

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, DEC. 14, 1959.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

We have quite a picture today of the speedy travels of President Eisenhower. He left India this morning, in tropical heat; and flew to Teheran where he found the capital of Iran covered with snow. Then - on the Athens. Where, this afternoon it was raining. Reminding us - of the downpour, when the President made his initial stop at Rome. In Europe - rainy weather, this December.

In India, yesterday, President Eisenhower saw the biggest crowd of his trip. Perhaps one of the biggest ever assembled on this planet - packed in a square at New Delhi. Today, in Teheran - another immense, cheering throng. And the highway, over which his automobile rolled, was covered with rugs. Most appropriate, since the rug-makers of Persia, and adjacent lands, have been famous for long centuries. And now, in Athens - still

another tumultuous popular reception, in spite of the rain. Marred - only by the collapse of a wall, covered with spectators. Twenty-two people - injured. In Athens, too - the first Communist anti-Eisenhower demonstrations.

As a matter of sightseeing - two of the most impressive and beautiful structures that man has ever built. In India at Agra, the President gazed at the Taj Mahal. Which the Mogul Emperor, Shah Jehan - built as a tomb for his young Queen, Muntaz Mahal. In Athens - the Acropolis - the symbol of the origin of our western culture.

Today, a span of three thousand, five hundred miles, covering three civilizations - Indian, Persian and Hellenic. It was just about the most grueling day thus far - in that Eisenhower itinerary. But the President seems to be holding up in fine shape. A bit hoarse, his voice husky - after all the speech - making in various lands. But, otherwise - he's okay.

FRANCE

A bad case of bickering- between France and the United States. The French - angry about American statements ~~That~~ the French are not doing right by Nato. ~~Not~~ giving enough military support - to the organization of the West.

In Paris, tonight, the word is that the French Foreign Minister expressed the sharpest kind of criticism to American Secretary of State Christian Herter. The wrangle - so ill-tempered that it will have to be referred to the two Presidents, Eisenhower and DeGaulle.

Another job for Ike - when he gets to Paris.

VATICAN

At the Vatican, today - a ceremony creating eight new Cardinals. Two of them - Americans. Pope John - presiding at the Consistory, in spite of a heavy cold.

In an address to an assemblage of Cardinals, he spoke of President Eisenhower's visit to the Vatican at the beginning of his international trip. The Pontiff - hailing the President's call for a campaign against world hunger. Food - for backward nations.

The Pope took the occasion - to repeat the opposition of his church to artificial ^{birth} ~~birth~~ control. Saying - ~~that~~ the solution of ~~these~~ increasing populations is not contraception. But - an increase of the food supplies of this earth. And - a better distribution.

CONFERENCE

Soviet Russia, today, offered a proposal - in the negotiations for a ban on atomic testing. At the talks in Geneva, the Moscow delegate presented, what he called - "an important and far^{reaching} concession."

After he had outlined it, the British and American ~~representatives~~ representatives agreed - it was important.

The Soviets make their concession - in the matter of control posts, To provide safeguards - against violations.

But this ~~is~~ on condition - that the western allies accept Soviet demands concerning a control commission, which would direct - the policing of an atomic test ban.

SPACE

Moscow denies - that the Soviets have launched a man into space. The experiment - failing. Although - this is rumored insistently.

Today, the top rocket scientist of West Germany, Hermann Oberth, stated: "I have known for months, from American intelligence reports - that the Russians tried to launch a man-space-satellite at the end of Nineteen Fifty-Seven or the beginning of Nineteen Fifty eight."

He said - the astronaut, named Ledowsky, was fired in a rocket. Which ~~4~~ failed to go into ~~an~~ orbit. The astronaut- killed.

there are
In Italy [^] reports - that the Soviets have launched four space passengers in the last couple of years. All of whom perished in failures. The ⁷~~4~~ information - emanating from Red Czechoslovakia, they say.

However, Moscow ~~xxx~~ retorts - nothing to it.

ELECTIONS

Reports on two elections - in foreign countries.

One, the island of Cyprus - where Archbishop Makarios becomes the first President of the Island republic. His ~~part~~ party - establishing a lead of better than two to one ~~over~~ a faction supported by left wing elements. So Cyprus will have - an Archbishop - President.

The other battle of ballots - in the new nation of Nigeria, West Africa. Where the party of Premier Abubakar Balewa is running far ahead in the election count.

Nigeria - the largest negro nation; ~~with~~ cities - on the West Coast ^{and} Jungle tribesmen - in the deep interior. ^{southern} Moslem planters - on the fringes of the Sahara. ~~Desert~~

^{Also} The Premier - a Moslem. Wearing a turban - in ^{Islamic} ~~Islamatic~~ style.

BENSON

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson says - ~~wh~~
he will not resign. He's recuperating from ^{an} ~~a gall bladder~~
operation. ^{and} The doctors ^{say} ~~calling~~ his condition ^{is} excellent.

But the question of resignation has little to do
with his health.]

^ Over the weekend, the Republican National Chairman,
Thruston Morton, told newsmen - that some committee members
are saying that Secretary Benson should step down. For the
good of the party - in Nineteen Sixty, Because his ~~pi~~
policies are unpopular with the farmers.

In the hospital today, the secretary said:
The question is not - is it good politics? But, is it
right? Our farm program is right," *said he.*

Hence the sharp statement - that he will not
resign.

COMMUNISTS

The new head of the American Communist party is Gus Hall - remember him? The forty-eight year old Red, who served five and a half years in prison - convicted under the Smith act.

The Communist party is holding a convention in New York, and there have been reports, all along - that there would be a change of leadership with General Secretary Eugene Dennis - to be deposed. That was denied. But it has happened. The convention of Reds electing a new General Secretary today. Their party leader in the middlewest - Gus Hall.

He has a reputation as a hard-boiled Communist, and his election is taken to mean - a more vigorous policy; an attempt to check the decline of the American Communist party, which, steadily - has been losing members.

EDITH PIAF

Over in France - the drama of Edith Piaf, who insisted - she would die, if she stopped singing.

Off she went ~~going~~ on tour in small towns, for one night stands -- in spite of the warning the doctors gave her; That she was exhausted - and suffering from after-effects of an operation she had in the spring.

Today, she finally surrendered, and called off the rest of her tour, After ~~she~~ collapsing, last night - following a performance in the town of Dreux.

Before she ~~was~~ went on stage, her physician told her - no, she was in no condition to sing. Friends pleaded with her - not to try it. The pianist, who has played as her accompanist for fifteen years, told her - he would not play the piano for her.

But she wept and wailed: "If I do not sing, I will die." So they gave in, and the musician went to the piano. Edith Piaf - then going through her entire program.

Although her voice was so weak - she could hardly be heard.

When it was all over, Dick, she collapsed - and they virtually had to carry her from the theatre. Oh, poor Piaf. Lovely Piaf!

Welcome back, Dick, I hope you have recovered!

GIRLS

An expedition started out - from the town of Barnsley. England. Three young women - planning a five thousand mile trip into the Sahara Desert. ~~going on the~~ *off on an* adventure - with an old British Army truck. Their plan - to drive the truck from Barnsley, then by ship - to North Africa. And ~~from there~~ *from there* - on into the blistering depths of the Sahara.

So no wonder the British newspapers called those lassies - "intrepid". A crowd at Barnsley - cheering them, today, as they left.

But, alas, their adventure ended - half a mile out of town. The truck - breaking down, a hopeless piece of junk. So the three daring young women - are back home tonight.