

L.T. OLDS - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

The Presidential news conference was jammed this afternoon. Newsmen, more than usual, because of the diplomatic and military firecrackers that are exploding around the world. At least a few million Americans were tuned in to - hear the chief executive. For those who didn't hear, here are a few highlights:-

Cuba. President Kennedy was emphatic - that the exile raids should be called off. They are, in his words "ineffective, no real blow to Castro". Besides they could bring Soviet reprisals in the Carribean - leading to the danger of a general war. President Kennedy's proposal to the exiles - is that they adopt more effective means. For example - joining the U.S. Army.

Latin America. All the turmoil is Guatemala and Argentina. The President agreed that this is

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symptomatic - of the whole problem. Unrest following from poverty, illiteracy, one-crop economies - and so on. He urges greater efforts by the alliance for progress.

South Korea. They're hoping for a return to Democratic Government. He says the situation isn't too clear, so we are waiting - to see what happens. As for military coups as such - the American position is pragmatic. We are prepared to recognize regimes - that bring freedom into power with them.

Closer home :- President Kennedy backs the Secretary of Defense in his refusal to permit the lie detector test. The President is pushing federal cases in Greenwood, Mississippi - in a drive to secure voters rights.

He's going to push our space program until we overtake the Russians, therefore - no cut in the space budget, as General Eisenhower has suggested.

And, he has appointed a presidential board, as we expected - to head off a rail road strike, if / possible.

ARGENTINA

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The revolt in Argentina seems to be petering out tonight - mainly because the army and air force refused to join the uprising. Loyal troops supported by planes - forcing the rebels out of key points. The leader, ~~of the camp~~, Lieutenant General Benjamin Menendez, fleeing Buenos Aires last night - aboard the ice-braker San Martin, In such a hurry that - the ship's mooring ropes had to be cut. No time to cast off.

Navy units ~~that~~ sided with the rebels - now "ceasing operations". The Argentine admirals - pulling out of the insurrection, Leaving President Guido - still President of Argentina/

## **CUBA**

Moscow reports today there were no casualties from that Cuban refugee attack last month, on the Soviet ship Baku, in a Cuban harbor.

No engine damage either after the explosion. The ship merely settling towards the bottom in the shallow water. Ten thousand tons of sugar in the cargo - were destroyed, however. Which doesn't make Moscow feel too happy about the whole affair.

## KRUSHCHEV

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Apparently the boss of the Kremlin feels -  
de-Stalinization has gone far enough. So says a report  
from London tonight, Predicting - yet another switch in  
Soviet policies. Khrushchev, still very much in command,  
but - moving back toward the dictatorship of Stalin's day.

Why the change ? A number of reasons, including the  
usual setbacks in industry and agriculture, the trouble with  
China, and within the Kremlin itself.

But Khrushchev's real headache at the moment is said  
to be - the intellectuals. The Soviet leader fearing ~~that~~ \*  
all those grim stories by Russian writers about the Stalin era  
\* will naturally raise questions about - Stalin's henchmen.-  
Including <sup>one</sup> Nikita Khrushchev. ~~Also~~ all that curiosity about the  
western way of life - has caused too much soul-searching  
recently in Russian writing.

Liberalization getting out of hand. Hence Khrushchev's

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attack - on abstract art, And his statement that - the party  
has absolute control over the arts. The anti-Stalinist  
returning to the teachings of Stalin - when it suits him.

## BERLIN

That private British plane, attacked by Soviet fighters in the Berlin air corridor is still in the news tonight. Moscow - rejecting protests. So Western officials are regarding this as a challenge to allied rights. And more protests on the way.

The plane - flown by Canadian Hughie Green, a wartime airman, now a British T.V. Star - reports: "They were so close I could see the pilot's mustache".

## BRITAIN

Harold Wilson, Britain's new Labor party chief returned home from Washington today - amid accusations that he was electioneering in the United States.

Wilson, after talks with President Kennedy, told newsmen - the talks were confidential.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Harold MacMillan has presented Parliament with a vote - getting budget, slashing taxes by seven-hundred-and-fifty-three million dollars, and abolishing taxes for more than three million workers.



## SPACE

America's newest satellite, explorer seventeen - is doing a bit of exploring tonight. The four-hundred and ten pound steel ball, loaded with instruments is in "near-perfect" orbit say the happy experts who sent it up there. So far responding to all commands - and working fine.

The explorer 17 was fired last night from Cape Canaveral, aboard a three-stage Delta rocket. Its mission - to make the first study yet, of the high altitude atmosphere above our planet.

Meanwhile, the Soviet rocket headed for the moon - our natural satellite - is still spinning merrily through space and is more than half-way to its destination.

## VAN\_GOGH

I wonder how Vincent Van Gogh would have felt - about the sale of three letters he once wrote to his brother. The artist, whose whole life was a saga of despair and who felt himself so rejected by his fellow-men that he ended it all by committing suicide.

Today, seventy-three years after his death - the collectors are paying more for one Van Gogh letter than the artist ever made in his life. Three of them going for seventeen thousand, two hundred dollars - at a Paris auction. That much for the letters of Vincent Van Gogh - who hardly ever had more than a franc or two in his pocket at one time.

## EVOLUTION

Remember Clarence Darrow, William Jennings Bryan, John Scopes and the Dayton, Tenn. Monkey trial thirty-six years ago?

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Now it's Martha Powell of Memphis high in Memphis, Tenn who wants to hold a discussion of the Darwinian theory. But school principal Radford Roseborough - won't let her because their state law still forbids teachers to suggest that man is descended from non-human ancestors.

More than a generation after the Scopes Monkey trial - another Tennessee teacher in trouble over the theory of evolution. And now for ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Dick Noel here is Stewart Metz. No monkey business from him.

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## RATINGS

How much does a dog enjoy listening to the Radio - was a question which came up during testimony before a house committee today.

It seems that at least one dog, who was home alone all day - with the radio on - got counted by the rating service estimating the San Deigo radio audience. ~~and~~ How much does he enjoy ~~the~~ radio ? "As much as a dog can", says his owner.