

KENNEDY

L.T. - *Older* Mon. Aug. 14 - '61.

The mood in Washington, from the White House to Capitol Hill - is a mixture of firmness and caution. Firmness - to leave Khrushchev in no doubt that we mean business in Berlin. Caution - to prevent any aggravation of the existing tension.

President Kennedy is setting the example - by saying nothing. London reports that Mr. Kennedy has sent - another letter to Khrushchev. Asking the boss of the Kremlin to be sensible - about Berlin. Not to miscalculate - and start something he can't control.

At any rate, the President is relying on - traditional diplomacy. Today he talked for an hour with Llewellyn Thompson - our Ambassador to Moscow. What the President and the Ambassador said to one another - not revealed.

Nor do we have any details on the President's conference with - Secretary of State Rusk. Presumably they concentrated on - our protest to Khrushchev over the closing of the Berlin border.

On Capitol Hill - fewer belligerent declarations than we've heard in the past. Senator Javits spoke for his

colleagues in saying - "Let's keep our shirts on, and not be pushed into anything."

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The West Berliners hooted grimly - when the tear gas was blown back into the faces of the Communists.

Tonight, the question seems to be - will the people of East Berlin again rise in revolt against their Red bosses? Will there be another outburst of violence - like the one put down by Soviet tanks in Nineteen Fifty-Three?

COMMUNISM FOLLOW BERLIN

When the East German Reds closed the border between East Berlin and West Berlin - they corroborated what is being said in London, Paris and Washington, ^{that} It's impossible to depend on the word - of a Communist government. After all, Moscow signed the document ~~that~~ ^{was} guarantee freedom of movement throughout Berlin. Even Khrushchev can't pretend - that legality is on his side. His method - use force against legality. Like the Kaiser and Hitler - Khrushchev isn't going to let a "scrap of paper" interfere with his dictatorial ambitions.

That's why we aren't going to accept any guarantees - that would make us dependent on the word of the Soviets. In disarmament, we're demanding a foolproof inspection system - to keep the Russians from cheating. In Berlin, we're preparing to defend our rights - keep Khrushchev from destroying them. If the Soviet dictator wants to know why we don't trust him - the latest news reports from East Berlin will show him why.

NAVY

The new Navy build-up is part of - President Kennedy's program for preparedness. More than twenty-six thousand men, to be kept on active duty with the fleet, for an extra six months to a year. The figure breaks down into - twenty-four thousand enlisted men, ^{hundred} And twenty-eight officers -- below the rank of lieutenant-commander.

MIKOYAN

The Soviet Union's top businessman - isn't finding business too good. That is, in Japan. Mikoyan, ^{arrived in} ~~came to~~ Tokyo with a proposal for a ten-year barter agreement, ^{which is} ~~the idea,~~ promptly rejected - by the Japanese government. Which adds, that if it decides to buy Soviet products - the agreement will have to include key Japanese demands. Take the case of - Russian oil. The Japanese are stipulating that the oil will have to be refined - in Japan.

TIBET

Refugees from Tibet arriving in Nepal report - that most Communist Chinese settlers want to stay up on the roof of the world. That's a switch. In the past, the Chinese were never fond of - Tibet's rugged terrain. Or the climate - the heat of the summer, and the cold of the winter. Or - the distance from their homes back in China. There were even Chinese who resisted - when Mao Tse-tung ordered them to colonize occupied Tibet.

So - why the change? The Tibetan refugees claim it's a matter of - food. The Chinese in Red China - are suffering from famine, ^{while} ~~but~~ Mao continues to send food - into Tibet. He wants to make sure - that the Chinese ^{swamp} ~~want~~ the Tibetans. Hence, ~~the~~ settlers are willing to stay - in spite of the hardships, ~~In~~ spite of the hit-and-run guerrilla raids - by Tibetan freedom-fighters.

It's probably the first time in history that the Chinese would rather stay in Tibet - than go home to China.

KENYA

The question in Kenya tonight is - "Will the Burning Spear set fire to the African territory?" The word "fire" - not metaphorical. Jomo Kenyatta - his followers call him Burning Spear - used to be the head of the ~~in~~ sinister Mau-Mau. He ordered the burning of - dozens of native villages. And the ritual murder of - hundreds of tribesmen.

The British sentenced Jomo Kenyatta - to prison and exile. Now, eight years later - he returns in triumph. Receiving an ecstatic welcome - from his partisans. ^{The} Burning Spear looking as if he intends to set fire - to something. Probably - Kenya politics.

SMITH

At Arlington National Cemetery - they buried "The Beetle" today. That's what his friends called - General Walter Bedell Smith. One of the outstanding military men of World War Two - when he was the Eisenhower Chief-of-Staff. After the war, Bedell Smith served as - American Ambassador to Moscow, and later headed the Central Intelligence Agency - until President Eisenhower transferred him to the State Department, to work with John Foster Dulles. Today - at Arlington full military honors, for Bedell Smith.

CEZANNE

I wonder what Artist Paul Cezanne would say - about that dragnet across the south of France. The search for the thieves who stole - eight Cezanne paintings. During his lifetime, few critics ever showed much interest - in his work. Nor did he make much money from the eight canvases that are now insured for - over a million and a half. Not francs - dollars.

One picture is now regarded as - a masterpiece of the highest rank. "The Card Players" - which the French master painted in his unique style. Carefully fitting geometrical planes together, coloring them with subdued tints - and producing something that pulsates with life.

The sophisticated Paris critics jeered when they first saw - "The Card Players." But tonight half the French police force - is out looking for it. ~~yes,~~ The artist certainly would be interested - in this spectacle. The man who went unnoticed in his own time ^{- Dick -} ₁ while he was revolutionizing western art. Now an old master in his own right - Paul Cezanne.

PEER

In London, the "reluctant peer" - has run up the white flag. Anthony Wedgewood Benn, surrendering his seat - in the Commons. Entering - the House of Lords. Taking with him - his title of Viscount Stansgate.

~~THE~~ ^{ALAN R. A.} The House of Lords is the political graveyard - of ambitious politicians. And will remain so - unless British law is changed. How much chance is there - of that happening? Oh, it's possible. That is - in a century or two, if you go by the history of the staid old Mother of Parliaments.

As they say in London - Tony Benns seems to have had it. He called the ~~the~~ British aristocracy - "tribalism." Now he's compelled to join the tribe - and answer to the title of Lord Stansgate. His wife calls the aristocracy - "voodoo." Now she'll be practicing the British form of voodoo - under the title of Lady Stansgate.