

Editorial Opinion

Soviets Try Entire U.S. Foreign Policy

Despite President Eisenhower's idealistic denial, it is not pilot Francis Gary Powers that is on trial in Moscow this week, it is the United States' entire foreign policy that is undergoing the Soviet inquisition.

While producer-director Nikita Khrushchev relaxes in his Crimean resort hideaway and no doubt watches his world premier on the Soviet television which is taking the greatest advantage of this propaganda colossus, his chosen showmen are avidly pursuing an indictment not of Powers but of the United States before the peoples of the world.

Under the stagelights of the world they fire at this scared, hedging prisoner loaded questions designed to incriminate not him but the U. S. government, of nothing short of war-provoking maneuvers.

Most of the questions are skillfully worded so that even by giving a truthful answer, Powers slips the hook out of his mouth and into that of the U. S. foreign policy hierarchy.

Powers is walking a tightrope in his answers, trying not to aggravate the Soviets but at the same time not to implicate U. S. officials anymore than he has to to exonerate himself.

The Soviets aren't missing a trick. They even threw Cardinal Spellman's name into the fire in a passing effort to tinge his name in a not too subtle move to vindicate their purges of Catholic prelates like Mindszenty, Walsh, etc. And they made sure to include an indictment on the U. S. allies who have American U2 bases on their soil.

Meanwhile the Soviets cagily sidestepped questions that might have indicated a show of U. S. strategic military strength, such as how long and how often U2 flights have been made over the USSR. But they stressed the power of their own missiles in bringing down the plane.

Only one question remains. What will they do with Powers? Shoot him? Send him to Siberia? Unlikely.

They will probably recommend leniency for this "poor, exploited young man," and toss him like a hot potato back into the hands of the U. S. government to let them squirm and decide how to handle him while he becomes a millionaire writing his memoirs.

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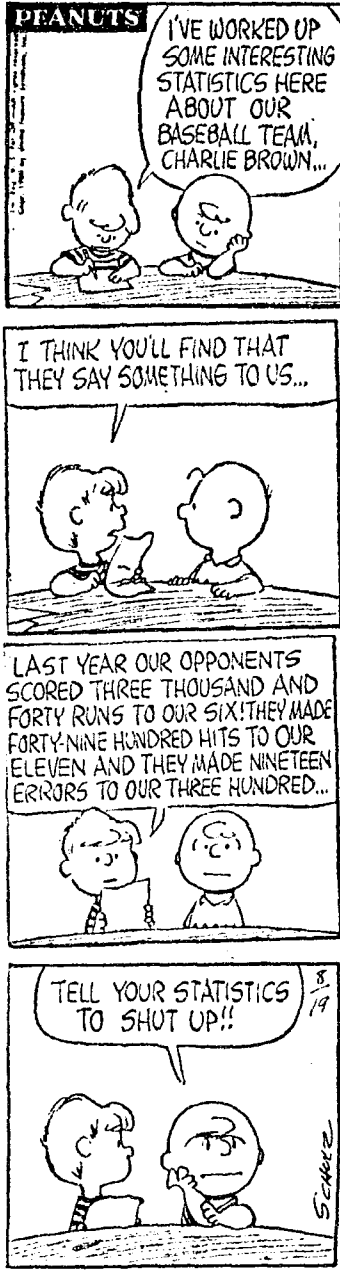
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World At A Glance

Congolese Club, Rob U.N. Unit

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — Congolese army riflemen kicked, clubbed and robbed a Canadian U.N. unit at Leopoldville airport yesterday. Protesting sharply, the U.N. Command cracked down and reclaimed full control over the airport.

The savage incident, one of a series of clashes of Premier Patrice Lumumba's Negro soldiers with U.N. personnel, came as Lumumba himself delivered pointed snubs to U.S. Ambassador Clare H. Timberlake and U.N. Undersecretary Ralph J. Bunche.

The Congolese apparently mistook the Canadians, assigned to signal duty in the interior, for Belgians. Some were aboard a plane and others in jeeps when the Congolese struck. The Congolese totaled about 300; the Canadians few more than a dozen.

Democrats Rap State Department On African Students

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats yesterday turned a Republican criticism of their presidential nominee into suggestions that the State Department may be playing slippery politics.

At issue: Whether the department of Sen. John F. Kennedy acted with partisan intent on the question of bringing 250 African students to the United States.

Democrats united in support of Kennedy included such diverse types as Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas and Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr., a Michigan Negro.

They carried along the battle set off by Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) who charged that the Kennedy family had tried to outbid the government for the privilege of paying \$100,000 transportation costs for the Africans.

Roa Urges OAS To Condemn U.S.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa yesterday urged the Organization of American States to take punitive measures against both the Dominican Republic and the United States.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter earlier asked the OAS to condemn the Dominican Republic for aggression but opposed a Venezuelan demand for immediate penalties against the Caribbean nation.

He recommended instead the OAS set up a special committee to supervise free elections in the Dominican Republic.

Herter told the sixth conference of hemispheric foreign ministers that if the regime of Rafael Trujillo blocked such a move, the OAS then could consider sanctions—penalties.

Thor Space Rocket Explodes In Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla (AP) — A space rocket exploded in flight yesterday about 2 1/2 minutes after it blasted off in an attempt to hurl an experimental military communications satellite into orbit.

The fiery sky explosion ruined the first step in a long range investigation of the use of satellites as a global communications network for all U.S. military forces.

There was no immediate announcement on what caused the explosion of the two-stage Thor Able Star rocket. But it appeared that there may have been premature separation of the two stages.

Kennedy Wage-Hour Bill Approved by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate yesterday passed Sen. John F. Kennedy's bill raising the minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour and giving about four million workers protection of the wage-hour act.

The vote marked a victory for the Democratic presidential nominee.

He was chief sponsor of the legislation and shepherded it through the Senate, successfully fighting off nearly all limiting amendments of a major nature.

Air Force Scientists Launch Sky Spy Rocket

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Air Force scientists, cheered by the historic recovery of a space capsule from the 13th Discoverer satellite, sent No. 14 aloft yesterday—cramped with secret sky-spy gear.

The reconnaissance devices in its nose cone were being tested for future military surveillance satellites.

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