

# THE PERISCOPE

## CASE OF THE CHANGEABLE DEFECTOR

The U.S. lost a skirmish with Seoul over that North Korean pilot who crash-landed in the south last December. North Korea demanded his return; Seoul refused, saying he had defected. American Intelligence, however, agreed with the pilot, who claimed he simply got lost and wished to go home. Despite U.S. urging that he be sent back, the South Koreans persisted. After six months in custody, the pilot now says he was a defector and has accepted a commission in Seoul's air force. The Americans are worried about the effect this could have on attempts to get back U.S. personnel captured in North Korea.

## THE PENTAGON'S MAN TO SELL

The man to convince before any early U.S.-Soviet pact on nuclear arms can be drawn is physicist John Foster, the Pentagon research chief. Foster, who has strong support from Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, will take nothing less than ironclad, verifiable guarantees that Russia will neither deploy enough missiles to destroy U.S. land-based ICBM's and bombers nor "thicken" their existing air-defense missile system. Laird will insist on vetoing any pact Foster disapproves.

## MORE 'SECRETS' IN PRINT

More secret documents will hit the public prints this fall in a book, "Washington Plans an Aggressive War," based on interviews with some 300 persons involved in Vietnam decisions, ranging from Cabinet officers to field commanders, many of whom volunteered documents and private notes. The writers are Marcus Raskin, a JFK White House aide (who was tried and acquitted with Dr. Benjamin Spock on anti-draft charges), Richard Barnet, a JFK-era State Department hand (and author of "The Economy of Death") and Ralph Stavins, a former Reed College professor. Their book will propose barring war planners from "positions of public trust."

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