

L.T.-OLDS. THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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When the/Fifteen set a new altitude record today
- Pilot Joe Walker could see the entire California
Coast. In fact, he could see south into Lower
California - and north into Oregon - for a thousand
miles. The combination plane-and-rocket ship - went
up a hundred and sixty-five thousand feet. Up - up
more than - thirty-one miles into the sky. As it curved
over the top of the flight-arc - Pilot Walker became
weightless for two minutes. "Just like falling through
air" is the way he puts it. Then - his weight returned.
The X-Fifteen - zoomed down toward the earth, safely
back - to Edwards Air Force Base.

RUSK

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~~The American Secretary of State~~ ^{Rusk and} ~~and the Indians~~
Prime Minister ^{Nehru} conferred today - for ~~over~~ two hours. ^{Dean}

~~Rusk and Jawaharlal Nehru - concentrating on~~ Laos. ^{We hear}

^{they} ~~Agreeing~~ that three points must be observed in any settlement of the Laotian crisis: - First, a cease-fire - before negotiations begin. Second, Laos is to be - free and neutral. Third, a seat at the Conference Table - for Red China. That is, - if Mao Tse-Tung is willing to send a representative.

The only difference of opinion between Rusk and Nehru - concerns the present Premier of Laos. The American Secretary of State - ^{ed} ~~defending~~ Prince Boun Oum. The Indian Prime Minister ^{was} inclined to blame the Prince for ^{stirring up} ~~exacerbating~~ the crisis. However, Rusk told newsmen at the New Dehli airport - that we are not committed to any individual leader of Laos. ^{That is,} We're backing Boun Oum ~~right~~ now - but are prepared to see a different Laotian Premier, when and if a settlement is reached.

LAOS

Meanwhile The situation in Laos ^{is} normal ^{says} ~~according to~~
the Laotian Information Minister. Normal - meaning
"serious". Bouavan Norasing, making the point - ~~is~~ that
his country doesn't need SEATO troops, yet. ~~Of course,~~
The Communist Rebels are deep inside Laos; - but then
they've been there quite a while now. With Laos getting
used to the threat. No panic - in Vientiane.

~~But there is realism.~~ ^{However} Bouavan Norasing
admits - ~~is~~ his government is relieved, now that the
Bangkok Declaration has been made public. The SEATO
pledge to take action - to prevent Laos from being swamped
by the Reds.

CONGO

All American ships and planes are barred from carrying arms - bound for the Congo. That is - arms ordered by any Congolese faction. Secretary of Commerce Hodges signed the Order today - making the ban world-wide. In other words, it applies to weapons - that might reach the Congo by way of some third nation. Penalty for violation of this Order - a year in jail, a thousand dollars fine, or both.

IRAQ

Reports reaching Cairo tell of massive rioting - in Iraq. A three-cornered brawl - involving Communists, Arab Nationalists, and Iraqis loyal to the regime of Premier Kassem.

The trouble began - with a strike of taxicab drivers in Baghdad. The Reds, using the walkout - to touch off rioting in the streets. Arab Nationalists, joining in - shouting, "Nasser!" "Nasser!" Which brought the Loyalists out - to throw punches in favor of Kassem. The fight, erupting into ~~a bitter struggle~~ *a street battle* with sticks, knives and guns.

A triangle of forces - surging through the streets and into the public buildings, forcing the government to bring the Army into Baghdad. Tonight, the city is under - a strict curfew, *with* Armored cars - on patrol; Tanks - guarding key intersections. Premier Kassem, fighting back - against the Reds and the Arab Nationalists.

ATOMIC

In Geneva, the issue is squarely up to - the Russians. The issue of - a ban on atomic testing. American Delegate Arthur Dean, telling newsmen - the West has made every concession it can. Anything more - would endanger our security. In particular, any retreat from our demand - for a cheat-proof inspection system. So if there's to be an atomic test ban - Soviet Delegate Tsarapkin will have to drop his insistence that a Soviet veto be built into the system. So far, he hasn't given the slightest indication - that he will ever abandon the veto.

