

KHRUSHCHEV L.T.OLDS.- TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1960

(Given by W.Cronkite, L.T. in Hawaii)

Nikita Khrushchev today said he might be willing to destroy the Soviet stockpile of atomic bombs - and do it under a proper system of inspection. At least, that's what the Soviet Premier - told the Mayor of San Francisco. Khrushchev ~~played~~ ^{played} ~~acted~~ host to Mayor Christopher - at lunch. During the get-together Khrushchev mentioned the cordial reception - he received in San Francisco, during his American tour. Khrushchev promised ~~that~~ an even better Russian welcome - for President Eisenhower. During lunch, the Soviet Premier dropped the hint that Russia just might agree to an inspection system - that would make disarmament foolproof.

CHINA

Red China will explode its first atomic bomb - later this month. So says Dr. Raghuvira, Director of the Academy of Indian Culture in New Delhi - and a member of the Indian Parliament. Dr. Raghuvira today repeated the assertion - that startled New Delhi yesterday. He insists he even knows the time and place - of Red China's forthcoming nuclear test. The time - March Twenty-eighty. The place - desolate Sinkiang Province, along the Soviet border.

Why the timing - of this atomic explosion? India's Dr. Raghuvira says - it's to strengthen the hand of Premier Chou En-lai when he confers with Prime Minister Nehru this spring. Peking trying to give Chou a position of strength - when that Himalayan border dispute between India and Red China - is under discussion.

Western experts - who will not be surprised by a Chinese atom test - believe it is timed to give the Communist Chinese a claim to a seat with the other powers at future disarmament talks.

MENSHIKOV

The Soviet Ambassador in Washington called on President Eisenhower today and spent 20 minutes with him. When Ambassador Menshikov emerged from the White House he parried the barrage of newsmen's questions - until finally he broke and reluctantly admitted that he had delivered to Mr. Eisenhower a letter from Nikita Khrushchev

What was in that letter? Well, there Mr. Menshikov clammed up again. Said he: "It was a personal message - and since its personal - it's personal."

So far still no word from the White House, either, about the message.

Not about that, but on another matter, the president in a few minutes goes on CBS Radio. He'll tell the nation about his Latin American trip and discuss its meaning for this hemisphere. That's at seven o'clock, Eastern Time, over most of these stations.

The nation's first votes in this presidential election year were cast today in New Hampshire's frigid primary.

The count will be rolling in later tonight, and we'll learn that Vice President Nixon is the overwhelming choice of the Republicans of New Hampshire for the presidential nomination, and that Senator John Kennedy of neighboring Massachusetts is the coice of New Hampshire's far fewer Democrats.

They are running virtually unopposed, but both sides - and Kennedy in person - have been exhorting the voters to get out in large numbers. They feel that a big turnout, will provide a psychological springboard for the heavier campaigning to come.

Tomorrow there will be all sorts of analyses comparing the Kennedy and Nixon pull this year to that of Kefauver and Eisenhower in 1956. The result will not prove anything - but they'll lead to interesting speculation.

FILIBUSTER .

A new move tonight to choke off the southern filibuster. A petition to invoke cloture has been signed by 31 republican and liberal democratic members of the Senate. The petition will force cloture to a vote next Thursday morning. But two-thirds of the Senators present will have to vote to end the debate - and Senate leaders on both sides of the aisle doubt that such a majority is available. If the vote fails, the long-winded debate drones on.

INTEGRATION

The police of Houston, Texas, have been joined by the F.B.I. - in their search for the four men who kidnapped Felton Turner. The search is a determined one, with the city administration fearful of - more ~~atrocious~~ incidents like that involving ~~Felton~~ Turner.

His kidnapers forced him into a car - and drove to a deserted spot. There they told him - they had been hired to beat up a Negro, any Negro. Turner, being the first they found alone - on an empty street.

The four men beat him - and marked him with the sign of the Ku-Klux-Klan. After that, they tied him in a tree - by the knees, and left him dangling. Turner managed to work himself free, and gave the alarm - leading to the massive manhunt now under way in Houston.

This is the ugliest episode in the racial tension - sweeping across the South. ³³ ~~Forty-five~~ ^{Students} ~~Negroes have been~~

^{TODAY} arrested, - in Montgomery, Alabama. And Negro students today boycotted their classes - at famous Tuskegee Institute.

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The lunch room sit-down strategy - has moved into Atlanta, Georgia - and Xenia, Ohio. An Atlanta store closed its lunch room - rather than integrate. But in Xenia, the management of a restaurant has announced - that from now on it will serve Negroes on the same basis as white customers.

BEN-GURION

The Premier of Israel is in the United States - for the first time in ten years. David Ben-Gurion arrived by plane this morning - with his first stop in Boston. At the airport, Ben-Gurion told newsmen - the progress of Israel will benefit the entire Middle East. ~~With~~ Israel, showing her neighbors - how to combine a high standard of living - with democratic government.

Tomorrow, Israel's Prime Minister receives an honorary degree - from Brandeis University. Then on to Washington - for talks with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Herter.

CUBA

The Cuban government tonight rejected as "insulting" Secretary of State Christian S. Herter's protests against Prime Minister Fidel Castro's accusations of sabotage.

The fall leached off the fire early this evening. Firemen fought their way through the flames to spread the alarm. For anxious hours the 10 miners kept in contact with the surface - but then the fire burned through telephone lines. Now there is silence, and rescue workers fear the worst. The mine is the Holden 22 outside Logan, West Virginia.

MINE

Down four miles below the surface, deep in a West Virginia coal mine, they are fighting desperately tonight to reach 18 men through the fire and debris of a slate fall.

The fall touched off the fire early this morning. Two men fought their way through the flames to spread the alarm. For anxious hours the 18 others kept in contact with the surface - but then the fire burned through telephone lines. Now there is silence, and rescue workers fear the worst. The mine is the Holden 22 outside Logan, West Virginia.

AGADIR

The government of Morocco estimates it will take - a hundred million dollars - to rebuild Agadir. The city is a mass of rubble - after being flattened by that earthquake last week. The death toll - twelve thousand. But Morocco says, regardless of cost, Agadir will rise again.

SOLDIERS

Four Russian soldiers have been picked up in the Pacific after drifting a thousand miles in forty-nine days. They started, off the Kurile Islands, when they were taking part in Russian maneuvers. A sudden storm crippled their landing craft - and swept it out into the Pacific.

The four Russian soldiers had only a loaf of bread and three cans of beef - and no water. Three times they saw ships in the distance - and signalled frantically. Each time - in vain. The ships - sailing past, disappearing. Aboard the landing craft - the food disappeared - and the soldiers drifted along with the wind and the tide.

They were about a thousand miles from Midway - when the American aircraft carrier "Kearsarge" spotted them. The carrier sent a helicopter - to pick them up. Tonight, the ship's doctor pronounces them - in good

condition, even though each man lost about forty pounds.

Four Soviet soldiers, who went on maneuvers - drifted a thousand miles - and ended up aboard an American aircraft carrier.

in Havana.

First of all, we are not considering - a diplomatic break with Castro. Secretary Herter admitted that - in the near future - we want to keep our Ambassador in Havana.

Is Castro trying to force us into - reprisals? Secretary Herter refused - to speculate. He simply answered that the Cuban leader seems to go out of his way - to make our relations with him - difficult. And just now we're trying - to put an end to the animosity.

Secretary Herter "downplayed" - the Ambassador. That message is still being made - in the Cuban press. Secretary Herter's answer is that - he takes his words to the Ambassador very carefully. Giving - a precise