

L.T. - OLDS. TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

California's high Sierra forest fires have destroyed enough timber to build at least six-thousand houses. Hardest hit, the Sierra National Forest - where the blaze is raging along a twenty-five-mile front. Campers, warned to leave the nearby areas - before the fire catches up with them. Meanwhile, twelve hundred men are struggling - to keep the flames from spreading. Five-hundred Indians from Arizona and New Mexico - were flown in today. Experts in the traditional lore of the forest - that goes back to pre-Columbian days. Modern equipment is being used - especially tanker planes loaded with anti-fire chemicals. The trouble is that there's so much territory - to cover - in the High Sierra.

I flew over the California mountains today - and will be over them again on Thursday. But at an

altitude too high to check on how the five hundred  
Indian fire-fighters from Arizona and New Mexico are  
doing.

BERLIN

THE ALLIED NOTES TO MOSCOW, MADE PUBLIC TODAY- DIFFER ONLY IN PHRASEOLOGY.

LONDON, EMPHASIZING- THAT THE RIGHTS OF THE WEST CANNOT BE ABROGATED BY THE SOVIET UNION. PARIS, EMPHASIZING- THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF WEST BERLIN TO LIVE UNDER A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING. WASHINGTON EMPHASIZING- THAT WE ARE MORALLY OBLIGATED TO DEFEND WEST BERLIN.

ALL OF WHICH ADDS UP TO COMPLETE AGREEMENT- BETWEEN BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND AMERICA. AS WE ALREADY KNEW THEY WOULD- THE THREE ALLIES ARE TAKING A COMMON APPROACH TO THE CRISIS MANUFACTURED IN THE KREMLIN. ESSENTIALLY, THE ALLIED NOTES TO MOSCOW- MEAN- THAT KHRUSHCHEV IS PUT ON NOTICE NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE THE DETERMINATION OF THE WEST. NOT TO START A WAR- BY MISCALCULATION.

TONIGHT, DIPLOMATS IN ALL THREE CAPITALS ARE SAYING- EVERYTHING NOW DEPENDS ON KHRUSHCHEV'S GOOD SENSE. IF THE SOVIET DICTATOR MAKES THE SAME BLUNDER AS THE NAZI DICTATOR- THE RESULT COULD BE A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST. BUT THE CONSENSUS APPARENTLY IS- THAT KHRUSHCHEV ISN'T THE ~~NAZI~~ LUNATIC HITLER WAS. AS ONE PARIS OFFICIAL PUT IT- "KHRUSHCHEV HAS TOO MUCH PEASANT SHREWDNESS TO MISS THE POINT OF WHAT THE WEST IS SAYING TO HIM."

ON WHICH THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD IS COMMENTING:- "LET'S HOPE SO"

CONGRESS FOLLOW BERLIN

PERHAPS THE REACTION ON CAPITOL HILL WILL HELP KHRUSHCHEV UNDERSTAND THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS. PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS RECEIVING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT-FOR HIS FIRM STAND. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS BACKING MR. KENNEDY ALL THE WAY, ON THE GROUND THAT NOTHING LESS THAN BLUNT TALK EVER IMPRESSES KHRUSHCHEV.

NEW JERSEY'S DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN GALLATHER IS INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION-TO PUT CONGRESS OFFICIALLY BEHIND KENNEDY. *while,*

OVER IN THE SENATE, REPUBLICAN THOMAS KUCHEL TOLD HIS COLLEAGES- "THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION IS THE ONLY ONE OUR FREE NATION CAN ADOPT." /

REPUBLICAN SENATOR JAVITS OF NEW YORK, SUMMING UP WITH THE COMMENT "THIS IS A TIME, AND AN ISSUE FOR NATIONAL UNITY."

HUMPHREY FOLLOW CONGRESS

~~SOME~~ <sup>S</sup>SENATOR FEELS THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOULD GO-A LOT FARTHER. HUBERT HUMPHREY,  
TELLING AN AUDIENCE AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY-THAT WE WILL HAVE TO USE ATOMIC WEAPONS  
IF KHRUSHCHEV FORCES A WAR OVER BERLIN. HUMPHREY THINKS PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOULD  
— warn him  
WARN KHRUSHCHEV OF OUR INTENTION <sup>λ</sup>RIGHT NOW.

