

Mac, De Gaulle Talks Welcomed

PARIS (Reuters) — Reports that Prime Minister Macmillan will have talks with President de Gaulle early next month are welcomed here as giving the two a chance to exchange views on expected summit talks between Soviet Premier Khrushchev and U.S. President Kennedy.

Paris also is pleased that de Gaulle will be able to discuss international issues with Macmillan before the British prime minister meets Kennedy, probably just after Christmas. Usually well-informed sources said Saturday Macmillan will meet de Gaulle early next month, but there has been no official confirmation.

Generally de Gaulle has always felt Khrushchev is a man of peace, but that to make premature confessions or gestures of appeasement to Moscow is not the best way to encourage the Russians towards better relations with the West. Officials close to de Gaulle said two other major questions bound to be discussed are British membership of the European Community and France's nuclear policy.

Mikoyan Plans To Quit Cuba For UN Today

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — Soviet Deputy Premier Mikoyan will move his talks on the dividing Cuban crisis from Havana back to the United Nations today.

He will fly into New York after 24 days in Cuba, where he talked with Premier Castro as the worst of the crisis passed. A UN spokesman said Sunday Mikoyan will quit Havana to have dinner with UN acting secretary-general U Thant at Thant's invitation in New York today.

A U.S. diplomat told a reporter it was probable Mikoyan also will meet some U.S. delegates. Soviet sources said Mikoyan probably will leave for Moscow Tuesday.

The Russians said Mikoyan wants to find out first hand what has been said about the Cuban question at the UN and in the U.S. while he was in Cuba. During Mikoyan's visit there, Castro gave notice that he would not object to removal of Soviet jet bombers from Cuba and, on the issue of UN verification of the removal of bombers and missiles, he shifted his position from "no inspection" to "no unilateral inspection."

The UN is waiting for the U.S. reply to a 14-nation agreement proposed by Cuba and the Soviet Union to wind up the crisis.



FASTEST GUN IN THE NORTH

Panlosee outruns an imaginary badman. Cowboys and Indians is a popular game

with Panlosee and his pals in an Eskimo village on Froisher Bay in the Northwest Territories.

East And West Resume Arms Conference Today

GENEVA (Reuters) — The United States, Britain, Canada and Italy held Western policy talks Sunday — the eve of the resumption of the 17-nation disarmament conference. The test-ban negotiations in Geneva present in simpler form the basic conflict which has so far hampered all attempts at progress toward a general and complete disarmament treaty—the issue of adequate verification and control. But the test-ban talks also appear to offer the best hope for East-West agreement since both Russia and the U.S. have just completed extensive test series.

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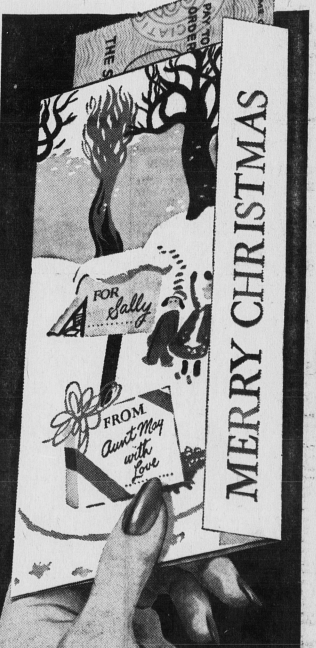
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SCHOONER IS FLOATING HOME

Alan Farrell and his wife built the schooner together. Ocean Girl, their home in the harbor at Nanaimo, B.C., on Vancouver Island. The couple built the schooner together. This year they completed a 10,000-mile cruise down the Pacific coast, to the Hawaiian Islands and back.

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TRAGIC BLAZE RECALLED

Countless Lives Saved In Wake Of Grove Fire

By ROBERT P. SALMON
IT BEGAN LIFE, this building that was to become Boston's plushiest nightclub, as a garage in 1916. All that remains today on the spot where it stood is a parking lot. There is no marker to recall the Cocoanut Grove where 492 persons died on the night of Nov. 28, 1942.

Yet, out of the death and horror came—practically overnight—a revolutionary treatment for burn victims. And the public shock and indignation that resulted from disclosure of unbelievable laxity in fire protection brought about a sweeping revision in fire laws—changes that have probably saved countless lives in the last 20 years.

Ten persons were indicted in the fire's aftermath. Only two were convicted. The nightclub owner, Barnet (Barney) Wellesky, was sentenced to 10 to 12 years in prison for manslaughter. Contractor Samuel Rudnick, who reconstructed the old garage into the Cocoanut Grove, received a two-year

term for conspiracy to violate the city's building laws. A fire department sergeant who had inspected the club eight days before the holocaust—turning in a report of "good" fire precautions in the building—was one of eight persons either acquitted or otherwise freed.

