

ISLANDS

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During today's debate in the London parliament it was made <sup>rather</sup> clear - that Britain wants Quemoy and Matsu handed over to Red China. Lord Privy Seal, Edward Heath, answering laborite questions - with the observation that the off-shore islands are obviously part of mainland China; Hence - ought not ~~to~~ be defended, ~~against a possible Communist invasion.~~ But - would the Conservative government refuse to support America in such a defense? <sup>Britain's</sup> ~~the~~ Lord Privy Seal - refused to give a reply to that one.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy is telling Khrushchev that America expects progress - through the usual diplomatic channels. <sup>That is</sup> Improvement in Soviet-American relations -- by way of the Ambassadors. That's the implication of the President's expression of confidence in Llewellyn Thompson, <sup>U.S.</sup> ~~our~~ Ambassador to Moscow. Meaning - what Ambassador Thompson is not just a messenger between Washington and Moscow. He's a responsible agent - charged by the Administration with laying the ground work for any diplomacy at a higher level. This <sup>is</sup> a follow up to what President Kennedy and Secretary of State Rusk have already said, <sup>^</sup> that routine diplomacy should be used, before there is any thought of a summit conference.

CONGO

Tonight another leader of the Congo  
- is defying the U N. Premier Joseph Ileo, warning  
- he will not let the U N troops in Leopoldville ~~in~~  
infringe on his authority. <sup>So</sup> Ileo ~~has~~ <sup>s</sup>joined Tshombe  
of Katanga - in calling the U N vote "an act of war."  
~~A reference to the decision taken at the New York~~  
~~headquarters~~ <sup>the</sup> giving <sup>to</sup> the Secretary General authority  
to restore order by force.

Meanwhile, Tshombe denied <sup>^</sup> that he will  
send his army - to attack the U N soldiers in Katanga.  
But he repeats <sup>that</sup> <sup>^</sup> he intends to keep his Belgian  
advisors no matter what the Security Council thinks  
about it.

Atrocities? Reports continue to reach  
Leopoldville - telling of Congolese soldiers <sup>going</sup> ~~committing~~  
~~berserk. And~~ ~~murder and mass mayhem in the jungle,~~ <sup>^</sup> the fate of  
those sixteen anti-Lumumba officials in Stanleyville --  
isn't clear. Rumors persist - that all sixteen were  
executed, in reprisal for Lumumba's death.

AIRLINES

The snag in the negotiations over the Flight Engineers strike concerns disciplinary action. Yesterday we heard about Western Airlines - firing its flight engineers, ~~Re~~ replacing them with pilots - because they walked off their jobs. Later, Secretary of Labor Goldberg said - he was not in favor of punishment for the ~~xx~~ strikers. To which the Union now retorts - "what about Western <sup>- that firing?!"</sup> ~~airlines~~"

Secretary Goldberg is asking the company - ~~is whether~~ <sup>will</sup> its flight engineers ~~can~~ be reinstated? That question, unanswered - as of now.

## SATELLITE

Our Mutt-and-Jeff-in-the-sky are acting too much like the characters in the comic strip. Always together instead of going their separate ways. Two satellites riding the same rocket into outer space and failing to break apart into different orbits as they were supposed to do. Even so, "Mutt and Jeff" are sending back radio signals; and their jaunt into outer space is called "a qualified success."

## ASTRONAUTS

Two Americans say they<sup>a</sup>re all set for a ride - lasting sixteen minutes. Doesn't sound like much - but it will be the most important trip in the life of the individual tapped for it. <sup>The</sup> Vehicle - an Atlas rocket. Distance of the trip - a hundred miles up, and three hundred miles down the Atlantic Range. Time - just over a quarter of an hour.

So - who will it be? Today, Navy commander Alan Shepard and Marine Colonel John Glenn <sup>each</sup> told newsmen ~~they~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~each~~ would like to be the first man to fly through the fringe of outer space. <sup>In fact</sup> The same sentiment <sup>was</sup> echoed by Air Force Captain Virgil Grissom - who couldn't attend the news conference because of the airline strike.

Our astronauts are confident <sup>we have</sup> ~~they were~~ licked the problem - of space flight, <sup>and</sup> They are willing to gamble their lives on it. ~~and~~ One of them will make the <sup>at</sup> gamble - <sup>within</sup> ~~in~~ the next few weeks or months.

## SPACE

A dispatch from Colomb Bechar in the Sahara - states that Hector is in good shape. Hector, the space rat, <sup>has been a</sup> public figure in France, ever since he was photographed - in his natty leather space suit. Complete with mittens - and ~~he~~'met.

Today, at the Sahara launching site - Hector went aboard his Veronique rocket. The French missile that is scheduled to become - a work horse of the European space program. The Veronique zooming up - in a cloud of smoke. Reaching an altitude - of ninety ~~ix~~ five miles. Falling back on the ~~as~~ sands of the desert - twenty-seven miles from the launching pad.

When they opened the rocket - the passenger began to squeal. Released from his space chamber he began to run around - <sup>begging</sup> ~~begging~~ for a piece of cheese. Blase about the whole thing - Hector the space rat.

## EXPLOSION

The explosion that wrecked an oil refinery in the Texas Panhandle destroyed a new fractionating unit. The machinery of the plant, where they break down crude oil - into its component parts. Gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, and so on. A team of ten men were ~~xx~~ wrapping the pipes to protect them from the cold, when a series of violent vibrations began. Ending - in a shattering blast.

The machinery - torn apart. The ten men, enveloped - in searing flames. Nine - killed instantly. The tenth - badly burned. Two others - in a state of shock.



## BEER

In Romford, England, the brewery strike has ~~not~~ ended after only four days. The workers - dropping their demands, ~~hustling~~ hustling back - to their jobs. The reason - beer. Or - the lack of it. Here's the story.

On Friday, the employees at the brewery struck - in protest over the firing of two of their mates. They set up headquarters in an inn - which became a busy place, for those four days. High level sessions - with drinks all around. Pickets, downing a pint or two - before going on duty. The same - when they came off.

Last night - the bubble burst. Or should ~~Max~~ Max - the beer barrel? ~~Max~~ The <sup>pub owner</sup> ~~barkeeper~~ ~~announced~~ <sup>said</sup> "no more beer," ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~promises~~ ~~The~~ brewery workers - had drunk it all. Then he added ~~the~~ the poignant line - "I can't get any more beer, until you go back to work."

<sup>What a</sup> ~~critical~~ dilemma - for the strikers. They couldn't win their case against the company

without keeping the brewery closed down. And they figured they couldn't last out a strike - without an occasional glass of beer. So, they voted to return to their jobs. They may not have won - the labor dispute, Dick, but they are drinking beer again.

CHEF

The Kennedy Administration has suffered a diplomatic defeat - on the international level. The nations involved - America, Britain, France, and Viet Nam. At stake - Viu Vam Han. No, not a town. Or a battle field. Viu Vam Han is a chef from Viet Nam - who runs the kitchen for the French Ambassador in London. An under cover agent from Washington tried to lure him into working - for America. *In fact* For the President - at the White House. But the man from Viet Nam - was loyal, *and* ~~Reported~~ *ed* the plot - to his superior. So in London, the French Ambassador announces - he's not losing his chef. The White House will have to get along - without Viu Vam Han.