - said the Queen's consort, a few weeks ago. Today, he told newsmen in Montreal - he still feels that way about Lord Beaverbrook's paper.

The point is - of course - that the Press Lord of Fleet Street has a habit of criticizing the Royal Family. In particular - the Duke of Edinburgh. The Duke's retort -Beaverbrook doesn't print genuine criticism. He prints inuendoes. Like those famous questions in the Daily Express about why Prince Philip took so long on his trip around the world.

According to the Duke of Edinburgh - "the Royal Family does not need lectures from the Daily Express."