

L.T.-OLDS. THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

That speech delivered today, at Geneva, by Indian Defense Minister, seems significant. Krishna Menon often considered - too critical of the West; too lenient - with the Communist bloc. So the West feels all the more grateful - for the stand he took today at the conference table; flatly opposing - the key Soviet demand. The Foreign Minister from New Delhi, saying "we must have no veto." Adding - that this would only paralyze action in Laos. Which is needless to say - just what Khrushchev wants.

The really important thing about this Indian attitude - is that India is on the control commission for Laos along with Canada and Poland. What Krishna Menon proposes is that his country break any deadlock - between the representatives of East and West. India, to circumvent any Communist veto.

KENNEDY

When the President of the United States left Ottawa for Washington today - he received the red carpet treatment. A twenty-one gun salute, booming - as President Kennedy arrived at the airport. Guard of honor - snapping to attention. Bands - playing. Crowds - cheering. Flags - waving. The President shook hands with his official host - Governor General Vanier. And with the head of the Canadian government - Prime Minister Diefenbaker. There were the customary farewells. After which, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy disappeared into their plane - with a last ~~XXXXXXXX~~ wave from the door.

During the flight to Washington, President Kennedy sent a special message - back to Ottawa. Expressing his gratitude to the people of Canada, for the warmth with which they entertained him and the First Lady.

The Kennedys were on - a political trip. But they have personal reasons as well - for being pleased with their brief visit to Ottawa.

COMMUNIQUE FOLLOW KENNEDY

The joint communique issued by Prime Minister Diefenbaker and President Kennedy - covers the expected items. The U N- which the two statesmen back without reservation. Disarmament - which they desire. Defense - which they want strengthened, until Moscow allows disarmament to become a reality.

The Prime Minister and the President call for - a neutral Laos. More trade - across national frontiers in the free world. The need for quickly raising the standard of living - in Latin America. One point in the Ottawa communique stands out - Cuba. Ottawa has never accepted the ~~an~~ strong anti-Castro line - formulated in Washington. But today the Canadian Prime Minister agreed with the American President - that it's a real threat to this hemisphere, to have a Soviet puppet entrenched in the Caribbean.

JOHNSON

Today the Prime Minister of India paid one visitor to New Delhi - a signal honor. Ordinarily, Jawarharlal Nehru greets only heads of government - at the airport. He broke ~~him~~ this rule today, and was there - when the Vice President of the United States arrived. Nehru, welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, riding with them to the Presidential Palace - where the Johnsons are staying.

Almost immediately, Nehru and Johnson got together for an hour of confidential conversation. Subject - economics. Nehru, explaining India's problems - of industrial expansion. Problems connected with - India's third five year plan.

KOREA

The military junta in control of South Korea - is now the official government. Replacing ex-Premier John Chang - who has resigned. Chang, bowing to the realities - of power. Stepping out - and asking the people of South Korea to accept the new regime.

Just what kind of a regime is it? ~~Walt~~, General Chang Do Yung becomes chairman of the junta. Associated with him at the top - four other generals. The military men, tightening their hold on the government - by setting up a revolutionary committee with thirty-two members. All - from the armed services.

Oddly, the only real opposition to the junta - comes from within the armed services. The South Korean marines ^{are} ~~critical~~ of the army. The marines ~~standing~~ for a quick return to civilian government. The army, wanting a long term in power - to root out what the generals call "corruption among the politicians."

ANTARCTIC

The talk by Dr. Albert Crary at the National Science Foundation - would have pleased ~~the great~~ Sir Hubert Wilkins. Sir Hubert often told me that weather forecasting could be revolutionized - by putting weather stations in the Antarctic. *And*

that's
~~Just~~ the point made by Dr. Crary - back home after a fourteen hundred mile trek across the Ultimate South.

This American scientist says that the South polar regions - are ideal for weather research. No static - to interfere with radio and radar. The upper atmosphere clear enough - to send back strong signals. Since much of the weather across our planet *originated* ~~begins~~ down there - it's important for us to keep track of it from *where it* ~~the~~ starts.

~~Dr. Crary's moral would seem to be - if you want to be a weather forecaster, head for the South Pole.~~

WEATHER

That flood in Wister, Oklahoma - was caused by a creek overflowing its banks. Caston Creek, which rises on Cavanal Mountain - and picks up four tributaries on its way down to Wister. The whole drainage system, rising to a flood crest - after six inches of rain, in two hours.

Result - a wall of water eight feet high, roaring down the mountain. Hitting Wister - with a paralyzing shock. Covering - the entire business area. Carrying away telephone poles, cars - and ~~the~~ small buildings. Drowning - livestock. Sending families up onto their roofs - as water filled their living rooms.

No fatalities - reported. But scores of injuries.

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~~And~~ the damage in Wister ~~is~~ put at - a cool million.
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GANGSTER

A dispatch from Chicago raises a question that sounds like- something from a wild-life magazine. The question - "is someone gunning for the owl?" But the cops of the Windy City know - it's a lot more serious than any field and stream yarn.

The owl - is Basil Banghart. Once a top name - in Chicago crime. Banghart, a bootlegger during the prohibition era - who fought Al Capone for the liquor trade. Called "The Owl" - because of his horn-rimmed spectacles. And - his ability to avoid gangland execution. Hiding out by day. Moving through the Chicago underworld with his trigger men at night.

Capone never did get - "the owl". But, the F B I did. Packing him off to Alcatraz - for twelve years. Then the stateville penitentiary - in Illinois. Now Basil Banghart is up for - parole.

Just over a year ago, his old underworld buddy, Roger Touhy - was paroled. Touhy's freedom, lasting -

twenty-three days. Until he was cut down - by a gangland assassin. So the question is - will Basil Banghart meet the same fate? Is someone gunning - for The Owl? Chicago wonders.

PIRATES

An announcement from the British Navy, based on Singapore - that pirates are operating again, in the waters of the East Indies. ~~The~~ buccaneers ~~+~~ seizing small ships engaged in ~~the~~ ^{coastal} ~~postal~~ trade. Especially - those ~~hauling~~ hauling coconuts. A staple - of Indonesia's economy.

Today, a frigate of the Royal Navy trapped a ~~pir~~ pirate ship - off Borneo. The frigate, hiding in a bay - then cutting between the land and the pirates, ~~Forcing~~ them - out to sea. ~~Forcing~~ them - to surrender.

On board - nine gentlemen of the jolly roger.

In the hold, a cargo of copra [^] dried coconut. They had helped themselves to the copra - after boarding a freighter.

Then the British ^{Tack} ~~Tars~~ helped themselves to the copra - and ^{seized} ~~to~~ the pirates, ^{Dick} ~~as well~~.

COLLEGE

That riot at Oregon State University - began with a water fight. Inocuous enough - usually. But this one in fraternity row - got out of hand. The undergraduates, first throwing bags of water - then throwing punches. And, a few rocks - too. One group, inevitably - invaded the co-eds' dormitory.

When the police came they estimated that about a thousand students were involved. The majority, retreating back to their own dormitory - as the Corvallis Black Maria roared up. Seven, who were defiant - were carted off to the cooler. Fun at Oregon State.