

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

While President Kennedy was investigating rockets in Houston today - across the state in Dallas, they were investigating "hot oil." Hot - literally and metaphorically. The reference - that question of oil piracy in East Texas. A Lone Star Legislative Committee, trying to find out - whether some big operators really did get away with Fifty million dollars worth of oil, by driving slanting shafts, connecting their own wells - with those nearby. Siphoning off an ocean of oil - while their victims didn't know a thing about it.

Tonight, Texas law makers are talking about - a new law. Subject - "hot oil."

KENNEDY

There was one rugged individualist in Houston today - the man in the crowd who wore a button reading, "Win With Goldwater." Why - an individualist? ~~Well,~~ ¹² ~~consider the fact that~~ He was surrounded by a bevy of beautiful girls - with Jackie hairdos. And above his head ^{they} waved a sign ^{with} ~~bearing~~ the words - "Welcome, Jack!"

In other words, the Houston crowd was cheering - President Kennedy. Almost half-a-million Texans - lining the streets. ~~Almost~~ ^{at 7:30,} Fifty-Thousand, ^{flocking} into the football stadium at Rice University - to hear the President.

What they heard was - optimism about our space program. Mr. Kennedy saying in ringing tones - that we intend to capture the lead. Specifically - that we will put a man on the Moon, ahead of the Russians. Do it - before the end of the decade.

What's the point of pushing - our expensive space

program? President Kennedy returned to his familiar theme of - the New Frontier. Said he - "we choose to go to the Moon, not because it will be easy, but because it will be hard." Knowing his audience, Mr. Kennedy closed this example of rhetoric by asking - "why does Rice play Texas?"

I don't have to tell you what the reaction was - in Rice Stadium. Let's just say that it was - favorable.

RUSK

The briefing of members of the House by ~~the~~
Secretary of State - was a follow up to what he said
yesterday. Dean Rusk, spelling out what he meant - when
he told newsmen that we would handle Cuba in the light
of our national interest. Ignoring - the rocket
rattling in Moscow.

Dean Rusk explains this to mean - that we are
ready to take military action in the Caribbean. That
is - if Castro actually turns Cuba into a Soviet base.
However he says
~~that~~ the bearded Dictator hasn't done that, yet. So -
we ^{are} not going to be stampeded into action. Our Cuban
policy, for the moment - wait and see.

Meanwhile
~~the~~ the Cuban exiles - are not waiting. Today,
they announced plans for - more hit-and-run assaults on
Castro's police state, with it's Russian "technicians."

COMMONWEALTH

When the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth assembled in London for their present conference - every Britisher knew ~~that~~ there would be tough talk about the Common Market. But Prime Minister Macmillan never ~~guessed~~ - how tough it would be.

Tonight, the report is that almost every Commonwealth leader - has denounced British entry into the Common Market. ^{— with} Macmillan, so shaken by the tone of the debate - that he ^{has} called a special Cabinet meeting, ^{to} ~~asking~~ his colleagues - what he can say now - to mollify the others at the conference.

One solution - ruled out. No British retreat - from the Common Market. Even the most hostile Commonwealth Prime Ministers admit - that they'll have to live with Britain as a member of the Common Market.

The latest on that U-2 incident over Red China - is that the plane probably was knocked down by conventional anti-aircraft guns. Not - by rockets. At least, that's the interpretation in Taipei - where the information released by the Reds is being studied. open Chang Kai Shek's intelligence officers, believing - that the U-2 suffered a "flame out" high above Mao Tse-tung's domain. The pilot from Formosa, losing altitude - until he was low enough for old-fashioned anti-aircraft shells to hit him. and today, the parent group appeared to sympathize with - the companies. Most members of the Committee, implying - that the sub-committee is out of line. The steel officials, merely defending their rights - in keeping their books confidential. Not guilty of - contempt of Congress.

STEEL

In Washington, it's Senator Kefauver - versus the steel companies. ~~its~~ Also - the Kefauver sub-committee versus the Senate judiciary committee.

Here's how ~~the~~ the snarl on Capitol Hill developed. Senator Kefauver ordered four steel companies - to open their books on prices and expenses. The steelmen - refused. The Senator from Tennessee then asked for - contempt of Congress citations.

That put the dispute up to - the judiciary committee. And today, the parent group appeared to sympathize with - the companies. Most members of the Committee, implying - that the sub-committee is out of line. The steel officials, merely defending their rights - in keeping their books confidential. Not guilty of - contempt of Congress.

BUSINESS

The Defense Department says it has good news for - small business. More government contracts are being shunted - from industrial giants to lesser competitors. The sum involved for the past fiscal year - almost five billion dollars. An increase of Nine-hundred-and-sixty-six-million - from the previous year, with the trend continuing. Small business, getting a break - from Uncle Sam. So says the Department of Defense.

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PRIMARY

The Republican primary in Massachusetts resembles the Democratic primary - in at least one respect. On both sides of the political fence, the word is - "dynasty." The Democrats, - Ted Kennedy, and his big brothers in Washington. The Republicans, - George Cabot Lodge, and the Lodge tradition of public service. That is, the name Lodge spells "dynasty" - to Congressman Lawrence Curtis, who is bidding for the GOP nomination. But it spells no such thing - to young Lodge, who explained: "no relations of mine hold office today!"

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SWITZERLAND

Have you heard of - "The Northeast Switzerland Committee Against Upper Rhine Shipping." It all has to do with a campaign by the Swiss in the mountains, against the Swiss who live along the headwaters of the Rhine. The Swiss Hillbillies yodelling sadly - that the Swiss government gives too much trade on Rhine freighters; and not enough on trucks across the Swiss Alps via the mountain highways.

To play this up they arranged a tour for newsmen. Ah, but a Trojan Horse - sneaked into those Alps; an interloper who put in every travel kit-a brochure proclaiming the virtues of river-borne trade, which caused the members of "The Northeast Switzerland Committee Against Upper Rhine Shipping, "to yodel something that didn't sound a bit like O lee aye-see-hoo! How about a yodel or two - from you - Dick?

MOLASSES

In Buffalo, New York, they have - enough

molasses. In one area more than enough. Eighty

thousand gallons of the sweet sticky stuff - leaking

out of a storage tank; oozing over nearby lawns - a

sea of molasses.

What would you do if you had eighty thousand gallons of molasses spread over your lawn?

unanimous - seventy-six to none.

Not a single dissent from the principle - that the President should be able to put one-hundred-and-fifty thousand of the reserves in uniform, if - he thinks the international situation is critical enough, for such a move.