

L.T. -OLDS. WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Kennedy went to an elder statesman of the free world today - for a text on the Berlin crisis. Said the President at his news conference, quoting Sir Winston Churchill: - "Jaw jaw is better than war war." Far better to keep talking to the Russians - than to take a chance on a major conflict.

What about - Chancellor Adenauer's criticism? Oh, its not so critical - according to President Kennedy. The Chancellor, supporting the American talks - with the Soviet Ambassador. And, if Adenauer is not unduly optimistic said he - well, neither are we. The President, noting realistically - that the negotiations may fail. But that doesn't mean - they are not worthwhile.

On the other hand, Washington agrees with Bonn -

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that the East German regime must not be recognized. No legitimacy for - the puppets of the Kremlin. The only real question - how to deal with them, de facto. As President Kennedy pointed out - the Western Allies do have different ideas about that. The problem being - to come up with a satisfactory solution. If - that's possible.

One question today - brought a reply in light vein. The question of our exploding an atomic bomb - five hundred miles up. This project, criticized by many scientists - who claim that it would devastate the Van Allen Belt of radiation. President Kennedy's quip - "Van Allen says its not going to affect the Belt." More seriously, he assured his news conference - that our scientists will take pains to avoid creating any new danger in outer space with atomic explosions.

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Another lighter moment - concerned the Democratic ticket for 1964. One newsman, asking - whether Vice President Johnson is going to be dropped? The President answering - that the presidential candidate may be changed. But as for the Vice President - he's sure to be back on the ticket. Lyndon Johnson, an indispensable man according to President Kennedy.

been collecting.

TAX FOLLOW KENNEDY

For the news men he had a prepared statement on - taxes; the bill to tax - dividends and interest. The President, declaring emphatically - that this is not a new levy by the government. Nor will it hit - Americans with low incomes. It's just a matter of preventing tax evasion - by those who don't pay what they owe the treasury - amounting to around eight-hundred million dollars a year - that Uncle Sam hasn't been collecting.

SPACE

Here in Washington today I learned that the next American astronaut to orbit the earth - will have a special piece of equipment; a beachball - or the astronomical version of one. An inflated sphere - colored orange, silver, yellow and blue-green. Its mission - to follow the space capsule on a tow line. The hope is that Astronaut Scott Carpenter will find out which color is most distinguishable beyond the earth's atmosphere.

Another of Carpenter's duties - to try to get a photograph of those famous "fireflies", the luminescent particles observed by - both Titov and Glenn. No one knows - just what they were. Maybe our next orbital flight - will provide the answer.

Scott Carpenter - due to blast off some time this month.

DOCTORS

Members of the medical profession are in rebellion - from New Brunswick, New Jersey, to Regina, Saskatchewan. Reason - the same in both places. Canadian and American doctors, expressing fear of - big government.

In New Jersey, the rebel medicos ~~IMMENSE~~ insisting they won't abide by the administration bill if it goes through.

In Saskatchewan, the issue is - the new "medicare" program the provincial government plans to put into effect - July First; - there are enough doctors on the job. Nine hundred have already said - they'll be on strike against what they call - "politicians dictating to the medical profession."

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HEARST

No doubt the ~~year~~ ^{year} ~~of~~ ^{who} publishers are saying tonight - that

they'd like to have the Scribner type of failure. I'm sure you all recognize the reference to - "Citizen Hearst" by W. A. Swanberg. The biography was suggested for a ~~prize~~ pulitzer prize - but rejected by the trustees of Columbia University.

Ever since the news became public - orders for ~~that~~ ^{the} book have been pouring into the publishers office. As author Swanberg puts it - "the reward of failure."

Why did the Columbia trustees - turn thumbs down on "Citizen Hearst"? The belief is that they regard William Randolph Hearst - as falling short of the pulitzer definition. The controversial newspaper tycoon, not qualifying, in their judgement - under the adjectives, "patriotic, unselfish, eminent."

CANING

In London, Viscount Hinchingsbrooke said today -
"Why, I was caned many times by the Headmaster of Eton."
His Lordship, pointing to himself as proof - that
corporal punishment is an aid to success in life.
The aristocratic Viscount wants the traditional use of
the cane - to remain part of the education of British
schoolboys.

Viscount Hinchingsbrooke is supported by other
notable Britons ^{who proudly} ~~anxious~~ to admit their youthful
acquaintance with the cane. Commander Sir John Kerans,
a war hero of the Royal Navy, goes so far as to say -
"I might have become a juvenile delinquent if I hadn't
been ^{caned} ~~scolded~~ on occasion."

~~was~~ Since so many Lords and Knights are in
favor - the betting around London is that Parliament
will go along ^{that} The Commons, ^{will} ~~to~~ let schoolmasters do -
what they have been doing all along. Help schoolboys

progress in their studies - by a judicious application of the cane, Dick, applied where it does most good.

The cane of Eton - added to the playing fields of Eton.

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NYLONS

~~Here's~~ a suggestion - for the ladies. - If you have a pile of old nylon stockings - you might send them to Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia, ^{where} The Conservation Department is collecting nylons - because they are the best kind of cord for tying wild animals, ~~There are~~ ^{animals} that have to be rescued from flood waters - and released on higher ground. Nylon stockings will bind a gazelle, anteater or leopard - without injuring the animal. So, ^{ladies send your} ~~ladies~~ - nylons for Southern Rhodesia.