

L.T.-OLDS. WEDNESDAY. AUGUST 9. 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Have you been following - the latest hi-jacking of another American airliner? This time a Pan-American jet - worth six million dollars. It was enroute from Mexico City to Guatemala - with seventy two passengers aboard. And - a crew of nine.

A gunman, entered the cockpit - threatened pilot Carl Ballard of Huntsville, Texas. Forcing him to fly - to Havana. Which Captain Ballard had to do - to protect his passengers. Landing his plane on the jet runway - at the Cuban capital. Passengers and crew - all safe.

President Kennedy promptly forwarded a note to Castro - by way of the Swiss Embassy in Havana. Demanding immediate release - of the plane, and those on board. Apart from that - the President had nothing to say.

LEAD - 2

Secretary of State Rusk is not taking Khrushchev -
Castro's reply "the pilot allowed to take off with
at his word. Figures you all know what the Soviet boss said
everybody on board except the hi-jacker.

Meanwhile Capitol Hill has been ringing with -
repeating once more - that he definitely will sign that
exasperated oratory. Suggestions on how to handle -
separate treaty with its East German puppets. Adding that
hijackers. Many members of Congress, calling for a
he doesn't believe it will lead to war.
blockade of Cuba - if any more American planes are taken
Secretary Rusk has many reasons for feeling - that
over by Castro's gunmen. And the members of Congress
Khrushchev isn't as confident as he sounds. One reason -
are unanimous - that a strong bill must be written,
the Soviet Dictator apparently has used up all his room for
setting a penalty of life imprisonment - possibly death -
diplomatic maneuvering. He's talked so long and so loudly
for hi-jacking.

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analysis:- When President Kennedy first made it plain that
the West would not surrender - Khrushchev suddenly began to
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RUSK

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at his word. *Have you heard* ~~I guess you all know~~ what the Soviet boss said
at the Kremlin reception for Cosmonaut Titov? - Khrushchev,
repeating once more - that he definitely will sign that
separate treaty with ~~ix~~ his East German puppets. Adding *that*
he doesn't believe it will lead to war.

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the Soviet Dictator apparently has used up all his room for
diplomatic ~~an~~ maneuvering. He's talked so long and so loudly
about the treaty - that he may have closed every escape hatch
once open to him.

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realized - he's gone too far to turn back. He has to sign

the treaty now - whether he likes it or not. So he might as well insist - that he likes it.

At any rate, Dean Rusk is warning the West to get ready for a showdown on Berlin - this fall.

EAST GERMANY FOLLOW RUSK

Today an East German refugee arriving in West Berlin remarked:- "the Communists are as bad as the Nazis." This, a reference to - the anti-refugee measures taken by East Germany. Remember how Nazi Germany harrassed those - who wanted to get out? ~~WELL~~, Khrushchev's East German puppets are using - the same technique. Armed patrols, moving constantly along the routes - to West Berlin. Spies, reporting to the police on - East Germans preparing for a race to freedom. Many who manage to reach the border are being told harshly - to go home, ~~Home~~ - to East Germany. *at the* *same time* Leaving their money and other valuables - with the border patrols.

Nevertheless, an incredible number of refugees - continue to get through. Another ~~an~~ record, set today - one thousand nine hundred and twenty six. Within twenty four hours, that many ~~people~~ in Communist East Germany - "voted for freedom with their feet."

DEFENSE

The Defense Appropriation Bill okayed by a joint Senate-House conference today - produced only one disputed point. The question of - civil ~~XXXX~~ defense. President Kennedy is asking for over two hundred million - to build shelters and improve our warning system. The ~~XXXX~~ conferees, unable to agree on this - sending it back for further study.

The rest of the bill - was quickly approved.

Earmarking forty six billion - for everything from rockets to helicopters.

MANEUVERS

Quite ^a ~~massive~~ battle is ^{reported from} ~~swaying across~~ the back woods of Carolina - tonight. A simulated battle - that is.

"Exercise swift strike" - moving ahead according to plan.

This ^S ~~Following up~~ yesterday's drop - of five thousand paratroopers.

They seized key points on the ground - and today were being ~~supplied~~ supplied by planes arriving at the rate of one a minute.

The Generals involved in "exercise swift strike" maintain - this is one of the most successful war games they've ever seen. The U S Army, limbering up - getting ready for the real thing. ^{Just in case.} ~~if it comes.~~

WHEAT

The Secretary of Agriculture pegs the price support for wheat - at two dollars a bushel. Orville Freeman, moving the government subsidy up from seventy-five percent of parity - to eighty-four percent. At the same time, cutting wheat acreage - below the present ~~minimum~~ minimum of fifty-five million acres. These terms, to go into effect - if our farmers decide to accept them at the forthcoming referendum.

Meanwhile, there's an item on wheat - from our neighbors to the North. The Canadians have been selling their grain - behind the Iron Curtain ^{with} ~~And~~ one shipment ^{getting} ~~got~~ caught in - the rivalry between Russia and Red China.

Mao Tse Tung, buying two million bushels of Canadian wheat. Ordering delivery to - Albania. The Dictator of Red China, protecting his European satellite - from an economic blockade by the Soviet Union. Another indication of how badly split - the Communist empire is.

OPERA

As expected, President Kennedy has moved into the wage dispute between- the Met and its orchestra. The President, directing Secretary of Labor Goldberg - to mediate if he can. Whereupon, Secretary Goldberg phoned the head of the Union - and General Manager Rudolf Bing. Specific suggestions - by Washington? No word on this - yet. Merely an emphatic assertion - that President Kennedy wants the Met to open its doors this season. As do - opera fans, ~~all~~ ~~over the country.~~

FLOOD

The weather story from Iowa can be judged - from this. - Stratton Creek, ~~is~~ usually narrow enough - to jump across, ~~is~~ tonight ^{is} a raging torrent - a thousand feet wide.

Reason - a flash flood caused by eleven inches of rain. Rivers and streams, rising high ~~above~~ above flood crest - sending a deluge over the surrounding countryside.

The force of the rampaging water, so great - it swept cars off highway Thirty One near Washta, Iowa. The highway itself ^{now} ~~is~~ under two feet of water.

FILIBUSTER

Texas Oilman Lawrence O'Connor - must feel rather relieved tonight. After all, its quite an experience - when you ^{are} ~~be~~ the object of a filibuster on Capitol Hill.

O'Connor, appointed to the federal power commission - by President Kennedy. But Senator ~~William~~ Proxmire decided to interrupt Senate confirmation - by means of a filibuster. The Wisconsin Democrat, holding the floor - for twenty-six hours, contending until he was ~~hazzz~~ hoarse, that the appointment would be - a victory for the gas and oil interests. ^{- Dick -} The Proxmire talkathon, magnificent - but in vain. The Senate, confirming O'Connor - who is ^{not too unhappy} ~~glad~~ to see the end of the filibuster against him.

GIRL

In Madison, Wisconsin, the law finally caught up with - "Little Red Robbing Hood". The young lady who made a practice of wearing - a red hood, that showed nothing but her eyes. Reason - no, not fashion. It was robbery. The masked lady - holding up taxicabs. Giving the drivers a look at - nothing but her red mask. And her pistol. The scheme, working until one ~~lucky~~ cabby refused to put his hands up. Instead, he jerked the gun away from his mysterious passenger - and collared her until the police arrived.

Today a Madison Judge sentenced Sandra Wick - to two years. *So, off she goes to jail* ~~to the clinic and~~ not her grandmothers house 4 for Madison's Little Red Riding Hood - I mean "Little Red Robbing Hood."