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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1963

To the memory of John F. Kennedy

Mourned on both sides of the iron curtain, President Kennedy has passed into history. His tragic death was a great blow to the American people and to the people of the world. Its consequences will not be fully known for a long time.

It is in the field of international relations that we will feel his loss to the greatest extent. The Kennedy administration's domestic record was solid, but not perfect. Especially in the field of civil rights and economic issues, there is good reason to believe that more of the administration's program could have been implemented with greater effort.

In foreign affairs, the Kennedy record in the past year has been one of considerable progress. The test-ban treaty, a general rapprochement with the Soviet Union, and thaw in world tension were all attained. In addition, a compromise on the nuclear-arms-for-Germany issue had resulted in a halt to the spread of nuclear potential.

President Kennedy had worked out an understanding with the British with regard to their independent deterrent problems, which regardless of the obvious embarrassment of Mr. Macmillan with the dumping of the Skybolt project, made possible a more reasonable alignment within the Western bloc.

How will the sudden elimination of President Kennedy as an international figure affect these developments? Of course it is impossible to make more than a rough prediction of the probable results of this tragedy. Many variables will influence the course of events.

If President Johnson is unable to exert the personal influence President Kennedy was noted for,

especially within the Western bloc, there may well be a greater degree of disunity in the Atlantic alliance. Furthermore, President Kennedy was reportedly on very good terms with the opposition leaders in Germany and Great Britain. If, as seems probable, these two countries change governments in the next year, President Johnson may find it less easy to see eye to eye with them.

The major problem is likely to be in American-Soviet relations. Because the late prime suspect, Lee Oswald, was a sympathizer of the Cuban government, and at one time attempted to defect to the Soviet Union, public opinion in the US could suspect some causal relation between the two.

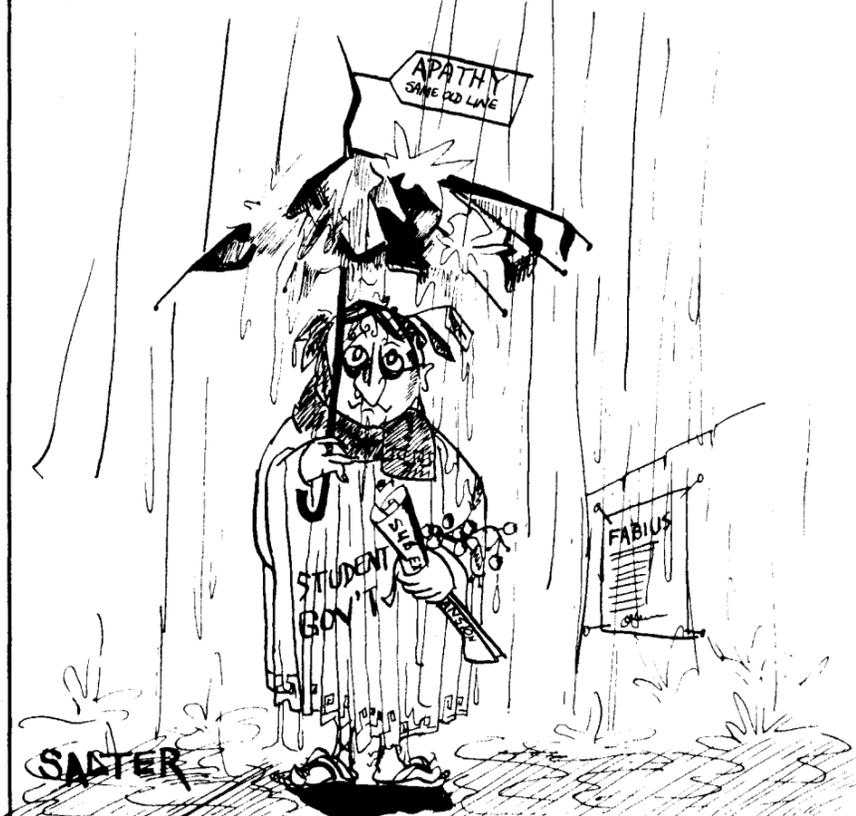
This is highly improbable. Nothing could be further from the interests of the USSR than the death of Kennedy. Nothing could be less in the interests of Cuba.

However, the American people have just lost a very respected leader, and it is unlikely that everyone will be rational in assessing the causes. Even if President Johnson wishes to continue the good relations that President Kennedy built up with the Soviet Union, he may find that public opinion will force him to take a more inflexible line.

If this were the case it would indeed be ironic. If public sympathy at the death of John F. Kennedy turns against the Soviet Union simply because of an unproved suspicion that a psychopathic Soviet sympathizer was in some way acting in the interests of another country, a great deal of the President's work will have gone in vain.

What is to be hoped for is that in their hour of tragedy the people of the United States will rededicate themselves to the ideals of their late President, and work for a greater basis of understanding between all the nations of the world, communist, neutral or pro-Western. This would be the finest tribute to his memory.

NEWS ITEM—FRATS IN STUDENT GOY'T ATTACKED



"FINGS AINT WHAT THEY USED TO BE"



What the hell

by Jon Whyte

(Behind the scenes at Varsity Varieties . . .)

GOLD KEESTER: (assertively) Well, the way I see it, we had one script . . . and then we bought another script. That means that we had two scripts. One to use and one to keep in the storage bin.

JUBILAIRE: (jubilantly) Yes, that's right. We felt that because we were having such difficulty obtaining performable scripts, we should buy whatever ones anyone wanted to write, and then keep them in store for when we haven't got any.

KEESTER: Oh, you mean you're keeping more than one script in storage?

JUBILAIRE: You don't know? (Keester shakes head.) Oh, well we bought both of them, and aren't going to use either of them. Instead we're going to do a whole pile of short skits.

KEESTER: Did you pay for them? (Jub. shakes head.) Ah, well that will save a little money. What are you going to do next year?

JUBILAIRE: We have two scripts on hand (hesitantly) and . . .

KEESTER: You're going to use one?

JUBILAIRE: No, but we'll have them on hand.

KEESTER: Let me get this straight. If you do write a script, you'll get paid for it, but it won't be performed. If you do write a skit which will be performed, you don't get paid for it.

JUBILAIRE: That's fairly close.

KEESTER: Can anyone write one of these scripts?

JUBILAIRE: Certainly.

KEESTER: Can you not write one and get paid for it?

JUBILAIRE: (as the sun suddenly breaks forth upon the day) Say, that's an even better idea.

KEESTER: It's just like farm supports. Next year I'm not going to write six or seven scripts. Will you take them all?

JUBILAIRE: We'll see. Just don't get them in on time and everything will be normal. That won't be seen if they're in by deadline.

Looking Back through The Gateway

November 15, 1917

"The most serious news of the week is that of the debacle of Russia. From the welter of conflicting reports this much seems to emerge, that Nikolas Lenin, the Bolsheviki leader, who has been directly proved to be a German agent, is in complete control at Petrograd and that the Kerensky government has fallen or is at least under the necessity of fighting for its life . . ."

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November 16, 1951
(By a columnist)

"Lately the writer has been giving some thought to the Golden Key Society. For a group that, judging by its really stellar membership, should have been from the first eminently successful in all its endeavors, this organization has been singularly jinxed, until instead of being an honor society it has become a laughing-stock . . ."