

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

An American astronaut should be able to land on the moon, by Nineteen Sixty-Seven. That is - if we are willing to spend a pile of money. So says Dr. Robert Seamans - of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Dr. Seamans, points out that our present time-table calls for an American man-on-the-moon - in Nineteen Sixty-Nine, or Nineteen Seventy. Then he added - that we can speed up the time-table by say three years if we are prepared to - increase the budget, from twenty to forty - billion. Double it.

Will the American people agree to that? The answer seems to be - yes. Today Capitol Hill was ringing with demands - that we make a greater effort to catch up with the Russians; for reasons of prestige; and because it would be dangerous to let the Soviets - monopolize outer space.

GAGARIN

*There are some who*

~~I guess most Westerners~~ never thought they'd see

Khrushchev - in tears. ~~Still~~ <sup>But</sup> it happened today. The occasion

~~as you undoubtedly know~~ the Moscow reception for Russia's

cosmonaut. Yuri Gagarin, causing the most tumultuous popular

demonstration - in the history of Moscow. <sup>And Moscow is 800</sup> ~~And that goes back~~

<sup>years old.</sup>  
~~eight centuries~~

Leading the welcome today - Nikita Khrushchev. The belligerent Premier, weeping, jumping up and down - embracing the Soviet Union's latest hero. Yuri Gagarin, a modest figure - through it all. Smiling, waving - as his motorcade drove to Red Square. There, the cosmonaut stood on top of the Lenin-Stalin Mausoleum - and addressed the crowd, giving all the credit to the Soviet Union, <sup>to</sup> Communism, <sup>to</sup> the Communist Party - and, <sup>to</sup> ~~of course~~ Premier Khrushchev.

One interesting sidelight - on today's events in Moscow. They were picked up by television cameras - and carried live to the nations of western Europe.

## LATIN AMERICA

President Kennedy is calling on Latin-America -- to take the next step in lifting this hemisphere's standard of living. The President, asking for a deadline - by which time the preliminary plans would be in. Repeating - that too many Latin-Americans are harassed by poverty, And - won't wait much longer to see it end.

President Kennedy spoke before the Council of the Organization of American States - on Pan American Day. His remarks - loudly applauded.

From Cuba - no applause. Today Castro's newspaper called Mr. Kennedy - "an arsonist and terrorist." The reference to the fire that destroyed Havana's biggest department store. Actually, it was arson by - the anti-Castro freedom fighters of Cuba. The dictator, finding a convenient scapegoat - the President of the United States.

LAOS

The war in Laos has produced - a strange mystery,  
The question of - the loyalist battalion dropped behind enemy  
lines near Muong Kassy. Their mission - to attack the Communist  
rebels from the rear. Break - their supply lines. Prevent  
their rear guard from joining - the advance units. ¶

The maneuver - carried out last week. The air-drop --  
a success, with the paratroopers seizing their military  
objectives. Ready - to go into action. Which - they never did.  
They suddenly received an order to re-group -- at an airfield.  
<sup>they</sup> They boarded ~~the~~ transport planes - and flew to Luang Prabang.

One of the Laotian army's most spectacular maneuvers -  
called off, just when an important victory seemed near. Tonight  
~~the Vientiane is asking why?~~  
~~a lot of~~ observers in Vientiane are asking - why?

ETHIOPIA

Dispatches from ~~Man~~ Washington clarify two stories we've had - from East Africa. Last night - the one about fighting along the ~~near~~ border between Ethiopia and Somalia. A few nights earlier - the report of a yellow fever epidemic, in Haile Selassie's kingdom.

What does Washington say? First of all, <sup>while</sup> there's no confirmation of a major battle - between Ethiopians and Somalies, <sup>the word is</sup> ~~our officials admit~~ that fighting goes on in the bush almost continually - along the "Horn" of east Africa. But a real war <sup>with</sup> ~~causing~~ hundreds of casualties? Washington has no information - to verify the <sup>report about this.</sup> ~~Somalia charge.~~

As for the yellow fever epidemic - there <sup>is more</sup> ~~is more~~ <sup>word about this.</sup> ~~much information to support the news story.~~ Our Embassy in Addis Ababa - <sup>s</sup> ~~terming~~ the scourge "real, dangerous, <sup>and</sup> increasing." Ethiopians - dying by the thousands. Hence today's White House decision - to send a Navy medical team armed with vaccine. The Red Cross and the World Health Organization <sup>are said to find</sup> ~~finding~~ the epidemic too much to handle. Yellow fever - in Ethiopia.

