

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1962

(L.T. on his way to South Sea Islands and Antarctica. Bc.given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

GOOD EVENING :

Plans for Red Cross inspection of cargoes bound for Cuba ran into a major snag today when the organization's international committee announced in Geneva it will postpone a decision on whether to perform such inspection. At the same time, a spokesman for Acting U.N. Secretary General U-Thant said the Red Cross inspection plan, for the time being, is, "in abeyance."

This word came as U-Thant began studying a new Soviet-Cuban proposal for settling the Caribbean crisis. The proposal backs Premier Castro's demands for U.S. withdrawal from the Guantanamo Naval Base and the lifting of the American blockade of Cuba. It presumably is the result of two weeks of talks in Havana between First Soviet Deputy Premier Mikoyan

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and Castro. The United States, however, is standing firm in its determination not to withdraw from Guantanamo, and officials in Washington have begun pressing more sharply their demands that Soviet jet bombers now in Cuba must be removed. In Havana, Cuba, Security officials claimed today to have smashed, what they called, "a U.S. Intelligence plot" to blow up copper and nickel mines in two Cuban provinces. The government statement also said the leader of a U.S.-trained band of saboteurs had been captured.

ADENAUER

West German Chancellor Adenauer begins talks with President Kennedy in Washington tomorrow, on world problems ranging from Cuba to Berlin. They are expected to put the final touches on propositions the West might offer if Premier Khrushchev decides to negotiate the Berlin question. The talks will begin with an evaluation of Soviet intentions in light of Russia's withdrawal of missiles from Cuba.

BERLIN

Refugee soldiers from East Germany who fled to the west report tonight that Communist East Germany has frozen the discharge of servicemen until further notice, because of what's termed the "serious political situation." Western officials hear the freeze was ordered last month during the Cuban crisis and still is in effect.

Meanwhile, here at home, in Richmond, Indiana, a replica of the Berlin Wall has been erected in the middle of busy U.S. Highway Forty. Of course, it brought both applause and grumbling from impeded motorists. One woman in a car, eastbound, protested: "What are you trying to do -- scare us to death before we get to Washington?"

Volunteers had stacked up five hundred concrete blocks into an un-mortared wall in the street two feet thick, six feet high and sixteen feet long, topped with barbed wire two feet higher. Sponsors, the Richmond, Indiana, Junior Chamber of Commerce; the Jaycees, always trying to do the best thing -- but some of the passers-by are asking questions on this one.

INDIA

India announced plans today to expand its armed forces in the undeclared war against Red China. It includes military training for every able-bodied man in the country. Home guard units are being set up in all districts bordering Tibet, which is the base of the Communist Chinese offensive in the Himalaya Mountain area. The Indian government charges that Communist China has flooded the entire border of India with soldiers.

On Wednesday, the Indian nation celebrates Prime Minister Nehru's seventy-third birthday. And donations of gold are pouring in to give him his weight in that precious metal for the war effort.

SPACE

A thirty-five year old Air Force Major -- Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr. - will be America's next man in space. The Space Agency today named Cooper as the man who will fly a spacecraft on a planned one-day mission, which would take him around the earth eighteen times.

The launching is scheduled for next April, and Cooper's back-up pilot will be Astronaut Alan Shepard, who was the first American to ride a rocket into space on a sub-orbital trip last year.

ROCKET

U.S.Space scientists plan to launch a giant Saturn rocket from Cape Canaveral this Friday in the third step of a test series aimed at blazing an American trail to the moon. The Saturn will carry aloft more instruments than any other U.S. rocket launched so far. It will also dump ninety-five tons of water into outer space in what the Space Agency calls, a "bonus scientific experiment", to see what water will do at a height of one hundred and four miles. Scientists say it should form a huge ice cloud and provide more information about electrification in the upper regions of space.

LABOR

The AFL-CIO today broke off relations with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in protest against the activities of the NAACP's Labor Secretary, Herbert Hill. AFL-CIO President George Meany said Hill has been making "baseless charges" of racial discrimination against some union.

BUDGET

Red ink -- the federal budget is running rampant with it -- almost eight billion dollars worth. According to the budget bureau - it's the second highest peace-time deficit on record. The price tag for the Cuban crisis alone is pinned at one hundred million, maybe more, depending on whether there's a worsening of the present situation.

Fiscally, the biggest single change is a drop in tax collections, in part the result of the failure of the economy to expand at the rapid pace the administration hoped for and forecast. Total sales of goods and services will come to five hundred and fifty-four billion in Nineteen Sixty-Two instead of the five hundred and sixty-seven billion predicted.

ARCTIC

Now the Russians are coming up with a new plan, for warming the Arctic regions. A Soviet engineer, Alexei Sokolov, suggests the installation of submerged pumps in the Bering Straits -- the area between the tips of Alaska and Siberia -- to push the icy polar water into the Pacific.

The official Russian News Agency, Tass, quotes the engineer as saying this plan is better and cheaper than another proposed project calling for construction of a Dam across the straits, equipped with the pumps. Sokolov says a submerged dam would allow more water to be pumped while allowing ice and shipping to pass through the straits.

Dick Noel, sounds like your kind of weather.

Good night - I'll be back tomorrow.

CHRISTMAS

Well, Dick, it's exactly forty-one days until Christmas, but already harbingers of the Yuletide are in the air. It was announced today in Salida, Colorado, that a one hundred and fifty year old Blue Spruce, eighty-five feet tall, has been selected as this year's White House Christmas tree. It will be loaded on two railway flat-cars tomorrow and started on its journey to Washington.

And still another Yuletide note, the Nineteen Sixty-Two ~~Seal~~ Christmas Seal campaign began today in Louisville, Kentucky, and the campaign flag was raised at the courthouse by workers named Charles W. Christmas, Clayton N. Seal, and our own volunteer, Dick Noël.

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