

L.T. - OLDS. TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In West Berlin, a West German official uses the word - "staggering"; referring to - the flood of refugees from East Germany. Eleven thousand - in a week - since August First. Eighteen hundred - today alone. With hundreds more said to have been turned back - by Communist border patrols.

The reason, is Khrushchev's speech yesterday. The Boss of the Kremlin, refusing - to drop his threats. Repeating that he'll sign a peace treaty with his East German puppets and then give them full authority over - the access routes to West Berlin.

The Khrushchev talk raising the fear - that the East German regime - may seal the border. And that fear, in turn, has produced this race for freedom; East Germans, frantically trying to reach the West - before they are trapped for good behind the Iron Curtain. The

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exodus termed - "staggering". A major problem - for the West German government.

Also - for the East German government. Senator Hubert Humphrey suggests - that another East German rebellion may be in the making. A rising similar to that of Nineteen Fifty Three - when the people poured into the streets to attack their Red bosses. Senator Humphrey, who has conferred with Khrushchev in the Kremlin - believes this is the danger Khrushchev wants to head off.

RUSK

Secretary of State <sup>Dean</sup> Rusk <sup>(today)</sup> asked our Western Allies to increase their military strength - in the face of the Soviet threat to Berlin. Dean Rusk, addressing the Nato Council in Paris - noted that negotiations with Khrushchev are useless. That is - ~~they're~~ useless if the West appears weak and divided at the conference table. The Rusk formula - calls for prompt action:- Fill all the gaps that now exist - in the Nato armies. Add contingents - wherever there is a weak spot. And build up firepower - all along the line from Scandinavia to Turkey.

The Nato Council, voting on the Rusk proposal - backing <sup>S</sup> it unanimously. Europe, as anxious as we are - to make Europe safe from Red aggression.

## MILITARY FOLLOW RUSK

Meanwhile, America is <sup>setting the pace for Europe.</sup> ~~giving Europe a lead.~~

<sup>That is</sup> We are getting our military forces into shape - for anything that may come.

In Washington, the Army announces immediate conversion of three ~~xx~~ training divisions - into combat divisions: - The first Infantry - at Fort Riley, Kansas, The Second Infantry - at Fort Benning, Georgia, And the Second Armored Division - at Fort Hood, Texas. Three famous fighting outfits - getting ready for more fighting. If - it becomes ~~xx~~ necessary.

In Groton, Connecticut, the UnderSecretary of the Navy says - he has complete faith in our nuclear submarines.

<sup>Under See.</sup> Paul Fay spent the night cruising down in the Atlantic - aboard the "Nautilus." Fay, surfacing to tell newsmen - the Polaris subs are everything the Navy hoped for. One of our best deterrents - to war.

Farther South along the Atlantic coast - para-



troupers in action. The Eighty-Second airborne, bailing out over ~~Sam~~ South Carolina - in their biggest exercise since the war. Five- thousand men, floating to earth by parachute - followed by their equipment. Then clashing in a simulated battle - across the Carolina back woods.

Incidentally, the men of the Eighty-Second Airborne - seem to have achieved one objective. Farmer Charley Hicks claims they were right on target - in his watermelon patch. He's presenting Uncle Sam for a bill for a mountain of watermelons - that a lot of thirsty soldiers just couldn't pass up on a hot August day in Carolina.

EMBARGO

The American people are shifting to the idea of-  
an embargo on trade with the Communist empire. ~~So revealed~~<sup>Thus</sup>  
today ~~by~~<sup>from</sup> the Secretary of Commerce, ~~Secretary~~<sup>Luther</sup> Hodges,  
telling a Washington news conference - that the popular  
feeling is reflected in export licenses. The number of  
licenses, dropping - with regard to products headed for the  
Soviet Union. Here's an example. Some weeks ago, the  
Commerce Department ruled - that subsidized farm products  
could be sold to Russia. How many export licenses - do  
you suppose the Department has received? Answer - none.  
Not a single American shipper, asking for the right to  
trade - behind the Iron Curtain.

## NEWSMEN

The newsmen expelled from Moscow today - is accused of disparaging Khrushchev. Botho Kirsch, of West Germany - who has been writing critical articles for the "Frankfurter Rundschau;" one of the top newspapers - in Europe.

Khrushchev doesn't like to be criticized - anywhere. So, its the bums rush, for Botho Kirsch - journalism's first casualty in Moscow since the Soviets lifted their censorship ~~by~~ six months ago.

## ROCKET

The rocket engine tested in California - is of interest for several reasons. The most important of which is this. For once, we're not just trying to catch up - with the Russians. This use of solid fuel is original with our scientists - who point out that the Soviets are concentrating on liquid fuel for their big missiles. <sup>They tell us</sup> ~~So~~ our space program is more diversified - in the basic quest for rocket power.

~~Moreover,~~ <sup>to</sup> this solid fuel engine ~~will~~ have the massive thrust we need. <sup>They even</sup> ~~Many of them~~ can be joined in a cluster - with a drive of three million pounds. Enough to orbit a space ship - three times the weight of Cosmonaut Titov's. Our big problem - to harness this remarkable new rocket to space exploration.



## OPERA

For opera fans, ~~some~~ good news - maybe. New York's ~~illustrious~~ Metropolitan Opera may not stay ~~sh~~ closed this season - after all. Not, if Mayor Wanger <sup>^</sup> ~~he~~ can help it. ~~The Mayor~~ <sup>The Mayor</sup> ~~his honor~~ today ordered his aides - to see if the impasse can be broken. The impasse between the opera house and ~~its~~ its orchestra - on a dispute about wages.

Needless to say, musical New York is still shuddering - from yesterday's announcement. The announcement that is being called - "scandalous, brutal, a disgrace to the city." From far off Salzburg, <sup>in</sup> Austria, <sup>come</sup> - a demand that Secretary of Labor Goldberg step in. Why Salzburg? That's where Leontyne Price - is singing. Leontyne, who's glorious soprano voice is due to be heard in the Met - on opening night. If - the Met has an opening night.

## LION

The New York S P C A has just handed out - one of the most remarkable summonses in its long history. Citing Dick Flynn of St. Louis for cruelty to - a lion.

A circus performer called "King Kado". Flynn was on his way to a Maryland country fair - when he decided to stop over in New York. Reason - some unfinished business with Laurette Bass, who is known in show business as "Bon Bon".

*Yoo Hoo - Bon Bon!*

~~WEE~~ Dick Flynn parked his white cadillac near Penn. Station, chained "King Kado" in the back seat - and disappeared in the direction of "Bon Bon". You can imagine what he found - on his return. A big crowd, staring in - at the lion. Also an S P C A man - with a summons. The charge, cruelty - for leaving a lion in the sun, without water.

To which Flynn retorted - "lions live in the veldt where its a hundred ~~mi~~ and twenty degrees. Its only Ninety-one here - <sup>9</sup> he's very comfortable."

By this time, "Bon Bon" was in the back seat - petting "King Kado". Showing more ~~size~~ affection for the

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lion - than for his owner. A sight that apparently made up - Flynn's mind. He said he had no more business in New York - and was ready to head South. So - the police sped him on his way. The car, swinging into the Hudson River Tunnel. The last view of the rear window - Dick - showing - a lion's face looking back. Probably looking back for Yoo Hoo Bon Bon.

So long until tomorrow.