## SHIP

The former Liberty ship that sank fifty-five miles off the Massachusetts coast - was broken in half by waves fifteen feet high. The "Marine Merchant" - seventeen years old. Built for service - during World War Two. <sup>and</sup> Later converted - to carry peace-time cargoes.

Her skipper was on the bridge - at the time of the disaster. Captain Robert Ruse of Baltimore - who saw the bow rise into the air at a forty-five degree angle. The deck - snapping in two. Massive waves - pounding through the break, hitting with such force - that Captain Ruse kept his men aboard as long as he could. To prevent them - from being swept away. Five hours later <sup>When he</sup> ~~sounded~~ the "abandon ship", a British transport and an American tanker had arrived <sup>and managed</sup> ~~by then. Picking~~ <sup>to rescue all</sup> ~~up the~~ thirty-five ~~aboard.~~ ~~from their lifeboats.~~

## SAILING

Seven ships that cleared New York harbor today - set a new record - with sixty-two hundred passengers bound for Europe. The most ever, for an April sailing. The seven ships - the United States, the Flandre, the Sylvania, the Noordam, the Atlantic, the Hanseatic, and the Olympia.

Europe in April! Paris in the Springtime!

Perfect!

## ALARM

In Halifax, North Carolina - Doc Smith's burglar alarm system is still working. Doc, in spite of his nickname - runs a service station. He has a good situation for customers - on U.S. Highway three oh one. It's also good for - burglars. At least it was - until the proprietor worked out a new alarm system. It doesn't sound - in the service station. It ~~does~~ sounds in his home. Whereupon, Smith calls - the sheriff, <sup>while</sup> ~~at the same time~~ Mrs. Smith calls - the highway patrol. The law enforcement officers, converging on the building - before the thieves inside realize ~~that~~ they ~~had~~ touched off <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ warning system. That's what happened last night - when three suspects were rounded up.

The score for the past couple of years - thirty arrests. Smith, appearing as - a witness for the prosecution. In his words - "That silent burglar alarm keeps me so busy, I seldom miss a court term."



## DOGS

Every dog has his day. Did Shakespeare say that? Anyhow the State of Wisconsin does. The legislators in Madison are giving their canines a new status.

The provisions of the bill just passed would sound good if we were discussing humans. The Wisconsin legislators, ruling - that every dog-house must have a solid floor above the ground. Walls - wind-proof. Bedding - of straw or wood shavings. Enough blankets - to keep Fido warm in a Wisconsin winter. Shading from sunlight - in summer. Oh, yes - here's a point that many home-owners will understand. A Wisconsin dog-house has got to be big enough for its occupant.

Said one State Senator - "The only thing lacking, is Venetian blinds." Dick, the next time you look for me you may find me in the dog house!

MONEY

The bars of Grand Rapids did a roaring business - when Mike Kulick showed up. No wonder. Mike, flashing a bankroll - buying drinks for everyone in the house. Repeating the invitation - at every bar he visited. The bartenders, pouring out the fire-water -- without asking Mike ~~where~~ where his sudden affluence came from.

The answer is - that he found it in the street. ~~He~~ ~~bag full of~~ Ten thousand dollars. Enough to keep Mike on ~~his~~ spree - for quite a while.

~~Unfortunately,~~ <sup>But</sup> the police had been alerted. Mrs. Wallace Jackson, reporting the loss <sup>of cash intended for</sup> of the down payment ~~on~~ a hotel she was buying. Word got around of Mike Kulick - subsidizing the bars of Grand Rapids. And it didn't take the police long - to collar him. Mike Kulick, who went on <sup>quite</sup> ~~glorious~~ <sup>a</sup> bender - with ~~that~~ <sup>had</sup> ten thousand he found ~~on a street~~ <sup>in Grand Rapids.</sup>