<sup>TP</sup> TAKING A BORADER VIEW OF WORLD PROBLEMS-~~THE~~ MINESOTA DEMOCRAT URGES PRESIDENT  
KENNEDY TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE WITH REGARD TO NON-COMMUNIST~~=~~ )

(REVOLUTIONS, AND PUSH FOR THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION- ON BOTH SIDES OF THE  
IRON CURTAIN. SAYS HUBERT HUMPHREY--"IT IS TIME WE STARTED MAKING SOME OF THE RULES  
OF THE GAME."

BIG THREE

FOR THE BIG THREE OF THE WEST, THE NEXT IMPORTANT DATE IS-AUGUST FOURTH.

*So we here from*  
~~SO REPORTED IN~~ LONDON.

SOURCES CLOSE TO PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN SAY THAT'S

WHEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ~~THE U.S.A.~~ *the U.S.A.* WILL MET IN

PARIS. ~~THEIR JOB~~ TO COORDINATE THEIR STRATEGY IN CASE KHRUSHCHEV KEEPS THE

BERLIN CRISIS GOING, AS - HE HAS SAID HE WILL.

SAILOR

THE CUBAN SAILOR WHO JUMPED SHIP IN THE CANAL ZONE--IS RATHER BROADMINDED ABOUT HIS EVENTUAL DESTINATION. CIRILO GUERRA, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO ONE OF CASTRO'S SHIPS-- BOUND FOR RUSSIA, GUERRA, BIDDING HIS TIME-- AS SHE SAILED OUT OF HAVANA HARBOR. WAITING UNTIL SHE WAS SAFELY IN - THE PANAMA CANAL. THEN HE ~~PLUNGED~~ OVER THE SIDE INTO THE WATER-- AND SWAM TO FREEDOM. ASKED WHERE HE'D PREFER TO GO, THE CUBAN SAILOR ANSWERED - "ANYWHERE BUT RUSSIA, RED CHINA OR CUBA." ~~HE IS~~  
*Anywhere so*  
~~BROADMINDED~~ AS LONG AS HE STAYS IN THE FREE WORLD.

BIZERTE

IN BIZERTE, TUNISIA- "THE BATTLE OF EVACUATION" IS ON. THE TUNISIANS, ATTEMPTING  
TO FORCE THE FRENCH OUT OF THE BIG NAVAL BASE ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, <sup>by</sup> ~~METHOD~~  
BLOCKADE. THE TUNISIAN ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD, ASSISTED BY SEVEN-THOUSAND  
VOLUNTEERS- ARE SETTING UP ROAD BLOCKS ON THE HIGHWAYS LEADING TO BIZERTE. TRYING  
TO STOP TRAFFIC FROM MOVING- IN OR OUT.

PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S MOTIVE IS SAID TO BE- ANGER OVER THE CONTINUED VIOLENCE IN  
ALGERIA. BOURGUIBA, BLAMING PARIS- TRYING TO BRING PRESSURE ON DEGAULLE. THE  
FUTURE OF THE FRENCH NAVAL BASE AT BIZERTE- IN DOUBT TONIGHT.

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TODAY, GENERAL MOTORS HANDED A BOOKLET-TO THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS. PURPOSE-  
TO THROW SOME LIGHT ON MANAGEMENTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNION. G. M., POINTING  
OUT- THAT IT SPENT <sup>a</sup> HALF-A-BILLION LAST YEAR ON FRINGE BENEFITS ALONE. EVERYTHING  
FROM EMPLOYEE INSURANCE-TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION. THIS YEAR, THE  
CORPORATION WANTS TO TAPER OFF- ON THOSE EXPENSES THAT ARE INFLATIONARY. THAT ~~is~~  
CUT THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR- SO THE WORKER DOESN'T ACTUALLY GAIN ANYTHING FROM A  
PAY RAISE.

SCHOOL

THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE HAS THROWN A ROAD BLOCK IN FRONT OF- ALL THE SCHOOL AID BILLS NOW PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS. THIS MEANS THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S REQUEST FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR EDUCATION- GOES INTO ABEYANCE. SO DO COMPANION BILLS LIKE- PAYMENT FOR TEACHERS, EXPANSION OF SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEMS, COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS, SPECIAL HELP FOR PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, AND SO ON.

