

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There may be a star witness at the trial of U-2 pilot, Francis Powers - tomorrow. The star witness - Nikita Khrushchev. The Soviet dictator, coming into court - to accuse the United States of aggression. This would be like Khrushchev - who has been saying that America is on trial along with Powers.

If he does appear - then there is almost certain to be a parade of Soviet officials and generals; all - denouncing American foreign policy; and attempting to get every ounce of propaganda value out of it.

Ironically, this could tell - in Powers' favor. That is, if Khrushchev decides to concentrate his fire on America, the American pilot might be considered just a pawn; and possibly receive a light sentence - after Khrushchev gets through thumping the propaganda tub - from the witness stand.

RIFT

Western diplomats in London are putting more faith - in reports of a definite rift between Russia and Red China. Especially, that Yugoslav story - about Soviet technicians returning home from Mao Tse-tung's domain, ~~with hints~~ - that Mao told them to go home.

The London experts <sup>have been</sup> piecing together evidence - from Hong Kong, Singapore, and other listening posts in the Far East. Evidence, substantiating the Yugoslav story - and adding a few footnotes to it. The indications being - that it's a two-way movement. The Russians, retaliating - by expelling the Communist Chinese in Russia.

Well, we've known for a long time - about the ideological split in the Communist bloc. Khrushchev - plugging for peaceful co-existence. Mao - declaring a war might be preferable - lead to a quicker Communist victory.

Now, apparently, a more personal clash. Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung, telling one another - <sup>to get out.</sup> ~~not to interfere.~~  
We wonder.

SENATE

Here's an unusual "first" chalked up by the Senate. The first time a political hassle has ever been touched off - by a stop-watch.

The stop-watch -- belonging to Senator Stephen Young of Ohio. Senator Young, using it to clock Vice-President Nixon's time -- in the chair, last week. Oh, yes -- Senator Young is a Democrat.

Revealing today, the Vice-President presided -- for exactly two hours, fifty-five minutes, and forty seconds. Senator Young, suggesting - the Vice-President is guilty of absenteeism.

The Republicans, closing ranks - to defend the Nixon record. Accusing Senator Kennedy, of being absent at too many roll calls. <sup>all of</sup> which brought - a counter-attack from the Democrats. ~~It~~ *Just a small political rumpus* ~~A political fight~~ on Capitol Hill - touched off by the ticking of a stop-watch.



LODGE

At the U.N. today, our government proposed - an end to the production of atomic power for military purposes.

Cabot Lodge, saying we are ready to transfer thirty thousand kilograms of uranium - to peaceful purposes. Our only

condition <sup>- that</sup> Russia to do the same.

Lodge also offered an alternative - to the Russians.

A stage-by-stage elimination of nuclear weapons. Our

Ambassador to the U.N., urging the Soviet delegate to accept

our offer - while there is still time for a disarmament

settlement.

## AID

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee - supports President Eisenhower on foreign aid. The committee, voting - five hundred million for the President's new program for Latin America; and a hundred million - for the Congo. Chairman Fulbright said later his committee had acted quickly in order - to meet the current crisis. No time to figure out a new plan; so they went along with the President - to get our aid program moving, now.

Some U. N. Observers feel - Lumumba is worried about staying in power. Hence acting dramatically to try and convince others that he has control of the situation; blaming the trouble on the U.S. - and on the "Belgian spies," who are supposed to be hiding in Leopoldville.

## CUBA

Cuba tonight is - the land of the exodus. Cubans and foreigners alike - besieging the Havana travel bureaus. Desperately trying to get passage out - by ship or plane. Anything that will take them - away from Castro's Caribbean island.

Reason - new travel regulations, which go into effect on Monday. All travelers to Cuba, and out of Cuba, to have - special passes issued by the Castro government. The passes - good for one year only. And the fear is - that Castro may issue them on a restricted basis. Only a favorite few - getting in and out of Cuba.

Hence - the exodus from Cuba. Crowds, hoping to get out - while they can.

## ESCAPE

Two East German soldiers -- in a bold escape from behind the Iron Curtain. The two, on patrol along Jungfernsee Lake -- on the border. The soldiers, suddenly throwing their rifles and packs aside, diving into the lake. Communist troops -- rushing to the shore. Searchlights -- playing over the surface of the lake. Bullets, skipping past the heads -- of the two soldiers. But they finally made it across -- staggering ashore, asking for asylum. A dramatic -- swim to safety.



## SECT

Last night a message from the Lord Jehovah - arrived in Benson, Arizona. Result - members of the Full Gospel Assembly Church - returning to their homes. Going back to - everyday life.

A month ago, their prophets warned them about - an imminent nuclear attack on Benson. The only way to survive - go underground. Which the sect did. Building bomb shelters - staying put. Expecting the Russians to hit the city above them with rockets - at any moment.

But the time passed - and the nuclear attack didn't come - and it got ~~very~~ tiresome in those bomb shelters. So there was a sigh of relief - when the "all clear" signal came from heaven.

The prophets - passing the word. The faithful - packing up, going home. The members of the Full Gospel Assembly Church - who still can't figure out how Benson, Arizona, escaped nuclear destruction in the past couple of weeks.



## RECORD

The figures on today's parachute record -- are enough to make most of us shiver. Captain Joe Kittinger, falling straight down, like a stone -- for seventeen miles. Hitting a speed of -- four-hundred-and-fifty miles an hour. Not opening his chute -- until almost five minutes after he jumped. Coming down on the desert of New Mexico, with nothing worse than a swollen right hand -- caused by his special suit losing its pressure.

Captain Kittinger's balloon took him up a hundred-and-three thousand feet -- nearly twenty miles. A record -- for balloon ascent. The Captain's jump -- also a record. <sup>Dick</sup> No other human being has been that close to outer space -- and returned to ~~earth~~ earth by parachute.

~~What does space look like -- twenty miles up?~~

~~Says Captain Kittinger, "Void of life, very hostile."~~

## DRUNK

In Burlington, Vermont, they say - Ernest Boutet is the loneliest man in town. So he gets drunk just to get away from it all. Hauled into court - pleading guilty. Telling the judge - "Your Honor, I hit the bottle because I'm lonely."

Judge Edward Costello, inquiring - whether Old Ernie had any other cure for loneliness. The accused, answering - "Yes, Sir, I like to go to jail occasionally." Burlington's drunk, saying that a stay in stir always cheers him up. The other prisoners, friendly fellows - who help him get rid of the blues.

Then what did the judge do? Ah, he rose to the occasion - with the wisdom of Solomon. Giving Ernie Boutet ten days - to shake off that Oh so lonely feeling.