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In Karlsruhe the West German Constitutional Court prohibited the Communist Party and declared it illegal. There was no reaction among the ^{inhabitants} ~~people~~ of the Federal Republic, but it ^{was} quite a different matter in East Berlin, where 10,000 people attended a protest meeting. Eastern Germany is, of course, a Communist country and felt bound to object to the action of the West.

Water ski experts competed at Copenhagen in the European Championship. Mariana Doria lost a ski and that put Switzerland out of the running. Now an Italian competitor.

Jean-Marie Muller won the men's title.... The clever French girl Jacqueline Keller became woman champion... X Denmark's Prince Knud congratulated the winners.

Oil workings at Baku, just off the coast of the Caspian Sea, were on fire. Fireboats constructed for special protection of the plant were soon in action.

The American technique of drilling for oil well out to sea has been copied by the Russians here with great success. Baku is far and away the biggest Soviet oilfield, producing three-quarters of the national output. Now for a confession: this wasn't a real fire; just an imitation blaze ~~made~~ to give the firemen practice.

A Vickers Valiant bomber fitted with De Havilland Super Sprite rocket engines was demonstrated at Farnborough. Under the wings the Super Sprites augment the four jet engines, so the Valiant can take off in ^a remarkably short distance with full load, and thus use airfields otherwise too small

One Valiant carrying nuclear weapons could do more damage than the whole of Bomber Command at peak strength in the world war.