

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Anglo-American note to Moscow on atomic testing - is being hailed throughout the free world; for the reason that it puts Khrushchev squarely on the defensive, by proposing that he join Britain and the United States - in banning nuclear explosions in the atmosphere. Put an end to the danger of - contaminating the atmosphere with fallout. London and Washington, not even asking for Soviet guarantee. Simply declaring that western scientists can police such a ban without entering the Soviet Union.

No one believes that Khrushchev will agree to this. But the point is, that by refusing he is sure to further alienate public opinion nearly everywhere around the globe. All this is emphasized by today's announcement from our Atomic Energy Commission -- that Russian scientists have just touched off another atomic bomb.

STRAUSS

The former head of the Atomic Energy Commission thinks that we should resume nuclear testing - and do it now. Admiral Lewis Strauss, giving his opinion - to the magazine U.S. News and World Report. ^{Lewis} Strauss, arguing that the safety of the West depends on our staying ahead of the Russians. He feels sure ~~that~~ ~~we~~ we are still ahead in the quantity - and especially the quality - of our atomic bombs. The danger is - that the Russians will begin to close the gap - with their new series of explosions. ~~They'll~~ ^{and surely} close it - if we let them. In which case, according to the former Chairman of the A.E.C. - "we ought to have our heads examined."

BELGRADE

The twenty-four uncommitted statesmen conferring in Belgrade - want a personal meeting between Kennedy and Khrushchev. That's one of the few principles on which they agree. Tito, Nehru, Nasser and the rest -- implicitly acknowledging the fact that Khrushchev is threatening humanity with atomic annihilation, ~~And~~, ought to be talked out of it - if that's possible.

As for the rest of the discussions in Belgrade - they've apparently produced more discord than agreement, *with* ~~the~~ committees, attempting to iron out enough of the differences -- to permit a communique to be signed by all twenty four delegates to the conference.

KENNEDY

The new foreign aid authorization bill - is now law. ~~It was~~ signed by President Kennedy - today. Which means that the administration will have four billion dollars - to put into long term loans abroad. The financial sinews of our first five-year program - to help the nations of the free world.

After ^{the} signing ~~the measure~~ Mr. Kennedy went sailing on Nantucket Sound. Sailing - and thinking. Wondering if ^{Gen.} ~~Gen.~~ DeGaulle really will agree to stop his ^a ~~atomic~~ explosions in the Sahara -- if, by some miracle, Khrushchev should accept a moratorium on testing. DeGaulle's answer will be made public tomorrow -- when the President of France holds his news conference in Paris.

SPY

The latest American to be accused of espionage by the Russians - is said to have been caught while ~~he was~~ taking photos of military installations in the Ukraine.

Marvin Mackinnon, according to Radio Moscow - travelled behind the Iron Curtain, ostensibly as a tourist. Actually - a spy.

The Soviet version says that he admits -- gathering confidential information. Getting away with it - until he reaches the Ukraine. Mackinnon's version of what happened - not made public in Moscow.

BRAZIL

~~FOREIGN~~ It looks as if Brazil is going to have --
a compromise government. Vice President Goulart, to take
office as President - under the Brazilian ~~g~~ Constitution, ~~with~~
~~The~~ real power, to be wielded by - a Prime Minister
responsible to the Congress in Brasilia. Both Goulart and
the Generals who oppose him - accepting this compromise.

EXPLOSION

That fire aboard an oil tanker docked at Sarnia, Ontario - was caused by an explosion in the boiler room. The "Imperial Hamilton" taking aboard a cargo ~~mg~~ of gasoline - when she was rocked by ^q~~the~~ blast below decks. Searing flames whipped through the vessel - from stem to stern. A column of smoke from burning gasoline - towering hundreds of feet into the sky. Clearly visible from the Blue Water ~~an~~ Bridge - three miles north, up to the St. Clair River.

It took all of Sarnia's firemen - to get the blaze under control. Tonight the "Imperial Hamilton" - is a charred hulk in the river. The toll - six injured, two seriously.

HOLIDAY

One record seems beyond the reach of the American people. Which is something - we can all be thankful for.

The National Safety Council reports ~~that we're~~^a slowing down
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- in the number of traffic fatalities over this holiday.

The estimate had been that four hundred and twenty would die on our ~~in~~ highways -- between Friday and Tuesday. Right now, it looks as if the ~~the~~ guess was too pessimistic. Traffic accidents - not happening that fast. So the final death list will be far short of Nineteen Fifty One's terrifying record of four hundred and fifty three.

RIOT

~~Today~~ ^{today:} The chief of police ~~at~~ Lake George, New York remarked "I've never seen anything like this." Chief Brandt, referring to - last night's near-riot. A mob of about fifteen hundred - spilling out of the bars at closing time, surging through the streets of Lake George, shouting, drinking, fighting - racing their car motors. A ~~full-scale~~ riot, in the making - when ~~at~~ Chief Brandt ordered the fire hoses into action. The water, scattering the mob -- breaking up the free - for all. Ninety arrested. Lake George, trying to get back - to normal.

Similar conditions in Indianapolis and ^{a few} other ~~American~~ cities ~~any~~ where ~~the~~ Labor Day festivities got somewhat out of hand.

SLAVE

Here's a name that's prosaic enough: Charlie Smith. But there's nothing prosaic about the Charlie Smith - who lives in Polk City, Florida. Charlie is one hundred-and-eighteen years old - the oldest American on the Social Security rolls.

Charlie wasn't born - an American. He first saw the light of day in Liberia - back in Eighteen Forty Three. When he was twelve, slave traders captured him - transported him to America; and sold him down the river - on the New Orleans slave block.

Five years later - came The Civil War. Young Charlie Smith saw Confederate soldiers - marching North, and later - the Yanks driving South. He became a free man - with Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The former slave, watching the great episodes of American history - ever since. Everything from reconstruction through two World Wars on down - to the "Cold War."

Why is Charlie Smith in the news - just now?

Because he has just received an increase - in his
Social Security. Old Charlie, with more dollars to
put in his jeans - at the age of a hundred and eighteen.

SNOW

What do you know about that early snow - in Colorado!? That Rocky Mountain State digging out tonight - digging out of the earliest snow fall on record. And no mere flurry either. At Conifer - eighteen inches of snow. At Leadville - twelve inches.

In the San Luis Valley, repairmen have been having a time getting telephone service reconnected after heavy snow disrupted the lines for eleven hours.

While most of the country swelters in August-September heat, Colorado - much of it is buried deep in snow. What do you know?

CHIMP

The central figure of a dramatic kidnapping - is back home. Mr. Moke, the chimpanzee - returning to the St. Louis zoo. Given up - by his kidnapper. Or, would you say:- chimpnapper?

Remember how Bob Tomarchin sold his pet - to the St. Louis zoo; then - changed his mind; sneaking into the zoo - slipping out with the chimp; leaving a note reading:- "Mr. Moke is heartbroken for freedom and attention."

The zoo officials not appreciating all this sentiment, sued - and won. A jury finding Tomarchin - guilty of robbery. Today the kidnapper - surrendered. Sending back - his chimp. How does Mr. Moke feel about all this? He just reaches for another banana and says nothing.