

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Governor of Idaho summons his colleagues to a meeting - in Denver, Colorado. Governor Smylie has a right to do this - as Chairman of the Republican Governors Association. And he insists that the seventeen state leaders belonging to the G. O. P. - had better get to work at once. If - the Party is to come up for the Nineteen Sixty-Six elections.

The Idaho Governor, as you know, says he has in mind the rejuvenation - of the Republican Party.

With the first question, what to do about - Dean Burch, Chairman of the Republican National Committee who is being blamed by some of the G. O. P. for the debacle.

There also are predictions that his successor will be - the Governor of Idaho. The Denver conference of Governors - maybe to do something about that.

The Senate seat held by Hubert Humphrey goes to - the attorney General of Minnesota - Walter Mondale appointed by Governor Rolvaag - at the suggestion of the new Vice President.

ALLIANCE

The Alliance for Progress took a significant step today - with the dedication of a housing unit in Mexico City. The first large-scale housing unit - since President Kennedy launched the drive to raise the standard of living south of the Border.

The buildings cost - ten million dollars. And will house - three thousand families, who will pay - controlled rent. The John F. Kennedy Project - first thing of its kind in Latin America.

President Lopez Mateos presided over - the opening of the apartments. And Senator-elect Robert Kennedy was there - among those representing the United States.

Ordinarily, the following headline - could have only one meaning. A - military meaning. "American aircraft carrier - racing toward the coast of South Viet Nam." But the meaning is humanitarian.

The carrier "Princeton", ordered to land rescue teams and supplies - for disaster relief. And "disaster" - is precisely the word. Typhoon "Kate", smashing ashore from the China Sea - in the wake of "Iris" and "Joan". Battering an area - already devastated. Adding more casualties - to the seven thousand dead. Twenty thousand - injured. Seven hundred thousand - homeless.

Tragedy piled upon tragedy - for people who have been harassed by the Red guerrilla war for so long. But there is some consolation - in the prompt disaster relief from America's Pacific bases. Also, in the increase of military support - from the Free World. Specifically from - the Philippine Islands. A combat team of Filipinos experienced in guerrilla warfare - are on their way to South Viet Nam.

CONGO

The fate of Doctor Paul Carlson of Culver City,

California - is shrouded in the darkness and mystery of the Congo. The medical missionary was last known to be - in Stanleyville, where there were reports - that he was a prisoner of the rebels. Also reports - that he had been executed. And other reports - that he had escaped. In short, many rumors - but little firm news.

The latest, from Radio Stanleyville - is this. Carlson is still being held - captive. But agitators among the rebels are demanding - that he be shot. Meanwhile Washington is attempting to help him - by way of Kenya. Secretary Rush, asking Premier Jomo Kenyatta - to intercede. Which the former "Burning Spear" of the Mau Mau - is doing.

Life or death - for Doctor Paul Carlson in the balance in the Congo - tonight.

JORDAN

The state visit of the King of Jordan to France - comes at a period typical of the Middle East. A period - of tension. Israel and Syria - trading shots along their frontier. Trading accusations - at the U.N.

Jordan, of course - is allied with Syria. Along with - the rest of the Arab states. Hence the importance of King Hussein's - arrival at Orly Airport near Paris. The young monarch, and his British Queen - receiving a lavish welcome. Led by ~~Charles~~ deGaulle - who is most anxious to restore French prestige in the Middle East, ^{and} who greeted Hussein as - "the head of an ancient and noble dynasty." Meaning - the Hashemite Dynasty.

The tall soldier and the ^{short} sovereign rode in a brilliant motorcade - through a Paris bedecked with Jordanian flags, ^{to} the royal suite - at the Palais d'Orsay.

If deGaulle wants prestige in the Middle East - what does Hussein want? First, ^{he wants} a restudy by the French - of the Arab position. Second, modern weapons - beginning with jet fighters from French factories.

NEPAL

The King of Nepal has just put an end to - Nepalese Feudalism. King Mahendra, signing a document in Katmandu - by which the ownership of land will be regulated. Its chief provision - no more than fifteen acres to any one family.

That provision must stagger the Ranas - once so powerful in Nepal. Their power, like that of the other aristocrats - was based on ownership of the land, ^{with} ~~which~~ ~~taxed~~ the great mass of the Nepalese people ^{mere} ~~into~~ serfs. Working on the estates - of the nobility.

The breaking up of the estates by King Mahendra - that spells the end of Feudalism in Nepal. In - the High Himalayas.

FREIGHTER

If you are looking for mysteries of the sea - consider those two ships in the Caribbean. Two - freighters. Both concerned with - Cuba. Both involved in - strange accidents. Or else - sabotage.

The Cuban freighter seems to have - run aground. The crew, abandoning ship - when the cable broke between the freighter and a tugboat. But Radio Havana has been broadcasting - contradictory statements about the incident.

The British freighter caught fire - on a voyage to Cuba. Flames, erupting in the hold - among some bags of weed killer. Spreading so fast, that the captain sent out - an S.O.S. And was escorted into ^{a island harbor,} British ~~hold~~ ^{Great Inagua} Island.

FRANKLIN

Now, for the story of - the Franklin girls, ~~that is~~ ^{Franklin,}
girls they related to - Ben Franklin of Philadelphia. The
great-great-great-great-great granddaughters - of the Colonial
sage. The - Revolutionary leader.

Mrs. Francis Mosely of Pasadena, California - and
Mrs. Leon Chaplin of Paris, France. As both ladies are descended
from the same great -great-great-great-great grandfather - both
are invited to christen the nuclear sub named after him.

Together - at Groton Connecticut. Two ladies, one
bottle of champagne - launching the "Benjamin Franklin."

KIDNAP

That attempted kidnapping in Italy - is about as bizarre as anything I can remember.

Imagine a crate being loaded aboard a plane - bound for Cairo. An airport guard, suddenly startled to hear - cries for help from inside the crate. When he ordered the men - to leave it where it was, instead, they hastily put it back in their truck - and drove toward Rome.

But - the alarm went out. The truck was halted. The crate - opened. Inside - a Moroccan. His hands - bound together. A gag - in his mouth. And - he had been drugged.

Sounds like something out of Ian Fleming! Fleming's undercover agent, James Bond must be involved, Dick.

BERRA

So, Casey Stengel said to Yogi Berra - "Yogi, it's about time for you to ~~retreat~~^{come} across the East River." No, I don't pretend that Old Case - was ever that grammatical. But put the words in Stengelese - and you have the substance of the conversation.

Yogi agreed to move from Yankee Stadium in the Bronx - to Shea Stadium in Queens. From the Yanks - to the Mets. Rejoining his old boss - as one of Casey's coaches. After being dropped from his job as Manager of the Yanks - when he won the Pennant, but lost the World Series.

The Stadium may not seem the same - next year. But the Met dugout should be a rather interesting place - when baseball strategy is under discussion. With Casey Stengel and Yogi Berra - doing the talking.