TODAYS ACTION ON CAPITOL HILL IS ALREADY STIRRING UP- MUCH DISCUSSION. REASON- THE COMMITTEE VOTED TWICE. EACH TIME, REJECTING THE <sup>Kennedy</sup> BILLS- BY A VOTE OF EIGHT TO SEVEN. ~~IN OTHERS WORDS, JUST ONE MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT SCHOOL AID SHOULD BE SET ASIDE.~~

~~A REMINDER OF THOSE HISTORIC ONE-VOTE MAJORITIES IN THE SUPREME COURT- BACK IN THE THIRTIES. THE FIVE TO FOUR DECISIONS BY OUR HIGHEST TRIBUNAL THAT ANNOYED FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT SO MUCH.~~

SPACE

~~DOES~~ AT CAPE CANAVERAL- ANOTHER DAY OF WAITING. THE QUESTION NOW- "WILL CAPTAIN VIRGIL GRISSOM BE ABLE TO TAKE OFF TOMORROW MORNING ON HIS FLIGHT INTO SPACE?"

THE ANSWER AT THE MOMENT- SEEMS TO BE "YES;" AT LEAST, THE WEATHERMAN PROMISES-

BETTER CONDITIONS THAN TODAY. THE MASSIVE CLOUDS OVER SOUTHERN FLORIDA- BREAKING UP.

Y<sub>2</sub> ( IF THEY DON'T REFORM, THE SKY WILL BE CLEAR ENOUGH FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE REDSTONE ROCKET- WITH OUR SECOND ASTRONAUT IN THE NOSE CONE. OPERATIONS

DIRECTOR WALTER WILLIAMS HAS GIVEN THE GO AHEAD\_ FOR THE SECOND COUNTDOWN. HOW

DOES (CAPTAIN GRISSOM) FEEL? HE'S NOT A BIT WORRIED, TO JUDGE FROM HIS REMARK TO THE DIRECTOR- "WALT, I'M READY WHENEVER YOU ARE") ~~THE~~ ASTRONAUT, WENT FISHING-

AFTER TODAY'S POSTPONEMENT. HE HOPES HE'LL DO SOMETHING MORE SPECTACULAR-

TOMORROW. SPECIFICALLY- HE WANTS TO RIDE <sup>that - on its space flight,</sup> A ROCKET ~~THROUGH AN ARC A HUNDRED MILES~~

HIGH-

And now let's ~~to~~ go for an Oldsmobile ride with Dick No-el.

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RITZ

IN LONDON, THEY'RE SAYING THAT THE CITY JUST WON'T BE THE SAME- WITHOUT  
"GEORGE OF THE RITZ." GEORGE CRITICOS- TO GIVE HIM HIS FULL MONIKER. BUT HE  
WAS SO WELL KNOWN BY HIS FIRST NAME THAT LETTERS ADDRESSED TO "GEORGE, LONDON"  
WOULD <sup>invariably</sup> ~~INFALLIBLY~~ BE DELIVERED TO THE RITZ.

GEORGE GUARDED THE DOOR OF THE PLUSH HOTEL <sup>on Picadilly</sup> FOR FORTY-SIX YEARS. ~~DOZENS~~  
<sup>- 100's of them -</sup> OF CELEBRITIES- KNEW HIM PERSONALLY. ONCE THE PRINCE OF WALES ASKED GEORGE TO CALL  
HOME AND SAY HE'D BE LATE- THAT IS CALL BUCKINGHAM PALACE. ANOTHER TIME, THE  
AGA KHAN GAVE GEORGE FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS- TO BET ON A RACE. THE PORTER OF THE  
RITZ COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON A HANDSHAKE FROM RUDYARD KIPLING, OR J. P. MORGAN, OR  
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS. — *the list almost endless.*

GEORGE ALWAYS SAID HIS MOST UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT CAME- WHEN HE STOPPED A  
GRIMY INDIVIDUAL IN OVERALLS. THE PORTER, ABOUT TO APPLY THE CLASSICAL BUMS  
RUSH- BUT HE CAUGHT HIMSELF JUST IN TIME, RECOGNIZING- KING BORIS OF BULGARIA. *His*  
*Balkan Royal*  
~~HIS~~ HIGHNESS, A TRAIN ENTHUSIAST, HAD JUST COME IN FROM DRIVING A LOCOMOTIVE INTO  
THE LONDON ROUND HOUSE.

~~THE~~ THE STAID OLD CITY ON THE THAMES WON'T SEEM THE SAME- WITHOUT THE  
FAMILIAR FIGURE WHO PASSED AWAY TODAY AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY-SEVEN. GEORGE OF THE  
RITZ.