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(Richard C. Hottelet substituting)

Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister who has been described as the abominable No man, stood up before the UN General Assembly today to describe what Moscow thinks should follow the nuclear test ban treaty. He said NO once more - and also YES - but for the most part it was MAYBE. Mr. Gromyko called for action on disarmament - proposed a summit meeting of the 18-Nation Disarmament conference in Moscow early next year. He also proposed a Soviet-American treaty banning nuclear weapons in outer space. BUT, he made no concession on one of the differences that has blocked agreement on disarmament for seventeen years - he said nothing about inspection to make sure no one cheats. He also struck a strong sour note when he attacked West Germany and Allied policy in Berlin. Mr. Gromyko proposed the solution there in the well

known terms of a German peace treaty which would formalize the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain -- and leave three Germanys -- East, West and West Berlin.

The West has been saying no to this -- and to the offer of an East-West nonaggression treaty for a long time.

We'll see what President Kennedy has to say about them and about the summit invitation - when he addresses the General Assembly tomorrow morning.

## TREATY *DOWN TO EARTH*

*Ratification of the nuclear test ban treaty ran into a strong opponent today in Arizona's Senator Barry Goldwater. Goldwater, a strong contender for the Republican Presidential nomination called the treaty a "political ambush, baited by the necessity of the Soviets to ease the many pressures from its tyranny". Then the Arizona Senator declared he would vote against ratification ... "even if it means political suicide to vote for my country". Earlier today, the ranks of the treaty foes were increased when Ohio's Senator Frank Lausche declared he does not think the nuclear treaty is in the interest of peace. But there still remains more than 80 Senators who are expected to vote for ratification - well above the necessary two-thirds.*



## INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

**Some of you may be wondering where Lowell**

**Thomas is tonight. Well . . . . he's off on another one  
of his periodic trips -- this time to the Antarctic.**

**Before leaving, he took a moment to reflect on the  
long plane flight South. Lowell . . . . ???**



SLIPS

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY, and HELLO DICK,

I wonder if you feel the way I do, Dick, about a long over-ocean flight? Often when I'm speeding across the Atlantic or the Pacific, as I am now, way up at an altitude of nearly forty thousand feet -- higher than the top of Mt. Everest -- somehow or other I start thinking about my sins, things I should have done and so on. For example? Well, I made a slip some time ago. You may remember it -- a few of you, for which I have no excuse at all. Whenever you say something about the CIVIL WAR, the War Between the States, letters come in like an avalanche. I confused Sumter with Fort Sumter, and I've been hearing plenty from South Carolina. We all know, I hope, that the Civil War was touched off at Ft. Sumter in Charleston Harbor, not at Sumter which is at least a hundred miles away. And how I managed to get them confused, I don't know. No alibi, except that when we work on these news broadcasts sometimes we do it at jet speed

And then several weeks ago I told about a bank robbery at Troy. Why I assumed it had to be Troy, New York, I don't know. Why not Troy, Michigan? Actually, the robbery was at Troy, Idaho. Although I have been a regular visitor to the State of Idaho -- mainly glorious Sun Valley -- McCall, the Shadowy St. Joe River, the Coeur d'Alene, Twin Falls and so on, alas, alas, I'd never heard of Troy, Idaho.

None of the letters that have come in chiding me, have come from Idaho! Most of them are from Troy, New York, where there was no bank robbery.

Solong,

## PRESIDENT

President Kennedy's tax cut proposal is almost certain to bring heated battle to the floor of the House next week when full-scale debate begins. Congressional Republicans are accusing the President of double-talk in his promise to put a lid on spending if taxes are cut - and they've decided on a plan to block almost any change in the President's promise. The big issue in the House will be the Republican attempt to put a rider on the Tax Cut bill - to half the proposed 11-billion dollar tax reduction unless the administration submits a substantially reduced budget.

However Budget estimates and actual spending are often two different things - and those estimates the Republicans want from Mr. Kennedy might bear little or no relation to what ultimately would be spent.



## SCANDAL

London's political observers are just about convinced that there are no grave allegations against individuals in the controversial Lord Denning report on his inquiry into the Profumo scandal. Their feeling stems from the announcement this afternoon that the full text of the report will be published next week. So far Prime Minister Macmillan hasn't even decided whether to honor Labor Party Leader Harold Wilson's demand to call upon Parliament back from vacation to debate and approve the 50-thousand word report. If Parliament does NOT sanction publication persons named in the Profumo investigation are NOT immune from libel suits.

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## CUBA

One of our Congressmen, recently returned from Moscow, says a top Soviet official informed him that there are no Russian combat troops in Cuba. As Representative Robert Barry of New York put it - Deputy foreign minister Vasily Kuznetsov calls the only Russians in Cuba "training cadre" - the same as we have in Turkey. But there's another report in Washington tonight on the communist movement in and out of Cuba. The Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba says it has information that Russia has - indeed - been withdrawing considerable numbers of troops from Castro's island recently. However, the Committee adds, Chinese, African, Latin American, Czech, and other Soviet bloc Communists are arriving in Cuba at about the same rate the Russians are leaving.

## BIRMINGHAM

NIXON

President Kennedy made more efforts today to ease the racial tensions in Birmingham, Alabama - by naming a two-man committee to work with both white and negro leaders in Birmingham. Appointed to the job were Earl Blaik - the former Army football coach - and Kenneth Royall - a former Secretary of the Army. The specific aim of the committee is to restore communications between Leaders of both races.



## NIXON

One note on American politics. Former vice-president Richard Nixon denies reports that he privately indicated he'd be available for next year's Republican Presidential nomination. The story was printed in a New York newspaper, but a spokesman for Mr. Nixon says it has "no truth in any aspects".

## QUINS

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(Richard C. Hoffman submitted)

All continues to be "joy and happiness" in Aberdeen, South Dakota, tonight. The Fischer quintuplets have taken larger helpings of formula, and are reported doing "just fine". Their mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Fischer, is scheduled to leave the hospital this weekend. And gifts - now totalling more than 200-thousand-dollars - continue to pour in for the Fischer family. But at least one Aberdeen firm feels it owes the Fischers a vote of thanks. The Aberdeen Development Corporation says it's been trying to entice industry to Aberdeen for years. With the presentation of some stock shares, the Corporation President told Andrew Fischer it took the quintuplets only one hour to put Aberdeen on the map. A job the Development corporation has been trying to do for years.

American conquest of space.

When the General Assembly got back to the

business on the agenda. Afro-Asian and communist