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KENNEDY

There are ~~two~~ ^{stood} points ~~that stand~~ out - ~~at~~ today's
presidential news conference.

First of all, that announcement on Cuba. President Kennedy, revealing - that we are helping the Cuban people in their fight against polio. Making Salk shots available to - the Cuban Red Cross. ^{this} For use in Guantanamo City - thirty-one miles from our big naval base. ~~That~~ ^{In} spite of Castro's hostility toward ~~the~~ ^{our} country.

President Kennedy used this announcement as an occasion for restating - our attitude toward Cuba. ~~That we~~ oppose the dictatorship - ~~ensconced in Havana.~~ But we still have the greatest sympathy for - the Cuban people. The traditional friendship - unbroken.

We ^{may} ~~should~~ be hearing more on Cuba, ^{next} ~~this~~ Monday, ~~that's~~ when President Kennedy has promised a major statement concerning Latin-America, after his White House reception for Latin-American ambassadors and diplomats.

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The second point in today's news conference ~~that we~~
~~ought to notice~~ concerns aid to education. Mr. Kennedy
repeated his assertion that federal aid to private or parochial
schools - would be unconstitutional. He again took issue -
with the Catholic bishops; ~~And he~~ asks the integrationists -
not to hold up his education bill; ~~Not~~ to demand a rider - ~~for~~
for bidding funds for schools that remain segregated. The President,
warning that the nation could end up with - no federal aid to
secondary schools; ~~And~~ he wants as much as he can get - by
keeping the bill exactly as he sent it to Capitol Hill.

MERIWEATHER

The first Kennedy nominee to face a roll call vote in the Senate - managed to survive. Charles Meriweather - okayed as head of the Export-Import Bank. Meriweather, under strong attack - because of alleged past connections with the Ku-Klux-Klan. Senator Morse of Oregon termed the appointment - "A horrendous mistake." He asked whether it was true - that Meriweather had an old police record? The senator's colleagues - *seemed* ~~mainly~~ *At any rate they put* unimpressed by the Morse rhetoric. ~~Putting~~ *by* their seal of approval on Meriweather, ~~The vote,~~ *by* a solid majority ~~vote of~~ *vote of* sixty-seven to forty-seven.

SPACE

The development of military space vehicles will be almost entirely up to the Air Force, ^{and} Not - the Army or Navy. Defense Secretary McNamara, indicating ^{ed} that the Air Force is scheduled to become - the space service of the future, ^{and} By next year, ^{will have} absorbing ^{up} ninety-one per cent ⁺ of research and development. The lion's share, and something more - of a space budget running to eight hundred fifty million dollars.

The other services aren't ^{not} expected to be ^{too} very happy ⁺ with this new Pentagon directive. But Secretary McNamara says he drew it up - after careful studies by his new planning bureau, and he intends ^{it to be that way,} ~~to make the directive stick.~~

RED CHINA

The main problem in Warsaw - is Formosa. That is,
in the talks between American spokesman Jacob Beam, and
Red Chinese spokesman Wang Ting-Nan. Beam's mission ^{is} to try
to persuade ~~Red China~~ ^{Mao} to release the Americans ~~it~~ still ^{in Red} ~~has~~
^{China prisons,}
~~in its jails.~~ Also, to allow American newsmen to cover the
mainland. Wang Ting-Nan saying - "No" to both ideas. Giving
as his reason - American support for the nationalist Chinese
on Formosa.

CONGO

That Madagascar meeting evidently was - a typical get-together of politicians. The place - Madagascar Palace. The conference table of green plastic - littered with the signs of diplomatic in-fighting. Champagne bottles, half empty glasses, cigar butts, and so on. The debris of five hours.

At any rate the
~~What about this~~ conference - of Congo leaders? *It is* described as - "cordial". Even though angry voices could be heard from time to time - especially the voice of Tshombe of ^KTatanga. They finally agreed on - a joint communique, ~~Regretting~~ the absence of - Gizenga, the left wing leader who stayed home in Stanleyville. The communique also telling the U.N. to keep hands off. Let the Congolese people - settle the Congo crisis, as they see fit.

Meanwhile, the U.N. is refusing to accept - Congolese control of U.N. flights. Today, three hundred Tunisian soldiers

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were air-lifted into Leopoldville - in the usual way.

~~cut a detachment~~ of Moroccan troops are leaving the Congo,

Refusing to remain under U.N. commanders. Flying back to Rabat -

in protest over U.N. policies in the Congo.

SUB

Our Polaris submarine arrived at Scotland's Holy Loch - ready for action. In fact, her skipper says he could have fired his missiles - at any time during the voyage. Captain Harold Shears of Groton, Connecticut, adding quickly - that he is absolutely forbidden to press the button without a direct command from the President of the United States. Captain Shears, emphasizing this point - to quiet British fears about our submarine commanders being trigger-happy.

~~Needless to say,~~ ^{But} the British pacifists aren't ^{not} ~~a bit~~ satisfied by Shears' declaration. They ^a ~~re~~ still trying to board ~~the Patrick Henry.~~ Still getting ducked ~~in the~~ Holy Loch.

BEECHAM

The death of Sir Thomas Beecham removes - one of the great conductors of our time. And - one of the most colorful. A highly trained musician - always ready with a quip; ~~A~~ peer of Toscanini on the podium - who could beat the gag writers at their own game.

Many Beecham interpretations of classical music - are the best in the field. His specialty - Mozart. ~~It's a common thing among critics - that no~~ ^{Perhaps no} one ever conducted Mozart symphonies better than Sir Thomas. He understood the moderns - too. ~~He~~ was the first to appreciate Sibelius, outside Finland. ~~Almost~~ singlehandedly ~~he~~ forced English audiences to accept Delius (del'-yus) - by repeating the works of Delius over and over again. Making that composer - a standard part of the musical repertoire in England.

The Beecham humor? ~~well,~~ ^T there was the time when the oboe player - kept missing the beat. Conductor Beecham stopped

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the orchestra and said to him - "But my dear sir, one doesn't practice breathing exercises in public." Another time, he told the man on the tympany - "Don't be afraid to hit that drum. If it hits you back, I'll pay the hospital bill."

His masterpiece of humor? He used to point to it himself. The fact that he got married again, shortly after he had described marriage as "a natural disaster for a musician." The world of music mourning its genius - humorist tonight. Passing in London at the age of eighty-one - the inimitable Sir Thomas Beecham.

DUKE

The most eligible bachelor in Britain - isn't anymore.
The Duke of Kent, announcing - he'll marry the daughter of
Lord and Lady Worsley. And - that his cousin, the Queen,
approves. Her Majesty, happy about wedded bliss - for the
relative who stands eighth in succession to her throne.

The London bobbies - are also shouting a few "Hear, hears!"
They've had the Duke in their paddy wagon several times - after
~~rather wild~~ ^{gay} parties. Now he's expected to become - less
flamboyant. His future wife prefers the country - to London.
Classical music - to the cha-cha-cha. So it looks as if the
Duke of Kent will soon start behaving - as Britishers think
an heir to the throne ought to behave.

And now Dick this throne —
I mean make - is yours.

WEATHER

Snow sixteen inches of it in northern Iowa.

Almost as much - in Nebraska, Minnesota, and Illinois.

Chicago, lashed by sleet and hail - blowing in off

Lake Michigan.

If you live in the South or East - it's probably

raining. Torrents, falling - from Mississippi to

Massachusetts. Dozens of rivers -surging over their

banks.

Here in Denver, where we are launching a new

specially designed Cinerama theater, sparkling sunshine.