

RAYBURN

L.J. - Olds. Thurs. Oct. 5th '61.

Today's medical bulletin from the ~~University of Baylor~~

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Baylor Medical Center - is a sad one for the members of Congress,

And - for the American people too. One of the most popular
lawmakers ever to appear on Capitol Hill - ~~has passed~~. Speaker
Sam Rayburn - victim of an inoperable malignancy.

"Mr. Sam", one of the most durable Congressmen in our
history - seemed to be still going strong at the age of
seventy-nine. Then - that lingering backache. Followed by
today's diagnosis. The end of one of the spectacular careers -
in the history of American politics. Sam Rayburn - of Texas.

SHOOTING

As expected, last night's shooting in Berlin - is having an effect in Washington. The StateDepartment, pointing out that this is precisely the kind of incident - we've been warning Khrushchev about. The danger of letting his puppets antagonize the West - as the East German guards did when they fired into West Berlin, forcing the West Berlin police - to return the fire, ^{and} creating the fear of a war erupting - at the Berlin barrier.

Today, the Reds again fired - across the border. This time - no return fire by the West Germans. But - the danger remains. A fact that President Kennedy is sure to bring up - when he meets Gromyko at the White House tomorrow.

SAILORS

The two Dutch sailors who were sentenced by a Russian court today.- Both pleaded guilty. Evert Reydon asked for mercy - and blamed his espionage mission on America, Nato, and the Dutch Intelligence Service.

Low deJager, on the contrary - was completely unrepentive. He told the Soviet court that Communism is - an evil that ought to be destroyed. Adding defiantly - he's not a bit sorry that he did what he could to destroy it.

The Soviet verdict - thirteen years for the two Dutch sailors.

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MARCHERS

Those "peace marchers" from the West - today visited Moscow University. Their reception - hostile, and friendly. The professors - hostile. The students - friendly.

The marchers explained that they've been demonstrating in favor of peace - through many nations of the West, including the United States. And want to do the same - in the Soviet Union. Adding ^{that} they're disappointed to find so little freedom among the Russians. Why, for instance - no permit to speak in Red Square? The Western capitals were free enough - with permits. Only the Soviet capital - saying "nyet."

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SUDAN

The speech by the President of the Sudan at Washington's National Press Club - was mainly about generalities. Ibrahim Abboud, calling for - peace and self determination. Also - a ban on atomic testing. Still, the Sudanese leader ^{didn't} ~~did~~ mention the fact - that the Soviets violated the test moratorium. Nor did he demand - self determination for the captive peoples of eastern Europe.

What about the foreign policy - of the Sudan?

President Ibrahim Abboud termed it - "without discrimination between East and West."

SYRIA

The end of the United Arab Republic is ~~an~~ now about as official - as it ~~will~~^{can} ever be. Nasser, announcing - he won't oppose Syria's entrance into the Arab League and the ~~United Nations~~^{U.N.} That is - as an independent nation. Meaning - the Strong Man of Egypt has given up any hope of ever bringing the Syrians to heel. He even says he's ready to recognize the new Syrian government - as soon as it shows that it has popular support. Presumably - after the election promised by the junta. One more whirl in the kaleidoscope - of the Middle East, which has seen so many fantastic turnabouts.

IRAN

Today the Shah of Iran gave away - some of the oldest property in the world. Land belonging to the Iranian royal family - for centuries. It used to be the Shah's private domain - for hunting and relaxing. Commoners - strictly barred. But this is the Twentieth Century - and the winds of change are blowing across Iran. Shah Reza Pahlavi, leading the quest for social justice, signing a special decree that gives much of his property - to the nation, ^{- including} securities, hotels, and casinos, and a fleet of oil tankers - as well as thousands of acres of land. The income from all of them - to be used to raise the standard of living in Iran. The decree - irrevocable. Never to be reversed - by any future shah.

TRAIN

quote —
Here's the story of - "the beautiful flying couple."
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Sounds like - a romantic plane flight. Actually - it refers to the way trainmen - fasten cars to one another.

A box-car loaded with wheat broke loose on the Pennsylvania Railroad - near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The runaway box-car, picking up momentum on a hill - thundering down the tracks for several miles. Pounding through four crossings - while spectators jumped for their lives.

But - the hero of the melodrama was in pursuit of the maverick. Engineer M.D. Musser, racing after it - in his locomotive. Catching up with it - when they were both traveling at seventy miles an hour. Then he skillfully caught it - by attaching the front of his locomotive to the rear of the box-car. Bringing them both to a halt - on the track. As the trainmen say - Musser pulled off, "a beautiful flying couple."

BASEBALL

The big surprise at Yankee Stadium today - was the way the Yankees played. The Bronx Bombers aren't supposed to get - World Series jitters. But they sure looked jittery - as the Reds ran them right out of their own ball park.

The game, won and lost - on those three big errors. Won because Yankee Fielding Star Clete Boyer allowed a batter to get to first, and then Gordy Coleman hit his homer. The second - a passed ball by Catcher Elston Howard, that allowed Elio Chacon to score from third. Allowed is not quite the word. Chacon raced home to the amazed bewilderment of Elston Howard the super-wiz catcher! The last Yankee error - a wild throw to first by Looey Arroyo; allowing Frank Robinson to run home - all the way from first.

Still, the Yanks didn't just lose the game. The Reds won it - on the strong right arm of Joey Jay, who

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pitched a neat, cool six-hitter. Throwing only one bad pitch - the one Yogi Berra knocked into the bleachers.

The Reds, winning - six to two. The World Series, all tied up at one game apiece - as the teams move to Cincinnati for game number three. Dick, things are really looking up for those hi-spirited Reds!

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The rug carpet on the floor - is also something special. An enormous oval - with wide borders. The design - devoted to the fifty states. Fifty stars and fifty seals - in gold, green, blue and white.

Furniture? Such items from the Nineteenth Century as - Sheraton, Tobbles and Duncan Phyfe mahogany chairs.

WHITE HOUSE

Any one who has ever been to the White House

*- I guess
I hope*

a few million Americans have —

~~you all have~~ should go back for another look. Especially *- to*

take a look

at the diplomatic reception room. It's now one of the most

beautiful salons - in Washington. The new furnishings, accepted

today - by the First Lady. *Donated by* ~~Donated~~ The National Society of

Interior Designers. The money, raised - from public contributions

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The White House, looking as the First Lady -
wants it to look. And with "LaBelle Jacquie" in the
room it would be even more attractive.

of "this crowd" - for nothing. So his somber expression in
Washington today - is not really a pessimistic sign. Gromyko
actually exudes about as much optimism - as he ever does.

Repeating to questions about Berlin *he said:* - "the danger
must be averted". A proposition - with which President Kennedy
fully agrees.

The big question is whether Gromyko brought Kennedy
the news that Khrushchev is willing to put the damper on the
crisis he created. One hopeful sign comes from Belgrade, a
Yugoslav spokesman, declaring - that Frol Kozlov will soon
be on his way to Washington. Kozlov - Khrushchev's heir
apparent. If the Belgrade report is true it could mean
that the West is getting somewhere in handling Soviet
in belligerence.