

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Will the national economy start pulling out of the present mild recession - a few weeks from now? Secretary of the Treasury Dillon thinks so. Testifying on Capitol Hill, Douglas Dillon today said that our economy is strong enough - for him to predict a strong movement upward. Especially, if consumer confidence is maintained. Sounds exciting! And so does this: -

right
... changing color through the spectrum of the rainbow -
green, blue, yellow, black, brown.

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PLANE

An Air Force officer today flew - four times the speed of sound! Major Bob White, of Edwards Air Force base - in his X-15. The plane that is half rocket.

The X-15 ~~was~~ dropped from its mother plane, Major White, taking over - for an eight minute flight over the Mojave Desert. A flight such as no one - has ever made before. The planes' rocket engine, developing a thrust that drove it through the sky at better than twenty-six hundred miles an hour. The friction, so great, the exterior of the plane reached seven hundred degrees. Enough to melt ordinary metals. The special paint changing color ^{right} through the spectrums of the rainbow - green, blue, yellow, black, brown.

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SCHOOLS

President Kennedy repeats his assertion that Federal aid to parochial schools - would be unconstitutional. The President, refusing to budge on this - in spite of opposition from a congressional leader from his own state, And - his own party. House Democratic leader John McCormack of Massachusetts - questions the Kennedy interpretation of the Constitution.

McCormack, holding - that government loans to non-public schools would be constitutional. John Kennedy - standing by the contrary opinions, ~~he~~ won't ask that Federal money be put into either parochial or private schools.

Meanwhile, the President is going ahead with - aid to higher education. Asking Congress to approve a five-year plan involving three billion dollars. Funds, for college buildings - and scholarships.

INTEGRATION

The nineteen-sixty-one Battle of Atlanta, has ended in victory for - the people of Atlanta. So say Georgia integrationist leaders - deliberately avoiding any extravagant claims for their side. Not wanting to stir up any trouble. But they don't deny - that segregation has suffered a real defeat in Atlanta.

At any rate, today's announcement by the city Chamber of Commerce - points to de-segregation in the near future, probably this fall. When and if the problem of school integration is decided. Negroes, to be allowed to eat at lunch counters where the sit-ins occurred. Agreeing in return - to put a stop to all picketing, boycotts, and reprisals. Apparently - the end of Atlanta's sit-in campaign.

THOMPSON

Ambassador to Moscow, Llewellyn Thompson is on his way to Siberia - where he'll join Khrushchev and deliver a personal message from President Kennedy; a message already ten days old.

No word yet - on the reason for Khrushchev's delay in meeting Thompson. No explanation why the boss of the Kremlin, touring Soviet agricultural areas - let the American ambassador cool his heels in Moscow, until now.

GHANA

The President of Ghana wants the U. N. command in the Congo - strengthened. Nkrumah has often been termed - pro-Soviet. But in New York today, Nkrumah told the General Assembly - that the U. N. must stay in the Congo. Not get out as Khrushchev has demanded. Instead, work to remove that area of the world from the Cold War. This to be done - by relying on Africans for civilian and military duties. And - by bringing the Congolese leaders to heel. Especially, by compelling the Congolese army to stay in barracks.

Before the session got underway, Adlai Stevenson made a statement on our official position. Saying, we'd like to see "cold war items" kept out of the coming debates. But Stevenson added - he's not at U. N. headquarters to make any deal with the Soviet Union. It's just that America wants real progress - on real issues, Instead of another round of the old recrimination.

CONGO

In the Congo, the key words are - Banana and Matadi.

A week ago, ^{not many} ~~few~~ Americans had ever heard of those two Congo supply ports. Now everybody has heard of them - because of the fighting between U. N. troops and the Congolese army.

Tonight the international detachments - are out of both Banana and Matadi, With the Congolese government warning the U. N. - not to try to shoot their way back in.

And Leopoldville is making - a series of harsh demands.

The key demand - that U.N. special representative Rajeshwar Dayal, be ousted from his job. The man from India is called - "biased" against the Kasavubu government. At the same time Leopoldville wants the U.N. to clear all plane flights with the existing administration. Which could lead to trouble - when U.N. soldiers have to be transported quickly, across the continent by air. Tonight, members of the U.N. command are unanimous - against any Congolese veto of U.N. orders. One of them put it like this - "We cannot accept national control by anyone."

CUBA

The Castro firing squads are back at work, ~~in Cuba~~.
Two more executions today. The defendants, accused of -
working for American Intelligence, ^{were} quickly sentenced by the
Court - hustled off to be executed.

Castro's ~~answer to the mounting opposition to his~~
~~dictatorship.~~ In a marathon radio and television address -
^{again} he castigated his enemies, ~~as usual.~~ ^{my} Blamed the present
trouble of his regime on the U. S., And promised to shoot
anyone - who stands in his way.

WOMACK

I wonder how many there are who remember Bob Womack? I've just read a piece about him in the Cripple Creek Gold Rush. The story says a national Cowboy Hall of Fame is under construction near Oklahoma. City.

I believe there are only six who have so far been admitted to this group of western immortals. At least two have names familiar to many of you: Kit Carson and William MacLeod Raine.

At any rate, it's a five million dollar project and various western states are taking part in the undertaking.

The Cripple Creek Gold Rush says Governor McNichols, of Colorado, has nominated Bob Womack.

How many
~~of you~~ of you remember Bob? Did any of you ever see him when he came down from Cripple Creek to

Colorado Springs to do a little celebrating? They say

Womack
~~Bob~~ on a bender was something.

At any rate, Bob Womack made his mark in history as the discoverer of gold at Cripple Creek, the man who started the last great gold rush, where as late as Nineteen Fifteen I recall one of the mines, the Cresson, came up with ore so rich it earned them a hundred thousand a day. I recall one forty day shipment, of sylvanite, at a thousand a sack - a total of four million dollars. Bob Womack really started something!

Now Dick - you start something!

BASEBALL

Another dictatorial decree - in Cuba. Subject -
baseball. Castro, deciding to change the rules - make them
more revolutionary. Less contaminated by - Yankee Imperialism.
Could he be thinking about - that Yankee Imperialism in the
American League? It looks as if ^{once again} the New York Yanks will be the
team to beat ~~again~~ this year.

The Cuban dictator can't do much about Ralph Houck's
ball club, but he ~~can~~ can do something about baseball on his
own island; ^{where} ~~that~~ he began his new policy of expropriation - while
he was pitching in a sand lot game. One runner stole second on
pitcher Castro. Whereupon, umpire Castro ordered him to go back
to first. Rules-maker Castro, explaining ^{that} "Under the revolution,
no one can steal, even in baseball."

~~Remember how the Cuban players in the big leagues will take~~
~~to this rule. There might be some lifting of eyebrows, in Chicago~~
^{Now wouldn't there be some startled fans}
^{of Cuba would}
if Minnie Minoso ^{of Cuba would} stops lighting out for second - when the White
Sox fans begin chanting - "Go! Go!"