AMENDMENT

Out in Kansas, they're shouting - "Fraud!". Residents of the Sunflower State directing, the unflattering epitaph at New Hampshire. Reason - a dispute about the voting on the Twenty-Third Amendment to the Constitution. The Amendment giving Electural Rights to the District of Columbia. A voice - in the choosing of our presidents.

Yesterday, Kansas became the thirty-eighth state to ratify the amendment. Making three-quarters of the states - the needed plurality. Ah, but today New Hampshire decided - to reconsider its vote. Then, solemnly re-affirmed - its support of the Twenty-third Amendment. And promptly claimed - to have elbowed Kansas out of the decisive spot on the ballot. Making New Hampshire the state that formerly enfranchised - the inhabitants of the District of Columbia. To which the Sunflower State retorts - "Fraud!"

AMENDMENT - 2

Meanwhile, Ohio is trying to slip ahead of both.

The Buckeyes, claiming that if Kansas moves up to

number Thirty-Seven - New Hampshire becomes Thirty-Nine.

With the deciding spot - number Thirty-Eight - belonging
to Ohio!

DRUGS

The UN today achieved a diplomatic triumph - after almost a century of failure by the individual nations. Subject - narcotics. Ever since the Nineteenth ^h ~~XXXXX~~ Century, efforts have been made - to arrive at an international agreement on the drug trade. The only result - a series of minor documents signed by a few of the powers.

Then - the UN took up the problem. One of the leaders of the campaign - American Narcotics Commissioner, Harry Anslinger. Result - the measure signed today by the delegates. It concerns everything from the cultivation of drug-bearing plants - to the treatment of addi^cts. The point is - that Narcotics Control has to be international. A leak in one nation, always creating problems for the rest. That's why Narcotics Agents everywhere are happy about - this UN Convention to control the drug trade.

MURDER

One of the most bizarre cases in the history of American crime - ended today at Fort Pierce, Florida. The case of former Judge Joseph Peel - accused of instigating the murder of Judge C. E. Chillingworth and his wife.

Ex-convict "Lucky" Holzapfel and Moonshiner Bobby Lincoln testified that Peel hired them - to drown the Chillingworths. The prosecution, charging that the motive was - Peel's fear that Chillingworth was going to expose his part in Florida's protection racket.

Today's verdict - guilty. The jury, adding - a recommendation of mercy. The case of the Judge - who conspired to have his colleague on the bench murdered.

WEATHER

For the weather story, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; fifteen hundred families are ready to flee - at a moment's notice, from the rampaging Cedar River. The flood crest of twenty-one feet is expected to roll down on Cedar Rapids, tomorrow. Hence - the activity tonight. The Iowa National Guard working frantically to strengthen the levee of sand bags. Volunteers, all set - to plug leaks as they develop. The Red Cross, on call - for rescue operations. The citizens of Cedar Rapids - ready to take to the hills, what hills there are.

Fifteen hundred miles to the East - a different weather hazard. Canada's Prince Edward Island buried in snow; drifts - twenty feet high; with more than a hundred snow plows are out - trying to clear the highways. A state of emergency on lush Prince Edward Island, famous for its fur farms.

From snow - twenty feet deep - to Dick Noel.

FIRE

The Chicagoan indicted as an arsonist ^{formerly} - ~~used to~~
~~be~~ a Deputy Fire Commissioner. Dave Rennie - head of the
Fire Department in his district, ~~Noted for~~ - his sense
of duty, Always showing up at the big blazes. That -
was the trouble. Rennie beat the firemen to the scene so
often ~~that~~ they became suspicious. ~~An~~ Investigation ~~was~~
~~ordered.~~ Ending ~~in~~ Rennie's arrest, ~~He~~ charged
with setting - at least ten major fires. ~~The Deputy Fire~~
Commissioner - an arsonist.