

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I wonder how many of us can imagine what a hurricane is like. Have you ever been in one? As we are often reminded, a storm officially becomes a hurricane - when its winds reach seventy-five miles an hour. Carla, now raging along our Gulf Coast is now up to seventy-five miles an hour. More than twice the official seventy-five; and with a few satellites - a series of tornadoes, including the one that has all but leveled the town of Kaplan, Louisiana.

Tides along the Gulf coast tonight are fifteen feet above normal. Torrential rain - falling. Water - knee deep in streets. Everything moveable - blowing away in the gale. Ships - torn loose from their moorings. Piers - toppling into the Gulf of Mexico.

Trees - uprooted. Houses - knocked over. Communications
- disrupted.

Hardest hit - the city of Corpus Christi where
four thousand people have been evacuated to higher
ground. Some deaths - and many injuries. Exact number
unknown. The hurricane, leaving a trail of devastation
already estimated around twenty million dollars.

In Houston, Texas, one major problem, babies.
Three hundred and seventy-one infants under six months -
fifty-two of them under six weeks; all being cared for
at - the city auditorium. This because their parents
are getting help from - the Red Cross, emergency
police squads, and volunteer rescue workers.

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KENNEDY

President Kennedy is reported busy re-studying reports on - the Belgrade conference of uncommitted nations. This in part because of tomorrow's meeting with - two of the so called "unaligned" statesmen; Sukarno of Indonesia - and Mobito Keita of Mali - the new west Arican country. The two are due in Washington tomorrow - with the Belgrade letter to Mr. Kennedy; the letter calling on the American President - to negotiate the Berlin crisis. The President has already said - we are willing to negotiate. But, there's the problem of Khrushchev's demands. President Kennedy will take up those demands - when he meets his two visitors.

The President also is mulling over a question - that will have to be decided within the next few days. The possibility that he might address the U.N. General Assembly, when it convenes - on September Nineteenth. Should the President go to New York, he would bring an

address on - Soviet belligerence; Khrushchev, starting the Berlin crisis; and the new series of atomic bombs.

Whether President Kennedy goes or not, the danger of Soviet war-mongering is sure to be mentioned on the rostrum of the General Assembly. Secretary of State Rusk will see to that.

EISENHOWER

Ex-Pres.
Dwight

Eisenhower doesn't see much to negotiate about -
in the Berlin crisis. ~~Mr. Eisenhower, saying in~~ *at* Gettysburg ~~he~~
made the statement that
"It's absurd to negotiate the status quo." The reference is,
of course, to Khrushchev's habit of starting trouble - and then
magnanimously declaring that he's always ready to talk it over.

The Eisenhower formula - for dealing with the Soviet
dictator? Said General Ike today - "Don't be truculent; but, be
firm."

General *also*
~~Incidentally, Mr.~~ Eisenhower ~~is disputing~~ an assertion
in - a State Department pamphlet *to the effect that* ~~he~~ did not
capture Berlin in World War Two - because he wanted to use his
armies against the remaining Nazi forces. According to the
former allied commander - he simply obeyed orders. Leaving
Berlin to the Russians - because that was what the politicians
had already decided.

BERLIN

The Communists in East Berlin - were as truculent as ever today. For one thing, the Soviet Ambassador to East Germany rejected an allied protest - over the division of Berlin. The man from Moscow, repeating the Soviet line - that the East Germans have a right to seal off their sector of the city. *Also,*

~~Repeating~~ the Soviet fiction - that the East Germans are independent of Russian control.

At the same time, the East German puppet regime is growling about - the air corridors to West Berlin. Again threatening to stop allied flights - into the beleaguered city.

"SPY"

The American sentenced to eight years in a Soviet prison broke the Soviet law, without knowing it. So announced by the State Department - after an official of our Moscow Embassy visited Marvin Makinen, in his Kiev cell. The truth seems to be that Makinen was caught taking photographs - as he always did in the West. ~~Somehow, he was unaware that freedom is not quite so extensive in the Soviet Union. He learned it the hard way.~~

What about the Russian spy charges? Evidently - there's nothing to them. But - Makinen is still in that Kiev prison.

CUBA

Last night's near riot in Havana - may mean that Castro is beginning to lose control of Cuba. This by far the biggest anti-Castro demonstration - involving some thousands of people, who were out to protest the the dictator's cancellation of their annual religious procession. The demonstration, so vast - Castro had to send in his hand-picked troops; his bully boys, restoring order - with rifle butts, and by firing into the crowd.

Tonight Havana is still ringing with cries of - "Cuba si, Russia no!" And - "Freedom! Freedom!"

One theory at the State Department in Washington - and elsewhere - has always been - that eventually Castro would be overthrown by the Cuban people; a theory that now has more support after what happened in Havana yesterday.

STRIKE

The strike that began today - is the biggest in automotive history. Involving more than three hundred thousand workers - in more than a hundred General Motors plants, from coast to coast.

It comes as a
~~Policy~~ result of a breakdown - in collective bargaining. The marathon session, failing to ~~break~~^{end} the deadlock - between G.M. and the United Auto Workers. The nub of the dispute - fringe benefits. The Company and the Union had already agreed on - the wage terms of a new contract. But ~~failed to~~^{iron} out such problems as - compulsory overtime, and production standards.

One thing that G.M. Vice-President Louis Seaton and U.A.W. Leader Walter Reuther agree on - is that this ^{is} strike comes at an awkward moment. G.M. was just getting ready - to ^{put} its Nineteen Sixty-two models, ~~on the drawing board.~~

RACE

The death toll at Italy's grand prix - fourteen. That many fatalities, when one racing car spun off the track - and plowed into the spectators. You probably know - who was driving the car. Germany's famed daredevil, Baron Wolfgang von Trips.- one of the world's top drivers. Winner of classical races - on almost every continent. As usual, he was at the head of the race when he hit another car - and careened into ^{this ghastly} ~~his terrible~~ crack-up.

NAVY

Here's a question - for naval officers. And - for the general public too. How can you fight a battle at sea - while you're on dry land? The answer - "Asroc". That's what they call - the Navy's new mechanical brain. An electronic mastermind - unveiled in Norfolk today. Cost - one million dollars. Function - to simulate enemy submarine attacks. Followed by - our own counterattacks with surface ships.

"Asroc" - a complicated mesh of wires, tubes, pulleys, electrical currents, and push-buttons. The hypothetical enemy, appearing as - a blip on the radar and sonar screens. The mechanical brain, following every maneuver the blip makes - then simulating a missile launching.

The latest thing - in training Navy crews, ^{Dick,} Naval battles on shore - by means of electronics. By means of - "Asroc."

COINCIDENCE

In London, Charlie Crook said today - "We feel like refugees from the law of averages." Charlie, a cook in a London restaurant. Referring to himself, his cousin John - and the way they happened to meet, after nine years.

John, who lives in Gloucester - decided to drive up to London and see Charlie. At the same time, Charlie was deciding to drive down to Gloucester - and see John.

Without realizing it - they passed one another on the highway. John, reaching London - finding that Charlie had gone to Gloucester. So he turned around - and headed back home. Charlie, in Gloucester - having the same experience.

En route, they stopped at the same pub - without seeing one another. John, leaving by one door - Charlie, by another. Climbing into their cars - heading for the exit. And they might still be looking for one another - except that they collided head-on.

Both, getting out - to survey the damage. And only then did each realize he'd been hit by - the cousin he was

looking for.

The law of averages, finally catching up with - Charlie from London, and John from Gloucester.