

L.T. - Olds, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1961

If my wife is listening here - how would you like this for dinner tonight? Half an egg. One ounce of cereal. Four ounces of condensed milk. Half a teaspoon of cooking oil. Extract of iron. Topped off with - gelatine.

An ideal meal for - a daring pioneer? And - he survived - the menu. More important he returned alive from the edge of outer space where he went today in that Redstone missile. The Chimpanzee made his journey today - up up for a hundred and fifty miles. Descending four hundred miles down the Atlantic Range. A flight made at some five thousand miles an hour.

The chimp - especially trained for the ride; mentally and physically they say. After that hearty meal at Cape Canaveral they sent him on his way - into the sky. The Redstone rocket did go a hundred and thirty miles beyond the target area we hear - but it

wasn't the passenger's fault. He moved the levers in front of him - just as he had been trained to do.

Reacting perfectly - to the rocket impact. And the rigors of space he encountered? These included weightlessness.

The capsule, released pretty much according to plan - floated down in the Atlantic and was picked up by one of our ships. When the scientists opened the capsule they found the passenger in fine shape.

Released - he began to frisk about; chattering at the top of his voice - telling everyone within earshot of his recent trip. I wonder what he did think of it?

They call this Space visitor "Ham". The "Ham" who today blazed a trail to the edge of Outer Space; the trail, soon to be followed by - one of our astronauts; who'll be doing alright indeed if he fares as well as the Chimpanzee.

SATALITE follow CHIMP

one of the better
This was ~~a good~~ ^{days} - for American rocketeers.

We launched ~~an~~ another artificial satalite. The two-ton "SAMOS" - known as "The Spy in the Sky." ^{This} ~~The missile~~ missile roared aloft during a drizzling rain - at Point Arguello, California. Disappearing into the murk - then sending back word that it had gone into orbit. Now circling the planet - across the Poles.

The "SAMOS" is full of top secret photographic equipment. It's called "The Spy in the Sky" - because it can send back detailed snapshots of any part of the earth it sees. And its orbit covers - most of the earth.

HOUSE

That important vote in the House today? Two-hundred-and-seventeen to two-hundred-and-twelve.

Generally - along party lines. For the motion - a-hundred-and-ninety-five Democrats, and twenty-two Republicans. Against it - a-hundred-and-forty-eight Republicans, and sixty-four Democrats.

The motion, as you know - involved the Rules Committee of the House. Speaker Sam Rayburn, running interference for President Kennedy - demanding that the Committee be enlarged from twelve to fifteen, in order to provide seats for three more Liberals, and break the Conservative strangle-hold - that in the past, has so often prevented bills from reaching the floor of the House.

President Kennedy said repeatedly - that his Administration needed a change in the Rules Committee. Speaker Rayburn - put his reputation on the line. The

President and the Speaker winning by a margin of five votes - winning the Administration's first big battle - on Capitol Hill. The Democrats, jubilant tonight, are predicting quick passage of basic Kennedy ~~IMMEDIATE~~ legislation.

DEMOCRATS

New York's "Battle of the Democrats" has been won by Mayor Wagner. The issue - a new Manhattan Borough President. Someone to replace Hulan Jack - convicted in a conflict-of-interest case. *The Hulan* Jack Incident, bringing to a head the ~~gi~~ fight between Carmine de Sapio of Tamany Hall - and a group of Reformed Democrats led by Mrs. Roosevelt and former Senator Lehman.

Mayor Wagner, colliding with the Tamanny Chief - on the issue of a Borough President. The Mayor, winning today - when the City Council voted for his candidate, Justice Edward Dudley.

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans Segregationists have turned their attention from the schools - to the drugstore. The point being - that John Thompson ^{who} works for the Walgreen Chain, ~~and~~ is the father - of the boy who broke the Color Bar at McDonogh School. Today pickets walked up and down - with placards, calling on Walgreen's to fire Thompson - who already is threatened with eviction from his apartment.

His reaction? He says he'll fight back - and keep sending his children to school so their education won't suffer.

EL SALVADOR

The government of El Salvador has put an end to - martial law. The anti-Communist Junta, deciding - there's no further danger of a counter-attack from the Left. The nation, accepting the new leadership - getting back to normal. The brief flurry of pro-Castro demonstrations - dying out. The Junta, moving on to deal with - the domestic problems of El Salvador.

CUBA

The verdict on those six American captured in Cuba - was harsher than expected. Many observers in Havana believed that Castro would be ~~lenient~~ as a political gesture. Try to placate those - who have been criticizing the harshness of his rule. Instead, the Americans have drawn sentences of thirty years. In a way, they are lucky - because they just might have had an early date with Castro's firing squad.

What's the meaning - of today's sentence?

Indications are - that the Cuban Dictator resents President Kennedy's attitude to him. ~~The~~ President *Kennedy* calling for an end to - the Police State Castro runs. Result - Castro striking back. Giving his American prisoners - thirty years.

SHIP

Tonight the "SANTA MARIA" is ~~riding out on the~~
~~Atlantic~~ - about thirty miles off the coast of Brazil, ^{with}
Rebel Commander Henrique Galvao, waiting to enter the
harbor of Recife - and land those six hundred passengers.
Galvao, ^{is} depending on guarantees from Janio Quadros -
Brazil's new President. Quadros, ^{declaring} ~~declaring~~ - he won't
turn his old friend over to the Portugese. ^{Or} - impound
the captured ship.

Galvao expects that he and his men - will be
treated as political revolutionaries. But - there ^{is} ~~is~~ one
hitch. When Galvao seized the "SANTA MARIA" - one of the
crew got killed during the take-over. So - a murder
charge is involved, ^a ~~a~~ problem for President Quadros -
when he makes his final decision on the "SANTA MARIA".

As for American Admiral Smith - he did the job
assigned to him. Boarding the ship - early this
morning, ^{he} ~~he~~ Persuaded ^{ed} Galvao not to attempt a transfer of
the passengers - on the high seas. Too risky. Hence -
the announcement ^{about} the "SANTA MARIA" entering Recife
Harbor tomorrow.

JARGON

In Cape Canaveral, UPI newsman, Murray Moler, remarked today - "I've been Canaveralized." Murray, referring to the jargon he's running into - while covering ~~the~~ the news at our big missile base.

What kind of jargon? ~~Well,~~ If a missile has two electronic systems - the scientists don't say it as simply as that. They say - "The bird has a capability of redundancy." Suppose they ^Rre trying to find out - what's wrong with the ~~missile~~ missile? ~~That's~~ That's a case of - "malfunction at the junction."

Take the phrase - "There's a hold in the countdown." Sounds cryptic, but all it means ^{is} - "There's been a delay." The egg-heads of Cape Canaveral - coming up with their own language; ^{the new lingo} ~~or - is it a new dialect of English? Whatever you call it, it adds up to - the~~ ~~jargon~~ jargon of the space age, Dick,

AMBASSADOR

The return to Washington of ^{the U.S.} ~~our~~ Ambassador to Moscow - is routine. So ^{says} ~~stated~~ by White House News Secretary, Pierre Salinger, who points out that ~~xxxx~~ Llewellyn Thompson - returns about once every six months, and hasn't been back - since June of Nineteen Sixty.

But under prodding by newsmen, Salinger admitted - President Kennedy ordered today's announcement to be stressed. The President, making it clear to the American people - that he attaches a lot of importance to his forthcoming Conference with Thompson. All of which points up the Kennedy policy - of working out a new strategy of dealing with Khrushchev.