

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Maybe a lot of us will turn amateur astronomer - after today's news. Come with me tonight. Let's watch the sky for "Echo One" - the artificial satellite we launched today. "Echo One" - tall as a ten story building. Brighter than the brightest star - in the night sky.

Scientists at Cape Canaveral were relieved - by the successful launching. They thought for a while this morning - that they had another dud on their hands. They had another postponement. Reason - a bad meter reading. But the trouble was in the instrument doing the reading, not in the missile.

The big "Thor Delta" getting off okay. Roaring up from its launching pad - zooming into outer space, and on into orbit, right on schedule.

The silvery balloon - now like a bright star;

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passing over the United States - several times every night. Bringing out - the amateur astronomer. The first to salute this success - President Eisenhower, whose message was actually bounced off "Echo One". The President, calling it - a significant step forward in our exploration of outer space.

ROCKETS

And two successful rocket shots - to go along with "Echo One." The Air Force, firing an "Atlas" over the Atlantic Range. The missile, thundering five thousand miles - landing in the target area.

Then - a Navy "Polaris" traveled a thousand miles today. This one fired from land at Cape Canaveral - instead of from a nuclear powered submarine. The Navy says the test was - "a complete success." Adding that the "Polaris" is about to be declared operational.

CAPSULE

Oh yes another important
Another ~~sweet~~ triumph for American science -

the recovery of the space capsule from the "Discoverer" missile launched on Wednesday. The "Discoverer" - ejecting its capsule as planned. The capsule - falling into the Pacific. Recovered by a frogman - a patrol ship. The first capsule, ever fired into space and then recovered.

The Air Force announces that the next "Discoverer" will be launched next month. In the capsule - this time - a chimpanzee.

PLANE

Another record for - our X-15. Major Bob White, pushing his rocket powered plane - to a new altitude record over the California Desert. ^{up up up - to} A hundred and thirty one thousand feet - over twenty-four miles.

Major White, so high - he felt weightless as he zoomed over the top of his ~~flight~~ flight arc. The major, too busy to look for landmarks - on the earth. But he had a good view - of the sky. Telling newsmen, he cut through a band of intense light - at fifty thousand feet. Higher up, all he could see - was a ~~vast purple~~ purple sky, covering everything - like a vast canopy.

Major Bob White, peering into space - at twenty-four miles up.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower's landing today - was not a forced landing. The baseball field at Thurmont, Maryland, had been selected as an alternative - before the President's helicopter took off for Camp David. The usual landing strip was disregarded only because of bad weather over the Catoctin Mountains. Hence the alternate. The President coming down on the baseball field at Thurmont and then driving five miles to his Camp David cabin.

WRECK

That Chicago train wreck may have been caused by -
a defective switch. Two cars, doing ninety miles an hour
when one jumped the tracks. The first car, skidding for
three hundred feet - tilting up at a forty-five degree
angle. The second, bouncing along - landing on its side.

More than twenty injured and all of the
passengers shaken up.

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HAMMERSKJOLD.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is *back in the Congo. But this time he is* in Katanga Province, ~~to visit~~. Dag Hammarskjold, allowed in all right - but, meeting a lot of hostility. He and his Swedish U N ~~troops~~ troops, arriving to find - a milling crowd at the airport. The crowd, shouting "Down with the U N" - "Down with Hammarskjold". They waved the ~~flag~~ Katanga independence *flag.* At one point, protocol forced Hammarskjold - to bow to the Katanga flag. Which he did impassively - which means reluctantly.

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MOSCOW

The experience of a couple of Americans in Moscow - points ~~up~~ up the theory that Khrushchev is reviving the methods of Stalin. Whipping up an "anti-spy frenzy" - just before the trial of Francis Powers for espionage.

Today, James Schultz of Otis, Kansas was booted out of Russia. Accused of distributing - what the Soviets call "provocative literature." Included in the Soviet definition of "provocative literature" - three Bibles.

If you think the Soviets were suspicious of Schultz - listen to the story of Betty Koferts of Los Angeles. Betty, visiting Leningrad - as a tourist. Becoming friendly with a Russian student. The student, saying his mother told him - it is awfully hard to find cosmetics in the Leningrad stores. So Betty gave him a lipstick ~~of~~ for her.

Result - Betty was shadowed by the Russian Secret Police - for the rest of her Leningrad visit. Her student friend - warned to ~~stay~~ stay away from her. The Secret Police telling him - Betty's lipstick might contain a bomb. *Well, lipstick can be lethal!*

BERLIN

The three western allies - handed another note
to the Russian^s today. Britain, France and the United States -
reaffirming their rights in West Berlin. ^{also -} Denying that a
new German army - is being recruited in ~~the~~ West Berlin. ^{and,}
Repeating, that Khrushchev might as well drop the threats -
as we have no intention of letting him force us out of our
sector of the former German capital.

CENSOR

In London, General Sir Norman Gwatkin said today - "it's a bit too much for the British public, you know."

Referring to - a troupe of dancers from African Guinea. What's the problem? Well, General Sir Norman Gwatkin is in the office of the Lord Chamberlain - Her Majesty's guarding of public morals. And the girls in the Guinea troupe - don't wear much if anything, when performing on the stage.

Which bothers the good Sir Norman - no end. He'll watch a special performance over the weekend - and decide whether the dancers from Guinea are violating the law.

The leader of the African troupe has come up with a suggested solution. He points out that the girls are always painted brightly when they dance. Red, yellow, green, blue. The flashing colors - of their folk dances. So from the stalls - you can't always tell whether they're dressed or not.

Ah, but the question is - will the sharp eye of General Sir Norman Gwatkin - be able to tell? And if so what ho - Sir Norman? And what ho, Dick?

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this centenary - with a lot of shooting matches.

Recalling the days when Darke County boasted - the world's leading marksman. "Little Miss Sure Shot" - Annie Oakley.

I've often said "my claim, if any - is that I was born in Darke Co., Ohio, next door to Annie Oakley.