

L.T.-OLDS. THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I am broadcasting tonight from the District of Columbia, from the Columbia National Guard Armory. To be precise, I am in the balcony at about the spot where next week leaves off. He says that the achievements of his two President-elect Kennedy, and his lady, will make their terms have been great; from ending the Korean war, to appearance at the inaugural ball.

Why am I here a whole week ahead of time? I'm here not for an inaugural. I'm here for a coronation - my pleasant assignment tonight to crown this year's lovely Queen of the automobile show. More about that after we take a quick look at the news.

## EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower's final state of the union message - is a forthright defense of his record. The President, while admitting that major problems remain - Cuba, Laos, unemployment, and so on, insists that the new Administration will be able to pick up where he leaves off. He says the basic achievements of his two terms have been great; from ending the Korean war, to strengthening civil rights. He singled out one - for special emphasis. Missiles - for both peace and war. The President, referring to the so called "missile gap" so often spoken of by his critics, that he says is fiction. As for space exploration - we are way ahead of the Russians in that field.

President Eisenhower, in describing the nation whose leadership he is handing on to John Kennedy, thinks it is a strong and prosperous nation. Stronger and more prosperous - than when he became President eight years ago.

CUBA

Reports from Cuba that Fidel Castro - underestimated the logistics of his manufactured war scare. The Dictator, not realizing what bad weather and short rations would do to the men and women standing guard. Result - hunger and illness. No Yankee invasion and Castro appears ready to call the whole thing off - maybe.

## BELGIUM

Premier Eyskens, in the Brussels Parliament, was preparing to defend his anti-strike measures. Suddenly, he keeled over. Their diagnosis? Exhaustion, brought on by tension and overwork. The Belgian Premier - a casualty of the crisis caused by the loss of the Congo.

But the end of the strike seems in sight, despite more violence today in several Belgian cities.

LAOS

The government of Laos is preparing - a major offensive against the Reds, using planes newly arrived from America. Latiian pilots are being trained - to use bombs, rockets, and machine guns against jungle positions; and against the Russian planes airlifting guns to the Communist rebels.

KHRUSHCHEV

~~KREMLIN~~

THERE WAS A HECKLER TODAY -- IN THE KREMLIN.

OCCASION -- A SPEECH BY THE UKRANIAN LEADER ON THE STATE

OF AGRICULTURE IN HIS PROVINCE. A ~~VERY~~ PESSIMISTIC REPORT --

TELLING OF PRODUCTION FAR BELOW WHAT WAS EXPECTED IN THE UKRAINE.

*And a*  
~~WELL, TODAY'S~~ HECKLER KEPT UP -- A RUNNING COMMENTARY.

INTERRUPTING THE SPEAKER WITH REMARKS LIKE -- "DECEPTION,  
STUPIDITY, MISMANAGEMENT." THE SPEAKER -- QUIETLY PAUSING  
EACH TIME. WAITING FOR THE HECKLER -- TO FINISH. THEN --  
CONTINUING.

AS THE SPEECH ENDED, THE HECKLER REMARKED PLEASANTLY,

"YOU OUGHT TO PAY FOR THIS, AND YOU WILL PAY." REPLIED THE  
SPEAKER, COURTEOUSLY, "COMRADE, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT."

*Have*  
~~I SUPPOSE~~ YOU ~~VE~~ GUESSED THE IDENTITY OF THE ~~KREMLIN~~  
*Yes, it was*  
HECKLER, ~~BY NAME. THAT'S RIGHT~~ NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV.

AUTO SHOW

~~ANNOUNCEMENT~~

OF ALL THE AUTO SHOWS, I PREFER THIS ONE IN WASHINGTON.

I ~~DON'T~~ KNOW OF <sup>no</sup> ~~ANY~~ ARMORY OR COLLISEUM ~~IN THE COUNTRY~~ WHERE

YOU GET <sup>such</sup> ~~AS SATISFACTORY~~ A PANORAMA OF ALL THE NEW CARS, AS <sup>they</sup> ~~WE HAVE~~ SPREAD OUT BEFORE US, ~~HERE~~ ON THIS ~~VAST~~ FLOOR BELOW ME. <sup>are here</sup>

IF YOU ARE IN WASHINGTON, OR COMING TO THE NATION'S CAPITOL,

DON'T MISS THE AUTO SHOW.

AS FOR THE INAUGURAL, I'VE ~~JUST~~ BEEN CHATTING WITH

ED FOLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE INAUGURAL COMMITTEE, <sup>who</sup> ~~AND HE~~ TELLS

ME I AM THE FIRST TO SEE THE <sup>printed</sup> INAUGURAL PROGRAM, OF WHICH HE

IS PROUD. ~~ITS~~ A HANDSOME BROCHURE, ABOUT THE SIZE OF A

MAGAZINE, FILLED WITH PICTURES, ARTICLES, AND INFORMATION

CONCERNING THIS KENNEDY INAUGURAL, AND OTHERS IN YEARS GONE BY.

IT CONTAINS ALL THE THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT INAUGURAL

WEEK, THE PROGRAM AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING, THE LINE OF MARCH,

THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON LIFE STORIES IN PICTURES -- THESE

ARE MOST IMPRESSIVE -- <sup>also</sup> ARTICLES BY SUCH EMINENT GENTLEMEN

as Carl Sandburg, Robert Frost, and so on and so on. The middle spread in the program is by President-elect Kennedy, and is entitled "The Presidency." In reading this you may be interested to find that he singles out for top praise two of his predecessors - Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

Many of you who watch next week's inaugural on TV, may want a copy of this program. With it you may get more of feeling of being there in person. You can get one for a dollar, just write the Chairman of the Nineteen Sixty-One inaugural committee, Washington, D.C. Also a dollar plus nine or ten cents postage.

But what I really started out to say - I guess - I did say it, but I'll repeat it: Come down and take a look at the Washington automobile show. All the cars, domestic and foreign, and Pick, Oldsmobile again leads the parade.



ROYALTY

HERE'S AN INTERESTING TITLE -- PRINCESS ASTRID,  
MRS. FERNER. THE TWO PARTS OF THE TITLE SYMBOLIZING THE  
FACT THAT NORWAY'S PRINCESS HAS MARRIED A COMMONER. THE  
CEREMONY, HELD AT AN OLD CHURCH IN ASKER -- A SUBURB OF OSLO.

LOTS OF SNOW FOR THE OCCASION -- ALSO A DELUGE OF ROYALTY,  
INCLUDING BRITAIN'S PRINCESS MARGARET -- WHO MUST HAVE BEEN  
~~VERY~~ INTERESTED IN ONE POINT ABOUT THIS MARRIAGE. REMEMBER  
HOW PRINCESS MARGARET WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP GROUP CAPTAIN  
PETER TOWNSEND -- BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN DIVORCED? WELL,  
JOHN FERNER IS ALSO DIVORCED -- BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP PRINCESS  
ASTRID. SHE INSISTED ON HER CHOICE -- AND MARRIED HIM TODAY.

THE ROYAL BOYCOTT OF THE WEDDING -- NOT MATERIALIZING. THE  
NORWEGIAN PEOPLE -- CHEERING PRINCESS ASTRID, MRS. FERNER. —

*and Mrs. Armstrong-Jones was there.*