The nightclub, Boston's largest and most popular in 1942, had 20 unblocked doors. One was a revolving door that had no supplementary side exit. The other door opened inward.

A dozen theories were advanced for the cause of the fire. Yet the official ruling was: "Cause unknown."

The Cocoanut Grove was the place to go at the time. It featured a Polynesian motif with fake palm trees and colorful, flimsy decorations.

About 1,000 customers were in the Grove on the night of Saturday, Nov. 28, 1942. The club's seating capacity was 750.

At 10:15 p.m. a busboy, who had been pressed into service as a spare waiter, tried to change a light bulb in an artificial palm tree at one corner of the 40-foot square Melody Lounge. It was dark and he searched a match to see better, according to the most widely advanced theory.

Hundreds of firemen, police, servicemen, civil defence workers and volunteers were at the scene in the midst of the city's theatrical section within minutes. A wartime disaster plan was put into immediate use. A secret government experiment for burns suddenly became a treatment. From New Jersey sped two young chemists, they brought with them a new "mystery serum"—penicillin.

For years the treatment for burns had been tannic acid. But on the night of Nov. 28, 1942, the treatment was revolutionized at Massachusetts General Hospital. The burns weren't treated with tannic acid, but were smeared on and covered with gauze bandages.

At the top of the stairs she poked her head into the ladies powder room and called: "Hey, girls, don't get excited, but there's a little fire downstairs. You better start getting out."

But it wasn't a "little fire" anymore. The flames had leaped from the palm tree to fabric decorating the ceiling. Racing along over the heads of the diners and drinkers, the flames moved upstairs. Within five minutes the fire raged everywhere in the huge nightclub.

Thick smoke rolled along behind the flames. Carbon monoxide gas—poison but deadly—followed in the flames' wake. One man shouted: "You've got a fire downstairs" to the club's steward.

The steward, saw a ball of flame leap across the ceiling and tried to fold back the revolving doors. But it was too late. They were jammed from men and women—mostly men—trying frantically to push and claw their way out of the main entrance. Nearly 200 people died in heaps behind the revolving door as smoke and gas overcame them.

Then, every light in the club went out. There now was utter panic. One man trying to get

Old European ways of life are breaking down. There is a great upsurge and ease in travel. Mass production and advertising means Europeans have similar wants. Prosperity has brought an extraordinary improvement in the European standard of living during the last 10 years.

HAVE MORE LUXURIES
West Europe's 300,000,000 people are better off than they or their ancestors ever were, despite large areas of poverty in Greece, southern Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Millions who never would have dreamed of such luxuries a few years ago now are buying automobiles, television sets, washing machines, refrigerators.

Or take housing. Before the war, the highest apartment of the average European was a two- or three-room apartment in the city. On Sundays, he would muster his entire family with rucksacks on their backs, take the streetcar to the city outskirts and go for a long hike.

Now, many Europeans in large cities aspire for a small villa with a garden. As small, satellite towns and communities are developing.

Take the case of women as another example. Thirty-four per cent of German women now are working. They used to retire quietly to the corner and never butt into private conversations, their husbands. Now they not only talk, but also take an active part in politics.

GET NO GOSSIP
Frau Schmidt and Madame Bobson used to go out before each meal to purchase the makings. They would have a nice chat with the little storekeeper around the corner and select something from his limited supply.

Now supermarkets, depart-

RED CHINA'S

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Air Force and RAF transport aircraft have arrived for use by the Indian government.

Canada has supplied DC-3 transport planes. In Calcutta, Commonwealth Undersecretary John Tilney said Sandys will visit Pakistan this week and try to bring about an understanding between India and Pakistan on urgent matters of dispute arising from the Sino-Indian border situation.

PROTEST AID
Pakistan press and opposition parliament members have protested Western aid to India, Pakistan's foe in the dispute over territory in Kashmir on the northern Indo-Pakistani border.

The 33-member Indian national defence council, presided over by Nehru, announced a military affairs committee under the chairmanship of the new defence minister, Y. B. Chavan. The committee will study the border situation, make arrangements for national defence and advise the government.

The airlift of families of British officials and employees working on tea estates and oil installations in the Assam Valley continued for the sixth day. More than 500 British evacuees, including women and children, have been ferried to Calcutta. In New Delhi the independent newspaper, the Hindustan Times, reported that Soviet MIG jet fighters expected from Russia would most certainly not be delivered in December as was hoped.