

L.T. -OLDS. TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1964.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The pattern of that earthquake in the central Mediterranean - sounds like a tourist's guide to the lands of classical antiquity: - Athens, Corinth, Crete, Syracuse, Malta, Bari, Naples, Ancona - all shaken by the tremblers. Total area - a hundred and fifty thousand square miles. The earth, splitting - from Greece across the Ionian sea to Italy. Buildings - tumbling down. Crowds, surging, out into the streets of the cities - in a panic. The toll - unknown. No count yet. Damage - in the many millions.

DISASTER

That disaster in South Korea - was caused by the collapse of a dyke. The Ok-Chon River - building up terrific pressure under torrential rains, ~~bursting~~ ^a bursting through ~~the~~ dyke [↑] high up in the Korean hills. Roaring down on Sunchon - in a devastating flood. Carrying away - three hundred homes. Damaging - twice that many. ^{Sofar} The toll, estimated at over one hundred dead. Thousands - injured or missing. Ten thousand - homeless.

Seoul, rushing disaster workers - to Sunchon.

U THANT

At a villa in the Crimea on the Black Sea - an official guest of the Soviet Union has one big question on his mind, tonight. U Thant of Burma, wondering - whether Khrushchev will support him for a term as Secretary General of the U N. U Thant, acting Secretary General - since the death of Dag Hammarskjold, *will* be up for election in his own right - at the coming session of the General Assembly. So - will Khrushchev vote for U Thant, or not? U Thant - would like to know - and so would *many others.* ~~most~~ *But* It's considered unlikely that the Boss of the Kremlin will give his guest - a straight answer. Straight answers are not in Khrushchev's line - when he has a chance to make propaganda, and levy political blackmail, *when* as he does ~~with~~ the office of Secretary General of the ~~United Nations~~ *U. N. is to be filled.*

DISARMAMENT

To nobody's surprise, the Russians are turning down - the latest western disarmament proposals. Kuznetsov, saying "nyet" in Geneva, to the plan for on-site inspection - of underground atomic explosions, ^{- without} ~~But no~~ on-site inspection - for those in the atmosphere, under water, or in outer space. The Soviet reason for rejecting this offer - just what it has been all along. Khrushchev still wants - to police his own nuclear disarmament.

There was a touch of irony - at today's White House get-together. President Kennedy, thanking Democratic leaders - for their success in pushing his legislation. But almost as the President spoke - he was suffering a bad defeat on Capitol Hill. The House Ways and Means Committee, voting to reject - extension of unemployment benefits. The President had termed this bill - "must legislation." But the committee defeated it by a single vote - thirteen to twelve. The decision, mainly partisan - the Democrats for the measure, the Republicans against it.

~~This vote, clouding yesterday's important administrative victory - in Congress. Approval of - the President's Communication Satellite Bill. And submission of the poll tax issue to the States - to see if they want it outlawed by an amendment to the Constitution.~~