

KENNEDY

L-1. - *Alas.* Thurs. ~~July~~ ^{June} 29-61,

Today's meeting of the National Security Council was aimed squarely at - Khrushchev. ~~Pres~~ident Kennedy, consulting his top advisors - on ways and means of getting through to the Soviet Dictator. Make him comprehend that we mean business - on Berlin. President Kennedy is said to be completely skeptical about European reports - on Khrushchev sounding a little less belligerent. Mr. Kennedy feels that any sweet talk out of the Kremlin - is a mere shift of tactics. So our problem is still the same - convincing Khrushchev that he cannot seize West Berlin, without starting a war.

BERLIN

The western allies appear agreed on their policy toward - that East German threat ~~is~~ to restrict the air corridors to Berlin. The western policy:- ignore the threat, keep flying into West Berlin - as usual, keep using the three zones across East Germany - guaranteed by the treaty of Nineteen Forty Five. ^{the treaty} ~~The one~~ signed by the Soviets - allotting one zone each to Britain, France, and the United States.

The reason for the indifference to this threat - is that no one takes it very seriously. The West, regarding it as just another harrassment by the East Germans - who seem determined to show their boss in Moscow how difficult they can be. The Allies - shrugging it off.

LAOS

The strong man of Laos is in Washington, explaining the Laotians crisis - as he sees it. General Phoumi Nosavan, arriving from Switzerland - plunging into conferences at the State Department. American officials are trying to find out - one thing. Has the Laotian spokesman ^{already} gone too far - in making concessions? Has the door been opened - for a Red coup in Laos? General Phoumi Nosavan is trying to throw some light on the problem - even if he doesn't have all the answers.

The three new artificial satellites now orbiting the earth - point up one significant fact about the exploration of outer space. The Russians have developed bigger boosters - allowing them to do more spectacular things. Most spectacular of all - Cosmonaut Gagarin, circling the earth in his space ship. Which we haven't done - yet.

But - the American space achievement has produced more important scientific results. Our packages, smaller - but equipped with more sensitive instruments. Besides, we've sent up - a lot more of them.

Today's shoot ^a - case in point. The Navy, orbiting _h three satellites - aboard a single rocket. One of the ~~xxx~~ satellites, the first ever powered by an atomic battery. Its purpose - to aid navigation. A step toward what the Navy calls "the first operational space system in the world."

BILLS

President Kennedy today signed - two particular bills. One - on an old subject. The other - new.

The question of our highways has been with us - always - and today's measure is intended to put the massive project for the Sixties - on a pay as you go basis. This by way of - tax on gasoline, and new taxes - on truckers and tire manufacturers.

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The new subject - travel to America. A campaign - to bring in visitors. Also - their money. Something we haven't seen before - because it always seemed natural for Americans to be spending dollars abroad. Now we'd like to see foreign currency spent over here - pounds, francs, marks, lira, and so on. How many European tourists can afford to travel in America? A few more, we hope.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security bill had no trouble passing Congress, today. The House and the Senate, hustling the measure through - sending it on to the White House. Among other things, this bill liberalizes Social Security benefits - and allows men to retire at sixty-two.

STRIKE

There's a glimmer of light in the maritime strike - following today's attempted mediation in New York. The presidential board, playing the part of an honest broker - bringing labor and management together. Afterward, Chairman David Coe told newsmen - "I feel a little ~~the~~ better about the situation." Adding - unless there's an unforeseen snag, the board intends to ask President Kennedy for more time. Time to push these negotiations - and end the walkout.

RIOT

That riot at Buenos Aires University - broke out at a pro-Castro rally. The speaker, Mrs. Celia Guevara - mother of Cuba's Red economic Czar. She was telling her audience how wonderful Cuba is under Castro - when heckling began. Soon punches were being thrown - along with a few chairs. Shots were fired - and someone ~~in~~ started a fire with a Molotov cocktail.

Result - a scramble for safety. The meeting room - badly damaged by fire. Three members of the audience - slightly injured by flying bullets. The end of the pro-Castro rally -- in Buenos Aires.

JAPAN

In southern Japan - rain, six days of rain - a continuing torrential downpour. Rivers, rising over their banks - pouring into towns. Massive landslides, rolling over - entire villages. Communications - disrupted. Highways - washed out. Bridges - down. Railroad tracks - twisted. Airports - flooded.

The toll - more than five hundred, dead or missing, a hundred thousand - homeless, plus damage, estimated at - well over a hundred million dollars. And that's a lot of yen.

CADDY

In Seoul, the head of the U N forces today received a salute from - Korea's "number one girl." KimJung Sook - top caddy at the Army golf course. Out in the Far East - as you probably know - girls do all the toting of golf bags around golf courses. Kim Jung Sook is tops at handing out clubs to ~~golfers~~ ^{our} of the military ~~persuasion.~~ ^{golfers.}

Today, on behalf of all the caddies - she presented General Magruder with a going-away gift. The General, returning home- for another assignment. Receiving a tribute at the course - where he played so often. The number one General receiving a silver putter - from Korea's "number one girl" Caddy, Kim Jung Sook.

"OWL"

Here's an ^{odd}~~interesting~~ statement. "The Owl isn't afraid of the equalizers, so he's bound for Burgsville."

Sounds like something out of Damon Runyon. The ~~man~~ bard of Broadway might have turned ^{that line}~~the statement~~ into one of his ~~inimitable~~ tales about guys and dolls.

Anyway, here's what it means. "The Owl" - Basil Banghart, one of the last big-shots of the prohibition era. Banghart, released from the Illinois State Prison - today. Raising the question - how long will he survive on the outside? After all, his old boss, Roger Touhy - was shot to death only twenty-three days after his release.

"The Owl?" He says - he's willing to take his chances. Not afraid of the equalizers - the guns of gangland. Burgsville? ^{That's}~~I guess you figured it out~~ -- Chicago. The Windy City, where Basil Banghart rode high - as a beer baron, back in the days when beer was illegal. When "The Owl" fought Al Capone - to a standstill.

If the old days are really forgotten - bootlegger

Banghart may be allowed to disappear. If the underworld is waiting to settle old scores - "The Owl" may find it rather hot in Burgsville, [—] in Chicago.
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ORCHESTRA

The group of American musicians on their way to Europe - are ~~xx~~ remarkable for several reasons. For one thing, they live on a coal barge - and they are not beatniks. They^are authentic long-hairs - - who spend their time playing Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. Secondly, this orchestra is made up of - nothing but woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments. No strings - no violins, cellos or bass fiddles. Thirdly, they always play - on water.

Conductor Bob Boudreau says he formed his group - because he was tired of string music. He put together his wind symphony, renovated a coal barge - and began giving concerts along the Ohio and the Mississippi. Playing to dockside audiences - from Cincinnati to New Orleans.

Then Conductor Boudreau - had an idea. Why not perform on the other great rivers of the world - the Thames, the Seine, the Tiber, the Nile, the Niger, and so on? This dream - now coming true. The water-borne wind symphony - off across the Atlantic. First stop, London - the Thames.

I suppose they'll begin with a rousing rendition of a piece - composed for a Thames-side audience back in the Eighteenth Century. What could be more appropriate - than Handel's "Water Music?"