

KENNEDY

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President Kennedy has decided to deliver an address -
before this session of the General Assembly of the U.N. *The*
President
~~Mr. Kennedy~~ was still trying to make up his mind - when word of
Dag Hammarskjold's death arrived. The news, making up the
President's mind - for him. He feels that it's more necessary
than ever - to show that the U.N. has our full support. And
that's what ~~the~~ *Kennedy* President will pledge - to the ~~assembled~~
delegates of the General Assembly.

REACTION

~~Tonight~~ ^{- of course -} Tributes are pouring into - U.N. headquarters,
Tributes to the man who was identified with the U.N. - for eight
years. Dag Hammarskjold - Secretary-General since Nineteen
Fifty-Three.

Speaking for America, President Kennedy expressed -
a "deep sense of shock". Similar remarks on Capitol Hill -
and among our U.N. delegation. In the words of Adlai
Stevenson - "Dag Hammarskjold was a soldier of peace, one of
the greatest of his age."

Throughout the free world tonight - profound sorrow.
The Secretary-General was ^{greatly} admired, by all who knew him, as a
statesman, ^{much affection for him} and - ~~him~~ as a friend. Except, of course - by
the Russians and their satellites.

HAMMARSKJOLD

The best epitaph on Dag Hammarskjold was spoken - at the U.N. today. Said one diplomat from Asia - "We never really appreciated the Secretary-General, until now." These words, echoing the general sentiment - at the international organization in New York. The firm hand of the Secretary General, suddenly removed - leaving the U.N. ~~adrift~~ ^{adrift} in the turbulent seas of world antagonisms.

What kind of a man was this - to whom the free world owed so much? Dag Hammarskjold came from one of Sweden's - old aristocratic families. For generations the Hammarskjolds have been prominent - as diplomats and statesmen. A good training for the ~~unassuming~~ ^{— and outwardly mild —} unassuming member of the family - who became Secretary-General of the U.N. in Nineteen Fifty-Three.

Actually, Dag Hammarskjold was a dark horse - backed by Britain and France. Most of us - knew little about him. But we learned - in a hurry. Under this Secretary-General, the U.N. gained - a new authority. Especially in the Congo - where the U.N. operation was directly due to Hammarskjold.

It's no contradiction to point out - that the Congo is still unsettled. Or that the Secretary-General was killed in a plane crash - on a mission of peace to that troubled African nation. As Walter Lippmann once said - "Imagine what the Congo would be without the U.N!"

Tonight the question is - what the U.N. will be without Dag Hammarskjold.

CRASH FOLLOW HAMMARSKJOLD

The disaster that took the lives of the Secretary General and twelve others - occurred in the ~~beautiful~~ ^{vast} ^{country} forest of northern Rhodesia. The pilot, signalling for a landing - at Ndola Airport, Suddenly breaking radio contact - with the control tower. A search party raced to the area - and found the wreckage, scattered through a grove of saplings.

Miraculously, one U.N. guard - survived. Harold Julian, of the United States - who was badly burned, but is recovering. Julian says that a series of explosions rocked the plane - in the air. Then it plummeted into the forest - with a shattering impact. This, minutes after Hammarskjold decided - not to land at Ndola, ~~Not~~ to keep his rendezvous - with Katanga's Premier Tshombe, who is at war with the U.N.

U.N. FOLLOW CRASH

The death of the Secretary-General, - tragic enough at any time ^{-- seems to} come at the worst possible moment for the U.N.

The General Assembly opens its new session - tomorrow. The delegates, already on hand. Discussing their strategy in the cloak rooms and cocktail parties.

Now - everything is in chaos. The first thing on the agenda - to name a new Secretary-General as quickly as possible.

But - the Soviets have a veto on this. And Khrushchev has been demanding that the office of Secretary-General -- be abolished,

^{and} Replaced by a three-man directorate - a "troika." Which would give the Kremlin a built-in veto -- over the executive decisions of the U.N.

What will Khrushchev ^{now} do ^{this} with a U.N. crisis? ~~off?~~

That question is agitating the delegates - gathered at their gleaming home on the East River.

RUSK

Despite the U.N. crisis - Secretary of State Rusk is going ahead with his plan to confer with Gromyko. The direct conflict between the Soviet Union and the United States over Berlin - won't wait. And Rusk doesn't want to lose this opportunity to find out - whether there are any areas of agreement.

Tonight, the Secretary of State ~~held~~^{held} a "working dinner" -- with Adlai Stevenson and other members of our U.N. delegation. It was originally scheduled as - a last minute strategy conference. But Rusk, Stevenson, and the rest spent much of their time discussing - the future of the U.N. itself.

WEST GERMANY

The political situation in West Germany - confused tonight. The outcome of the election, indecisive - because no one received a majority. Chancellor Adenauer and his Christian Democratic Party came closest - with two-hundred-and-forty-three seats. But that's a drop - from the former power of the Chancellor in the Bonn Parliament.

The Socialists under Willy Brandt - gained twenty-one seats. Which still leaves them with - only a hundred and ninety. Far short of what they would need - to form a government. The dynamic Mayor of West Berlin losing his campaign - to become Chancellor.

Actually, a rather small party - benefited most from this election. The Free Democrats, doubling their political strength - from thirty-three seats to sixty-six.

What next - for West Germany? Around Bonn, the ^{belief}~~betting~~ is - that the Christian Democrats will form a new government; But, with a new Chancellor replacing Adenauer, who is eighty-five.

BERLIN FOLLOW WEST GERMANY

During election night, ten East Germans voted - with their feet. Slipping through the Red cordon - to freedom in West Berlin. One of them, a Communist guard - who made sure that he wouldn't be shot as he fled. He carefully seized the gun - of the man on guard with him. Then vaulted the brick wall - with a gun in each hand.

PERU

The President of Peru, arriving in America on a state visit - brought with him a special message for the Cuban people, Manuel Prado, speaking to a big crowd of anti-Castroites - at Miami airport to greet him. President Prado, concluding his remarks, with the ringing assertion - "I am on your side." His audience - Dick - responding with loud cries of - "Cuba si, Russia no!"

The struggle was - the big states - against the small. Virginia, demanding that power in the national legislature be decided - by population. New Jersey, demanding - one state, one vote. Connecticut, suggesting - a compromise - Two houses, one decided by population - the other equal for each state. In other words, the House and the Senate, as we know them today. It took supreme statesmanship - to found the American democracy. And it all began on September Seventeen, Seventeen Eighty-Seven - the day the Constitution was signed - just 174 years ago today.

CONSTITUTION

This is - Constitution Week. Officially
proclaimed - by the President of the United States.

Imagine the situation - at Philadelphia, in
Seventeen Eighty-Seven. The Founding Fathers all there
- Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Hamilton,
and the rest. They knew the Articles of Confederation
- were out-moded. Leaving too much power to the States;
giving too little to the central government.

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