

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY JUNE 23, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

They say - at Eden's Air Force Base that no speed record should have been broken today over the Mojave Desert. But one was! Major Bob White, lost his cabin pressure - at a hundred thousand feet, causing his space suit to inflate - automatically. Forcing him into a rigid position.

But - the Major could still reach the controls of his X-15. So he gave her the gun. Zooming up - for twenty-two miles. Then coming down - at three-thousand-six-hundred-and-ninety miles an hour. A new speed record - of better than a mile a second. The X-15 - fastest manned aircraft. Fastest pilot in the world - Major Bob White.

TRACTORS

Today, a member of the "tractors for freedom committee" remarked - "Khrushchev is right, Castro is too unstable to do business with." This, a comment on - the ~~collapse of~~ ^{collapse of} ~~debacle of the~~ negotiations with the Cuban dictator.

~~As we know,~~ The original idea ~~came~~ ^{came} from Castro.

Five hundred American tractors - in return for his prisoners of war. The committee was formed - ~~precisely~~ to meet his terms. ~~And~~ ^{The} ~~his~~ terms were met. The five hundred tractors, ready for shipment to Havana - in exchange for the prisoners.

Then Castro began to go back - on his word. Making wild demands, ~~upping~~ ^{upping} his ante - to five hundred bulldozers. Alternatively, offering to exchange the prisoners - for his partisans who are serving time ^{here} ~~in jail~~ for various crimes. ~~The Castro performance, so absurd,~~ ^{So} the committee ~~had~~ ~~to~~ set a deadline, ~~giving~~ ^{giving} Castro until one P.M. Eastern Daylight time - to say yes or no. ~~His answer, by implication~~

~~And Castro~~ ^{And Castro} ~~did not~~ ^{did not} let the deadline go by, today - without ~~an~~ making a move ^{to} fulfill his part of the bargain.

STEVENSON

Adlai Stevenson's report to the President - is pessimistic and optimistic. Pessimistic, because Adlai found an increase of Communist activity - in Latin-America. Optimistic, because he also found - general enthusiasm for the American plan to combat Communism. The Kennedy plan to raise the standard of living south of the border - through mutual cooperation.

STRIKE

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~~The two principal~~ unions involved in the maritime strike - say they're defending the principle of collective bargaining. The Seafarers International and the Marine Engineers-- turning down ~~that~~^{the} proposal by Secretary of Labor Goldberg. ~~The proposal~~ for - a sixty day truce.

The companies were willing - but the unions ^{said no!} ~~turned it down~~

~~Plan~~

The crippling ~~walkout~~ walkout - still on. The administration, discussing the possibility of invoking - the Taft-Hartley Act.

DEFENSE

The House Appropriations Committee is willing to give President Kennedy - almost everything he wants. That is - for defense. Almost forty-three billion - over the next fiscal year. The committee, cutting a mere six million - from the request that reached Capitol Hill from the White House.

At the same time, the committee warns the President to make good - on ■■ one particular pledge. The members, demanding an end - to waste and corruption in the defense department.

DOMINICAN

The government of the Dominican Republic makes one more gesture of conciliation - toward the democracies of this hemisphere. President Balaguer, lifting - censorship of the press, *;* Declaring that newsmen will be allowed to report the news - as they see it. Not as those in power - want it reported. Trujillo, the late Dictator - never allowed criticism of his regime. Since the assassination of Trujillo - the Dominican Republic ~~has~~ *seems to have* been moving toward a more liberal ~~is~~ *and now - that* system. ~~Leading to a~~ key safeguard of democracy - freedom of the press.

RED CHINA

Many western diplomats are relieved by one piece of news - from the State Department, ^{as} Reported in - the Chicago Sun-Times. The news that the State Department has developed a new plan to deal with the issue of - Red China and the United Nations.

Our allies have often criticized us - for simply opposing a U N seat for Mao Tse Tung. The American spokesman, always the one to say - "no".

We are told that the administration has started maneuvering - to put the negative on Red China. ^{That is we now will} ~~is~~ proposing ^e U N membership for Peiping - if Mao Tse Tung agrees to a "two China" policy, ^{all} gives up ~~his~~ claim - to Formosa. ^{and agree to} ~~says no~~ accept a seat in the U N - along with one for Nationalist China.

In short, this new American plan ^{will} ~~is to~~ lay down conditions that Mao Tse Tung will find embarrassing. Compel him to reject - a U N seat.

The Soviet Union is in the midst of a booming -
"cult of personality". ^{So say} ~~That is the verdict of~~ western
observers in Moscow. ^{This -} ~~Meaning~~ one more ironic twist in
Soviet affairs.

As we know, Khrushchev denounced Stalin's "cult
of personality" - when he exposed the crimes of the dead
dictator. Khrushchev, castigating Stalin - for building up
a myth about himself. The myth - that Stalin was always right.

^{Then -} ~~in, but~~ Khrushchev ~~has~~ stepped into - Stalin's
shoes, inheriting absolute power - in the Soviet Union.
Including the power to ^{launch} ~~run~~ his own "cult of personality".
^{seems to be} ~~is~~ gathering momentum. ~~right now~~ Soviet propagandists
- picturing Nikita - as the man who is always right, The
master strategist - who won World War Two, The statesman
of peace - who made Russia the greatest nation in the
world. Khrushchev, never wrong in his interpretation of
Leninism ^{and} its application ~~is~~ to current events. Nikita
this, Nikita that - and so on and so on.

"Cult of personality"? There's an old-fashioned word for it. The word - dictator. Khrushchev, a dictator who knows something about building a dictatorship, for he spent many years as an apprentice to that master of the craft - Joseph Stalin.

HILLARY

At Kathmandu, Nepal, an erotic city in a Himalayan valley, Sir Edmund Hillary reported in today and says he feels fine. The New Zealand bee keeper who conquered Everest arrived today after an eighteen day trek. Hiking to Kathmandu, from the High Himalayas, after suffering a slight stroke.

Sir Edmund, says he has entirely recovered - from his cerebral attack, and wants to get back to climbing - as soon as possible. When will that be? Never - according to an Indian doctor in Kathmandu. At least - never, on the taller peaks of the world's highest mountains. The celebrated patient today was warned to stay below nineteen thousand - or risk another stroke.

As for Sir Edmund Hillary, he says - he intends to go on and on - keep on climbing mountains - but not the highest ones.

MACHINES

Here's one more answer to the question - will machines eventually replace man? According to Dr. Edward Teller - the answer seems to be "yes". Today the famous atomic scientist - known as the "father of the H-bomb" - explained what he means. Telling a conference of scientists in Ojai, California - that complicated gadgets will be doing most of the world by the year Two Thousand. What's more - machines will be making their own decisions, debating ways and means - before deciding a course of action. Which apparently removes the basic function - of the human personality. Thought and will - superflous? Huh! Now, now, Dr. Teller. Tut! Tut!

All of which leads to the question:- what is the world coming to? Big machines, clanking around - under the command of electronic brains? Pulleys, wires, Magnets, elect#icity, and atomic rays - taking over the

world? Maybe outer space -- too? Man, obsolete - in
the Twenty-First century? I wonder if that's the way
Dr. Teller really sees it Dick - the world in which
your great grandchildren will live?