

L.T. -OLDS. TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

By far the most interesting new development here in Los Angeles so far, the Johnson, Kennedy debate you have just heard. Lyndon Johnson, as you know proposed debate before the Texas and Massachusetts delegations. The Texas candidate for President apparently not of a mind to give up. And hoping to put a spoke in the wheel - of his rival's bandwagon.

Kennedy accepting. Saying he would appear before the Texas delegation; but couldn't commit - the Massachusetts delegation to listen to it. Whereupon Governor McCormack of Massachusetts intervened to say that his delegation would be glad to hear the debate.

Kennedy versus Johnson, before the delegates of their two states. And before all of us - all of you, via radio and T.V. That has been the first big moment

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PLATFORM

As expected, the Democratic platform has touched off - a heated debate inside the party. All because of that one plank always controversial - the Civil Rights plank.

The Democratic statement on civil rights this time - asks equality for all Americans - everywhere in the country. The plank, suggesting - wide federal action against segregation, includes the phrase Tom Paine made familiar - during the revolution; the historic phrase - "The Rights Of Man". The Democrats feeling - so far as their platform goes - that civil rights mean nothing more nor less than - "The Rights of Man".

The chairman of the platform committee actually predicts that any Democratic candidate will stand squarely on this civil rights plank. Chester Bowles, mentioning specifically - Senator Kennedy, who seems to have the nomination sewed up.

Some southerners, because of this, already are threatening to bolt the party in November.

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PLANE

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BRITAIN (FOLLOW PLANE)

The British government accepts this American explanation - of what our plane was doing. But even so - there was some harsh criticism today in the Commons. Members of the opposition - demanding - an end to American bases in Britain. Prime Minister MacMillan - rejecting this. But admitting that he wants to discuss the whole question of American bases with President Eisenhower.

Later word - a top American note dispatched to Moscow. Warning that the consequences will be serious - if Russia shoots down any more of our planes over international waters.

CONGO

Today's appeal from the Congo republic - shows how desperate things are in that new African state. Premier Lumumba, asking America - to send three thousand troops. Do it - quickly. Our government, passing the request along - to the United Nations. We, willing to do this but only under the auspices of the U. N.

Dag Hammarskjold has thanked America for a vote of confidence - in the U. N. The Secretary General is drawing up plans - to go to the Congo; and see for himself whether murder and mayhem are still the order of the day. Meanwhile the word is that more provinces are refusing to obey Leopoldville. The Congo - lurching toward disintegration.

PUERTO_RICO

The Credentials Committee handled a ticklish situation today - a split in the Puerto Rican delegation. The seven members - dividing into two factions. So what did the Credentials Committee do? It ruled that both factions be seated - with three and half votes for each. A solomonic judgement - in Los Angeles.

What about a chairman - for the Puerto Rican delegation? The Credentials Committee ducked that one. At the moment there's a rivalry for that - Orlando Antosanti versus Jose Benitez.

Says Antosanti - "If Benitez grabs the microphone - our group will demand to be polled." Antosanti claiming they have the Puerto Rican vote nailed down four to three. Adding that their majority will become clear to the convention - after they have been polled. Who are they for?

Oh all seven Puerto Rican delegates say they are for Kennedy.

ANTARCTIC

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THE WEATHER REPORT IS THAT MOST OF AMERICA IS SWELTERING - TONIGHT. EXCEPT HERE AT THE CONVENTION - WHERE THE TEMPERATURE IS ABOUT PERFECT - ALMOST AS COOL, AND THE AIR AS CLEAR, AS UP AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

BUT WHILE IT MAY BE HOT WHERE YOU ARE, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN THE ANTARCTIC WHERE TODAY IT WAS SEVENTY SIX BELOW? AN AMERICAN POLAR TEAM, DESPITE THE FRIGID WEATHER, IS ON AN IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHICAL - TOPOGRAPHICAL EXPEDITION, MAPPING THE SHORELINE OF THE ANTARCTIC; TRYING TO FIND OUT JUST HOW BIG IT REALLY IS; AND HOW FAR THE OCEAN PENETRATES INTO THE BAYS AND ESTUARIES OF THAT BIG SOUTH POLE CONTINENT.

ONE THEORY IS - THAT THE WEA AT SOME PLACES DROPS SHARPLY, OFF SHORE. WITH A DEEP CANYON ON THE FLOOR OF THE OCEAN.

I'D LIKE TO BE WITH THAT EXPEDITION. IT WOULD SURELY BE MORE EXCITING THAN THIS THE DULLEST OF ALL THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS I HAVE EVER ATTENDED. USUALLY THEY ARE FULL OF EXCITEMENT - THE AIR SUPER-CHARGED WITH THE SMELL OF BATTLE. BUT NOT THIS TIME. *Now back to N.Y., to Dick Noel.*