

HOLIDAY

L.T. - Olds. July 4th. '62,

On the Fourth of July, the big story is - the Fourth of July. Our Independence Day, celebrated - right around the globe. And - not only by Americans.

The center of the world, for the moment - Independence Hall. President Kennedy flew to Philadelphia - to deliver his address at <sup>that</sup> ~~our~~ National Shrine. The President again calling on all Americans - to remember their historical traditions. Especially, the tradition of revolution - which is so applicable to the turbulent world of our time.

In Denmark, at <sup>a</sup> ~~Rebild~~ Park on the Jutland Peninsula - the chief speaker was <sup>Former Vice Pres,</sup> ~~Richard~~ Nixon. The Danes, honoring America's Independence Day - by inviting the former Vice President of the United States. <sup>In his address Nixon</sup> ~~Nixon, taking the~~ ~~opportunity to~~ repeat <sup>ed</sup> what he has said ~~as so often~~ before - that Communism carries the seeds of its own destruction. That the triumph of democracy - is inevitable.

In West Berlin, General Lucius Clay reviewed - a parade of American troops. In Moscow, Khrushchev turned up

at the American Embassy - and engaged in ~~some~~ light banter with Ambassador Thompson and the other guests. In the Far East, our service men were given the day off - ~~from the barracks~~ in South Korea, ~~to the pup tents~~ <sup>and</sup> along the Mekong ~~River~~ in Thailand.

A special case - the Philippine Islands. You may recall that ~~in~~ the Filipino government switched Filipino Independence Day - from July Fourth to June Twelfth. Commemorating June Twelfth, Eighteen Ninety-Eight -- when Manila declared its Independence of Spain. Still, July Fourth remains rather special in the islands - and they celebrated too. Calling it - "Philippine-American Friendship Day.

SPACE

The first Americans on the moon - may drop there.  
So say - officials of the space agency. The operation would  
work - like this. A three-man Apollo space ship, boosted into  
a lunar orbit - by a saturn rocket. Above the moon, two  
astronauts would board a smaller capsule - and drift down a  
hundred miles or so to the lunar surface.

Then, after completing their mission, they would take  
off - by means of a smaller rocket. And rendezvous with their  
buddy - who would have been circling over head all the while.  
The small space capsule - then to be jettisoned. The bigger

one, making - the ~~the~~ return trip to the earth. *A nice trick,*  
*if you can do it. IF We are told this plan*  
~~The importance of this scheme - it~~ could cut two  
~~years from our schedule~~ *— and put* An American on the moon - by Nineteen  
Sixty Six. ~~Maybe.~~

## ATOMIC

In Hawaii, they are wondering whether they will have - their fireworks display, tonight. Something special for the Fourth of July. The display they've been waiting for - the high altitude atomic explosion at Johnston Island rescheduled for tonight. Although two previous attempts failed, the Hawaiians are out again on their hilltops and beaches for the third time - hoping this will be the one. Hoping to see a spectacular atomic fireball in the sky - 800 miles to the south west, over Johnston Island.

## PAINTING

An anonymous letter is giving the London National Gallery - a case of the jitters. The subject of the letter - Goya's famous portrait of the Duke of Wellington. The masterpiece, worth one hundred thousand pounds sterling - that was stolen from the National Gallery.

The anonymous letter writer says - that the painting is in his possession. Here's the reason - for the scare. The letter is illiterate - full of mistakes in spelling and grammar. But no one could miss the meaning of this sentence - "the Duke is safe, his future is uncertain."

So - did some unbalanced person steal the painting? And - is he really threatening to destroy it? No wonder they have cold chills - at the National Gallery. No wonder Scotland Yard has put a team of experts - on <sup>it</sup> ~~this~~ case. They want ~~to~~ *Goya's* ~~get the~~ Duke of Wellington - before anything catastrophic happens. ~~That is, they want - Goya's "Duke of Wellington."~~

## ELM

Naturalists will be interested - in the following.

The original Moline Elm - is going to be destroyed. The Moline Elm - one of the most famous of all American trees. Discovered as a sappling in Moline, Illinois -- in Nineteen Three. Transplanted, it grew into a giant with a single trunk - all the way to the top. The bark - tight and smooth. The leaves of extraordinary size.

The tree, so beautiful - that dozens of cuttings were taken in Nineteen Sixteen. From those ~~shoots~~ shoots came - many generations of elms. The pride of gardners and home owners - in every state of the union. All, descended from that stately ancestor of the family - the Moline Elm.

Alas, <sup>this handsome</sup> ~~the patriarch of~~ trees has caught an

incurable malady - Dutch Elm disease. They'll have to destroy it at the age of fifty nine - the majestic Moline Elm.

## PIONEERS

The theme of the new frontier seems to be catching on - in more than a political sense. Americans, going back - to the ways of the old frontier. Doing it literally - as indicated by a couple of news dispatches.

In St. Cloud, Minnesota - four covered wagons pulled out today, headed west. Driving the lead wagon - Orin Gulbranson. On the seat beside him - Mrs. Gulbranson. Scattered through the other three wagons - eight little Gulbransons. Plus - all their possessions.

They<sup>a</sup>re headed for - Salt Lake City. A family of Mormons, following the trail of Brigham Young- who led the historic Mormon trek to Utah, back in Eighteen forty-seven.

Will the Gulbransons make it - all the way to Salt Lake City? They should - judging by our second dispatch. Leon Gillis drove a Conestoga wagon clear across the continent from Providence Forge, Virginia, to Ontario, California. With him - his wife and six youngsters. ~~See~~ No pioneer family ever rode farther than that - and the Gillises duplicated

the Nineteenth Century conditions. Their only concession to the Twentieth Century - sleeping bags. More than three thousand miles - in a Conestoga wagon. How would you like to do that, Dick?

## GOLF

In St. Louis, Carlos Meremonte claims that he's being driven crazy - by golf. Not an unusual reaction - among golfers. But Carlos Meremonte - never swung a golf club in his life. He's a farmer. And the point of the story is - that they laid out a golf course right next to his pasture.

Some of his cows began to get - tummy aches. The vet's diagnosis - a diet of golf balls. Local players making so many wild drives, hooks and slices - that the neighboring pasture is always spotted with golf balls. Why the cows gobble them up we don't know. But they do. Result - a terrific case of bovine collywobbles. And - a lawsuit by farmer Carlos Meremonte, who is asking the court to issue an injunction against what he calls that golf course: - "a public nuisance and hazard to health."