

L.T.-OLDS. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight, there's a possibility that a solution to the Congo crisis - will come from the Congo itself. The solution of - both sides uniting. Lumumba's admirers - and his opponents. The Congo - if this happens - to have a federal government headed by President Kasavubu and Premier Ileo. But including - Gizenga, Lumumba's close associate. Also to include Tshombe - in whose territory Lumumba was assassinated - in Katanga.

A federation of the Congo? Maybe!

U N

Today's session of the U N was mild - compared with what happened ~~yxxx~~ yesterday. Heavy security guards - were stationed inside the building. Special police detachments - patrolling outside. And the general public was barred - from the gallery. As a result - no more violence. The Congo debate proceeding <sup>with</sup> One expected development! - the speakers lining up on two sides; For and against - ~~WxW~~ the U N; For and against - Dag Hammarskjold. One sharp exchange took place - when the Ambassador from Mali accused America of trying to break up the Congo. To which Adlai Stevenson promptly retorted that America has worked as hard as anyone - to protect the territorial integrity of the Congo.

REACTION

The Reaction to President Kennedy's

declaration at his news conference last night -

*has been*

~~is~~ favorable throughout the free world. Western

Europe, lining up behind the American chief executive

~~is~~ in his ~~at~~ defense of the U N as the only hope

for the Congo. London calls the statement - ~~is~~

precisely correct. Paris - "very important." Rome -

"exactly what we wanted to hear."

Closer ~~to~~ home - Congress is ~~xxxxx~~ with

the President. ~~On~~ - a non-partisan basis. Said

Republican Senator Dirksen of Illinois - "we of

the G O P applaud the stand Mr. Kennedy has taken."

KHRUSHCHEV

The boss of the Kremlin still wants better relations - with the United States. <sup>At any rate</sup> That's <sup>who have been</sup> the opinion of experts <sub>λ</sub> evaluating Soviet propaganda about the Congo crisis. These experts point out that Moscow is berating almost everybody in the West, except America. The Russians used to call Dag Hammarskjold - "a satellite of Washington." Now, their worst epithet about the Secretary General is - "an accomplice of Belgium." America - ~~is~~ conspicuously left out. The Russians are even playing down President Kennedy's warning of last night - when he told them bluntly not to indulge in any unilateral action in the Congo.

The Moscow reaction is taken to mean that Khrushchev doesn't want to jeopardize his chances - of a personal meeting with John Kennedy.

## ROCKET

At Wallops Island, Virginia - success and failure, for the space scientists. Success, because their scout rocket - zoomed into outer space. All four stages - working perfectly. Tonight, their rocket's 4th stage is in orbit - circling the earth.

Today's failure involves the satellite aboard the rocket; a polka-dot sphere - twelve feet in diameter. It too - is in orbit. But the radio transmitter has failed to function. The satellite - silent. The only hope of tracking it by telescope and camera; while the polka dot sphere should be telling them where it is in the sky.

FARM

President Kennedy's farm plan <sup>sent</sup> ~~went up~~  
to Capitol Hill today, <sup>in</sup> ~~is it not~~ two parts:—  
First, a request that Congress approve - a cut in  
the production of surplus grain. Corn, oats, barley  
- and so on. Secondly, the ~~is~~ Administration wants  
- higher price supports for products like cotton  
seed, soy<sup>a</sup> beans, and ~~is~~ feed for livestock.

BABY

Terry Moody of Decatur, Illinois went for a train ride last night. He's not talking about the ride tonight - but you can bet he sure will be a few years from now.

Terry, eight months old. ~~He~~ was in an automobile with his mother - who couldn't change gears quick enough when she heard a locomotive whistle at an open crossing. The engineer - unable to stop in time. The locomotive, smashing into the car - carrying it a mile down the track. Mrs. Moody was pulled out of the wreckage - with a few cuts. But the baby's car seat was - empty. No sign of - little Terry Moody. Then, someone heard a whimper from the locomotive. A baby crying - in the space between the fuel tank and the catwalk. And there they ~~xxxx~~ found the baby - who had bounced from the car onto the train, at the moment of impact. ~~Tonight, he's suffering~~ ~~from~~ - <sup>but</sup> a few bruises. Otherwise, none the worse - for his spectacular ~~train ride~~ <sup>adventure,</sup>

## SHIP

A ship sailed into Lisbon harbor today - to a pandemonium of cheers and sirens. The "Santa Maria" - home, after one of the strangest voyages on record. The luxury liner that started out on a Caribbean cruise - only to be commandeered by ~~these~~<sup>e</sup> rebels under Henrique Galvao. After which - the ~~same~~ fantasy of the "lost liner". The "Santa Maria" dodging the Navies of ~~the~~ three nations, as she ~~paced down into~~<sup>sped towards</sup> Brazilian ~~waters~~. Finally tying up at Recife - allowing her six hundred passengers to go ashore. The rebels - granted asylum by the government of Brazil. The vessel - handed back to her Portuguese owners. Arriving home today, ~~after a rather round-about voyage.~~

Now taking her place - in the folk-lore of the sea. The "Santa Maria".



PARLIAMENT

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In the London Parliament Laborite Arthur Lewis, rose today and said solemnly - "the <sup>female</sup> ~~female~~ Laborite M P's are being forced to wash the tea cups." Then he added bitterly - "moreover, there's no tea."

A terrifying thought in Britain. Even in Parliament. Enough to lower the guillotine on - today's marathon debate. Subject - the health bill. Should the cost of national health benefits be increased?

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The Tories - for the bill. The Socialists - trying to talk it to death. Keeping their talkathon going - for eighteen hours, <sup>while</sup> fortifying themselves - with tea from the Commons kitchen.

When the kitchen staff went home for the night - the lady <sup>M.P.s</sup> Socialists took their ~~px~~ place. Doling out - endless cups of tea. The Laborites were still going strong when M P Arthur Lewis made the fateful announcement. No more tea.

That did it. The session - finally breaking

up. Even members of Parliament <sup>unable to</sup> ~~can't~~ carry on  
with the old team spirit, <sup>Dick, without</sup> - ~~when they haven't had~~  
their cup of tea.

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## BANK

There the old story about the banker - or bankers, with ice water in their veins. But in Santa Monica, California they are skeptical about that; because a local banker not only hasn't been turning down borrowers; he's been trying to - give money away.

The story? President Aubrey Austin decided to clear his bank vault of its silver dollars. That is, he offered them for sale. Offering them at a bargain price - ninety-eight cents. Sounds like - a good proposition. I'd like Oh, say 10,000 silver dollars. Wouldn't you expect a milling crowd - lined up at the tellers windows? Nothing like that happened. Only a few sales. Santa Monicans, suspicious - must be a catch to it.

The banker who was willing - to give money away. And there were no takers.