

KENNEDY

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(Review of Hattelot, substituting P. J. on way to New Orleans)

President Kennedy's attitude at his news

conference today - might be summed up in a cliché.

"Don't rock the boat - while a discussion is going on in the wheelhouse". In other words - no heavy-handed interference in critical problems at home and abroad.

Consider - Hispaniola. We thought the President might have much to say - about the dispute between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Instead, he confined himself to - flat and unequivocal support of the O.A.S.

Birmingham? Here Mr. Kennedy was - more specific. He pointed out that his administration has backed civil rights - with all the power it has under the Constitution. At the same time, he'd like to see the Knoxville method - applied elsewhere in the South. The method by which families meet one another - in their own homes.

But the President refused to speculate - on a

final solution for Birmingham. He simply said that he's waiting to see what the leaders of the city - white and negro - come up with in the way of a settlement. Mr. Kennedy, waiting with the rest of us - for the anticipated break in the crisis.

Let's take a quick look - at some other points. The President is not hopeful - that the Soviets will agree to a test ban. Nor does he know yet - whether they are sincere about freedom and neutralism for Laos. He doesn't believe that recent events in the Arab world - have tipped the balance of power in the Middle East. He's in favor of an American steel mill - for India. And when he meets Prime Minister Pearson, the agenda will include the ^{mutual} ~~material~~ interests of Canada and the United States.

RACIAL

This was a day of fast-breaking events - in Birmingham.

The key event - that dramatic news conference held by Martin Luther King and Fred Shuttlesworth. The two ministers announcing - an end to the integration demonstrations that have been rocking Birmingham. Predicting a solution - within twenty-four hours.

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

Last night we heard from Lowell Thomas - high over the Atlantic. Tonight finds him - in the Eternal City - Rome.

CICERO

Good Evening Everybody:

I'm on the banks of the Tiber tonight. In the city of the Caesars. Well, just the other evening, when I was broadcasting from the CBS studio in New York, we had a story on Douglas MacArthur that you may recall. The story about MacArthur and Marcus Tullius Cicero. The American General, who is often spoken of as the greatest General of our modern era - MacArthur was referring to the Roman statesman in his address. This was when the MacArthur chair of history was established at Columbia University.

And during the course of my broadcast telling about it, I said that Cicero made the mistake of - attempting to overthrow Augustus Caesar. On which point I received quite a number of letters that I've just been reading on my way across the Atlantic and as I flew on down to Rome. And where

better to reply to them than from here within a stone's throw of the Forum where Cicero starred as an orator.

So - let's see just what did happen back in the year 43 B.C. Caesar had been assassinated - the year before. The second triumvirate was in power here in Rome - Mark Anthony, Lepidus, and Octavian. Now, Cicero was a Republican - a Republican who opposed the second triumvirate. Although he was more hostile to Anthony than to Lepidus or Octavian - all three of them signed his death warrant.

So, Cicero fell for opposing Octavian. In my broadcast I called him Augustus Caesar. But was I wrong? At that moment everyone called him Octavian. But subsequently he did become the first Roman Emperor under the title Augustus Caesar. At any rate, thanks to all of you who wrote me. And now from Rome, as Cicero didn't say,

Solong,

FOLLOW L.T.

Okay, Lowell. But I'm not sure that I'll take any of those big jumps with you - on the Innsbruck ski run.

U.N.

Today the U.N. Security Council took up the simmering dispute between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Haiti accusing the Dominican of trying to extinguish the only Negro republic in the New World - the Dominicans saying that the whole thing was caused by Haiti's President Francois Duvalier trying to maintain himself in power.

O.A.S. FOLLOW U.N.

The Organization of American States ^{at its} meeting₅ today urged Haiti and the Dominican Republic - not to aggravate their mutual crisis.

Voting unanimously, the twenty-nation council agreed to - enlarge their fact-finding mission to Hispaniola. And give it additional powers - to deal with the crisis.

The O.A.S. ~~is~~ still hoping to find - a peaceful way out of the impasse.

HAITI FOLLOW O.A.S.

In Haiti itself tension has been heightened today - by the evacuation of Americans, mostly wives and children of U.S. Embassy and military mission personnel. In spite of warnings from the State Department - few civilians chose to leave.

A strict curfew is still clamped on Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital. But Haitian fears of an immediate invasion - have lessened. The government pinning its hopes on - mediation by the Organization of American States and the U.N. Security Council.

However the situation on the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic - is still explosive. With Dominican troops massed, and reconnaissance planes watching for the slightest indication that Haiti is trying - to move in reinforcements.

ADENAUER

When President Kennedy goes to West Berlin next month - he will be greeted by ^{KONRAD} ~~Chancellor~~ Adenauer.

American officials yielding to the insistence of - the West German Chancellor. Who does not ~~intend~~ intend to let his chief political opponent Mayor Willy Brandt of Berlin - have all the limelight.

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DUBLIN

The Irish it seems - are going all out to make President Kennedy feel at home. When he visits the land of his ancestors - next month. Plans are now being discussed to confer honorary citizenship - on the President.

It's an interesting idea - Honorary Irish citizenship for John Kennedy. Right after Honorary American citizenship - for Winston Churchill.

JAPANESE DOLL

I wonder what Caroline Kennedy will think of -
the latest thing in dolls.

Next month the Japanese are marketing a foot-
high likeness of President Kennedy - in a rocking chair.

With a wardrobe including a baseball uniform -
and a tuxedo.

When you wind it up, the doll rocks - and plays
the tune "Happy Days are Here Again."

SHIP

The Japanese government is sure that Red China's

"Great Leap Forward" - foundered on a reef. That is -

the ship named after the economic plan. Neither of

which - did so well. The Peking economists - falling

far short of their targets. The Red Chinese Captain,

running his vessel - aground. Not sunk by a torpedo -

as he says it was.

FIRE

The smoke from that fire in Somerville, Massachusetts today - could be seen fifteen miles away. The fire erupted in a cluster of chemical storage tanks - belonging to the American Mineral Spirits Co. Producing a raging inferno of flames - which shot hundreds of feet into the air.

Fanned by the wind, the flames leapt with incredible speed from tank to tank - and building to building. Dense black smoke blanketed the area - turning day into night. Employees rushed to safety. Hundreds of firefighters battled to keep the fire from spreading. Putting up huge fire walls to syphon off adjoining plants. The cause - still being investigated.