

L.T.-OLDS. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Have you heard about the Russian Astronaut? Have you heard about anything else!

With the Soviet space achievement echoing around the world - America's latest triumph in science might easily go unnoticed. Just announced. And its an important discovery. Tonight, our scientists have an entirely new element - to play with. They've raised the list of basic elements that make up our planet. They now number one hundred and three.

Place of discovery - the University of California's famous Lawrence Radiation Laboratory. Named after - the great Ernest Lawrence, who won the Nobel Prize when he was on the staff out there at Berkeley. A team of physicists identified the new element - during basic research on atomic particles. They are calling it -

"Lawrencium." Number one hundred and three in the table of the building blocks - out of which the universe is constructed.

SPACE

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Today a spokesman for our Mercury Project remarked -
"We'd be dishonest, if we said we weren't disappointed."
He was referring to that Soviet victory - in the race to put a
man into outer space.

President Kennedy ^{today} ~~sending~~ sent a message of
congratulations - to Moscow. American scientists are hailing-
the stunning break-through achieved by their Russian colleagues.
Much the same reaction - around the world.

But our Mercury astronauts can't help feeling
disappointed - that one of them won't be the first man to go
into orbit around the earth. Their only consolation is -
the knowledge that Russia began its space program several years
before we did. Leaving us with the tough problem - of catching
up. Which we have done - to a certain degree. ^{So we are told.} But - not in

~~orbited~~ ^{orbited} space flight, which we won't achieve - before next fall.

ASTRONAUT

~~Meanwhile~~ - what of the first astronaut? Yuri Alexseyevich Gagarin - whose name, appropriately, means "the wild duck." Yuri, a twenty-seven year old officer - in the Soviet Air Force. He went up in a space ship - weighing five tons. Zooming beyond our atmosphere - for a hundred and eighty-seven miles. Circling the earth once - from east to west. From the Soviet Union, across Africa and South America - and ~~xxx~~ back to the Soviet Union. Duration - from blast-off to return landing - just under two hours.

All reports out of Moscow indicate - that Yuri the astronaut, went through his unique experience without any ill effects. Tonight, he's taking special tests - so the Soviet space doctors can find out exactly how he reacted when he was up there in orbit. Otherwise, Russia's "wild duck" is in excellent condition - preparing for his mammoth news conference on Friday.

SCIENCE

The manned space craft is an old vehicle - in the human imagination. Newsman Lewis Lapham of the New York Herald Tribune reminds us - that the ancient Romans had the idea of a ship with oars sailing around the heavens. And during the Renaissance, there was Leonardo da Vinci - who thought of a space ship, *Leonardo thought of so many things,* ~~and of a lot of other things too.~~

But I'd like to single out Bishop John Wilkins - distant ancestor of Sir Hubert Wilkins, one of the great explorers of our time. Back in Sixteen Thirty-Eight, Bishop Wilkins wrote a book called - "Discovery of a New World in the Moon." This book suggested four methods - of space travel. First - with the help of the angels. Second - with the help of eagles. Third - by means of wings attached to the body. Finally - in a flying chariot.

not exactly
~~Well, I doubt if~~ Yuri Gargarin was [^]lifted into orbit - by angels, or eagles. *Nor did he* ~~And he sure didn't~~ soar - on wings. *- if he were here, probably*
~~I wonder if old~~ Bishop Winkins would call [^]this space ship - a flying chariot?

KENNEDY

At his news conference today - President Kennedy covered the usual array of subjects. No spectacular announcements - this time. But there was that exciting item - the Soviet space traveler. The President, admitting - he's impressed. Then adding - this is no sign of weakness in the free world. The Kennedy moral is - that Communism can do striking things ^{for} ~~in~~ the short run. But ^{he is sure} ~~a~~ democracy is stronger over the long haul.

Here are some other - important points: ^P President Kennedy opposes any attempt of the anti-Castro forces -- to base their invasion of Cuba on American soil. He will not permit any American forces to be used against Castro - even though he admits that Castro is a dictator. ^P He is still hopeful that a cease-fire for Laos - can be worked out..

^P He still opposes a U.N. vote - on the admission of Red China.

Closer ~~to~~ home - President Kennedy wants Congress to pass his anti-recession bills, before any other measures are discussed. And he would like to see the workers from our

abandoned military bases - absorbed by the rest of the national economy.

ADENAUER

The Chancellor of West Germany was at the White House today - for a conference lasting ninety minutes, ~~particular~~ subject - Nato. The familiar problem - of how to defend the West. Adenauer's main concern - the integrity of West Berlin. The Chancellor, asking another assurance - that we will stand firm on that.

On his side, President Kennedy wants from Adenauer - a commitment to shoulder a bigger share of the common defense. The belief in Washington is - that the Chancellor is proving amenable.

EICHMANN

In Jerusalem today, the Attorney General spoke - for nine hours. Gideon Hausner, appealing to the court - to justify itself ^{by ruling} ~~that~~ that it has the right to sit in judgment - on Adolf Eichmann.

Actually, Hausner's case was simple - and he knew in advance that the three Israeli judges would sustain him. The case - that Israel's moral right is clear; And legally justifiable - because other courts have acted in special circumstances. For example, * the Nuremberg Court - that tried the Nazi war criminals.

[The Israeli Attorney General took nine hours - because he wanted to cover the major elements of this trial. Put into the record - an elaborate statement about the reasons why this particular court is handling the case of this particular defendant. An Israeli court - judging the mass murderer of Hitler's Third Reich. Judging - Adolf Eichmann.]

SUMTER

Today, many Americans were looking back for a century - to April Twelfth, Eighteen Sixty-One. To a small fort in Charleston harbor. In Eighteen Sixty-One, practically no one outside of South Carolina - had ever heard of it. Today its name is a household word. Fort Sumter.

Where Major Anderson defied the Confederacy refusing to strike the Stars and Stripes - in favor of the Stars and Bars. Ordering his garrison - to stand by their guns. Fire back - if fired on; by Confederate artillery - under General Beauregard. For thirty-six hours, until Major Anderson had to surrender.

The first shots of the Civil War - fired a century ago. Commemorated today in solemn ceremony - in Charleston.

WEATHER

You may find this hard to believe:- heavy snow falling again in Nebraska. Inches of it. Of course it will melt rapidly - and may cause some trouble. Streams - over their banks. Dirt roads - deep in mud.

At the same time - rain is falling from the mid-west to the Atlantic. And the South is being devastated - by tornadoes. Twisters, leaving a trail of wreckage - across Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida. In Texas, they are digging out - after the four tornadoes that went rampaging through the Lone Star State last night.

Snowing west of Omaha! Let's head for Nebraska, Dick.

CHURCHILL

Tonight, two old men - are having dinner together.

Two ~~great~~ men & who have been friends, longer than ~~some~~ ^{some} of you can remember. Sir Winston Churchill - and Bernard Baruch.

The free world's elder statesman - and America's advisor to presidents. They're aboard the yacht "Christina" - ~~owned~~ ^{owned} ~~belonging~~ ^{by} Greek shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis.

The yacht - tied up in New York harbor. Sir Winston didn't go ashore today. ~~so~~ His friends came to him. Including Bernard Baruch. ^{Can you imagine the} ~~reminiscing~~ ^{going on} tonight - aboard the "Christina?"