

L.T. - Colds, Tues. April, 19, '60.

POLITICS

Senator Kennedy wants a public debate--with his rival in the West Virginia primary. Calling for a face-to-face discussion with Senator Humphrey ~~on live television~~ *—do it live—on TV.*

Sp said Kennedy, today. Although, in the Wisconsin primary, <sup>it was he who</sup> ~~he~~ rejected a Humphrey challenge to a debate. Now he explained <sup>s</sup> that, in Wisconsin, he felt--a battle of words on the same platform would hurt the unity of the Democratic party. But in West Virginia, he has changed his mind. "The way this campaign is evolving," declared Kennedy, "I cannot accept the current attack without fighting back."

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He was referring to the supposition--that the supporters of other candidates are now rallying behind Humphrey, as a way of stopping Kennedy. Referring, also, to the religious issue, ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> is increasingly prominent--in West Virginia, <sup>with</sup> anti-Catholic pamphlets--distributed outside of places where Kennedy appears.

"I'm going to church where I want," he declared, "regardless of ~~me~~ whether I'm elected President."

The statements were made at <sup>Bethany</sup> ~~XXXXXXXX~~ College, which belongs to the ~~XXX~~ Disciples of Christ, a Protestant

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Denomination. The crowd, mostly students, gave him--a prolonged ovation.

The new Kennedy tactics are those--of meeting the religious issue head-on. Previously he <sup>MI</sup>minimized religion as a factor in the Presidential campaign. But now he is calling on the West Virginians to make the decision in their primary--whether or not he's disqualified for the Presidency, because he's a Catholic.

CUBA

A bold stroke - by the anti-Castro rebels in the Province of Oriente. An Insurrecto band - sallying out of the mountains, attacking - an army post in a sector where there are supposed to be five-thousand Castro soldiers and Castro Workers' Militia.

The Rebels were led, it is believed, by the former Cuban Army Major, Manuel Beaton - who has been holding out with a force of insurgents in the mountains. A battle was fought for half an hour - before they were driven off.

All of which would seem to contradict what Castro has been saying - that Beaton has only fourteen men with him.

**PANAMA**

President Eisenhower, today, made a move--to improve American relations with Panama. Announcing a broad program--for hiking the wages of the Panamanian employees, working for the Canal Administration. Also--providing them better housing, and giving them oppartunities for better jobs.

Moreover, the United States will build a new watermain to serve the city of Panama, which will cost--seven-hundred and fifty-thousand dollars.

All--to improve relations with the Panamanians.

KOREA

The State Department in Washington, today--sent a strongly worded message to the Government of South Korea. An appeal--which is also addressed to the Malcontents.

The statement from the U. S. Government calls on both sides to stop the violence, and urges the regime of President Syngman Rhee--"To take account of the basic causes and grievances." The State Department speaks further of what it calls--"Justifiable grievances toward which the demonstrations are directed." Which might seem to imply--a criticism of the South Korean Government.

The disorders--a protest against recent elections. In which Syngman Rhee was chosen--for another term as President. But the complaints are <sup>(directed)</sup> ~~EXPLICIT~~ especially-- against the election of Vice President Lee Ki-Poong. With charges--of corruption and fraud. Those are--the grievances.

*You* might, possibly, think our <sup>people are</sup> ~~State Department~~ making a suggestion--of new elections. <sup>A State Dept</sup> spokesman, however, refuses

to comment on this. But Secretary of State Herter says--the <sup>repression has been too harsh</sup> ~~dispatches from Seoul tell us~~ ~~advice from Seoul are that~~ the deadly disturbances, today, began in a holiday spirit. <sup>crowds</sup> ~~many~~ of young

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Students, laughing and joking--as they swarmed through the streets. But the demonstration culminated-in fearful violence. The crowds--besieging the Presidential Palace of Syngman Rhee, ~~Smashing~~ their way--through police lines. The police--opening fire, shooting down rioters. The mob--storming forward, again and again. Soldiers arriving--with armored cars and machine guns. Blazing away--at the frenzied mob, which was not driven off--until bodies littered the streets. Scores--killed. Many more--wounded.

Tonight, <sup>Seoul</sup> ~~Seoul~~ is under marshall law as are five other South Korean cities. <sup>They too the scene</sup> ~~of~~ disturbances today.

In Communist North Korea, Red rallies, today--shouting support for the anti-Syngman Rhee agitation.

## INDIA

The Premier of Red China arrived in New Delhi, today - and got such a poor welcome, it was embarrassing all the way around. At the airport, Chou En-lai expected - at least a few cheers. The last time he visited India, he was greeted by throngs, shouting - "Indian and Chinese are brothers." But, since then, the Chinese Reds have been grabbing that Indian border territory. Things not so brotherly, anymore.

Chou En-lai, seeing no crowds and hearing no cheers - looked embarrassed. Indian Prime Minister Nehru, beside him, also looked embarrassed. It was such a frost.

## DISARMAMENT

At Geneva, the disarmament conference went into session again, today; After ~~x~~ <sup>the</sup> Easter holidays. But, please, don't say-- there was just a lot more futile talk. Futile? Yes--but not so much talk. In fact, they were lucky--there was any at all.

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Finally, the Canadian Delegate, Lt. General E.L.M. Burns, arose, reluctantly, Making some remarks about the necessity of inspection and control--in any ban of atomic weapons. Nothing new about that.

[ The Chairman then called for a speaker to present the Soviet side. But Moscow Delegate Zorin--sat silent. Never stirred. But, at last, the delegate <sup>from</sup> Red Romania took the floor, Delivering--the usual Communist complaint about Nato. Then they adjourned. ]

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## SOUTH AFRICA

The stay-home strike in South Africa - a flat failure, today. This time workers ignored the strike summons issued by the anti-segregation underground. They were threatened with the loss of their jobs and the closing of their schools - if they stayed home. So, everywhere - they went swarming to their usual occupations.

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The reason? The general feeling--that the Reds have no notion of doing anything in Geneva, now. Intending--to hand the disarmament problem over to the summit conference next month.

So, Dick--why waste lung power?

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The trouble at Nahira, the poisoning of a student, administered by the high school principal himself, and one of the teachers. The one who was poisoned--fourteen-year old Elmer Cornelius.

It seems that Elmer's father, a bus driver, asked that principal--to punish the boy if necessary. "But," protests the indignant father, "I didn't tell him to severely punish."

The principal demanded that the corporal punishment--  
*That amount only*  
be upheld by the school board. *However,* arrived at its decision. Hence the resignation of the faculty of thirty teachers--ordered by the principal.

"The incident" as school board has given it to the teachers, and the trouble is over--at Nahira High."

## SCHOOLS

Hahira--an odd name for a town in these United States.  
Hahira--sounding like Japan. But it's in Georgia--and, today,  
the entire faculty of the Hahira High School quit their <sup>jobs.</sup> ~~jobs.~~

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It seems that Elmer's father, a bus driver, asked the  
principal--to punish the boy if necessary. "But," protest  
the indignant father, "I didn't tell him to horsewhip him."

The principal demanded that the corporal punishment--  
be upheld by the school board. <sup>That august body</sup> ~~which~~ however, arrived at no  
decision. Hence the resignation of the faculty of thirty  
teachers--headed by the principal.

~~Trouble at Hahira High.~~

"The latest--the school board has given in to the  
teachers, and the trouble is over--at Hahira High."