

L.T.-OLDS. THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1963

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The American conquest of Mount Everest puts the climbers a day ahead of schedule. That is - in their drive toward a Himalayan "triple crown". Norman Dyhrenfurth and his companions set out to conquer - if possible - three key peaks of the Everest range, and do it - between May second and May thirty-five.

As you may have heard, they got to the top of Everest yesterday - May First. So they're off to a good start. Next on their list - Lhotse, almost twenty-eight thousand feet. Finally, Nupse, around twenty-six thousand.

We'll have to wait for details - on the Everest climb. But we know that two Americans made the final assault; and flashed their message - from the summit of the highest mountain on earth - at nearly thirty thousand feet; and - are on their

way down tonight.

Another Mount Everest Epic. And a special triumph for Norman Dyhrenfurth, bringing true a dream he has had for years. He came here from Sweden in his teens, the son of a mother and father who were famous Himalayan climbers.

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MEDAL

The star of today's gathering at the White House - ~~well you might say that~~ ^{but they} they are all stars. Holders of - the Congressional Medal of Honor. ~~But I'd guess that~~ Charlie Roberts of Chevy Chase, Maryland - ~~should be called~~ ^{was} the center of attraction.

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REPUBLICANS

If I were to say that the Republican party is in a ferment tonight - ~~you'd probably consider this~~ ^{maybe that would be} an understatement, ~~anyway~~ ^{But -} it's true.

The main reason, of course - Richard Nixon. A lot of pundits pronounced political obsequies over ~~the~~ former Vice President - when he was defeated in his bid to become Governor of California. But, here is Nixon - moving to New York, ^{Joining} a law firm, where he'll handle affairs in Washington and Paris. And, as his loyal fans point out - where he'll be in a position to discuss major international affairs.

All of which raises - a number of interesting questions. Is Dick Nixon about to make - a comeback in ~~American~~ public life? Perhaps become a candidate - for the G O P nomination in Nineteen Sixty Four?

With Nixon apparently gaining strength - Rockefeller may be losing ground, ~~according to~~ ^{say} some observers. ~~Perhaps~~ ^{will be} because of ~~his marital status~~. That question - ~~will Nelson~~

marry Mrs. "Happy" Murphy? The newsmen are constantly asking that.

Some experts again expect - another duel between Nixon and Rockefeller.

And then - George Romney? The Governor of Michigan is much in the headlines. And, Goldwater from Arizona who has most of the Conservatives with him.

Exciting days ahead - for the G.O.P.

INTEGRATION

One of the most surprising developments of the "freedom walk" through Dixie - the visitor who dropped by today. Billie Sol Estes, driving along Highway Eleven in Georgia - to meet the "freedom walkers." Billie Sol giving each of them - a handshake and good luck.

You'd think a bankrupt promoter under indictment - would have other things on his mind. Billie Sol is an integrationist, and a lay preacher, and the "freedom walkers" today received a visit from the former boy wonder of Texas finance.

ADD INTEGRATION

Meanwhile, in Birmingham, Alabama, the largest
integration demonstration in the city's history. Martin
Luther King, calling out - the negroes of Birmingham.
Sending them marching, wave on wave - through the streets.
~~Who~~ pickets appeared - in front of segregated stores.

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The police, retaliating with - roadblocks and
fire hoses. More than ~~one~~^a hundred - arrested.

HAITI

While the dispute between Haiti and the Dominican Republic appears to be simmering down - other nations are having trouble with the regime in Port Au Prince, including- Uncle Sam.

The issue - abuse of diplomatic immunity. Specifically - Haitian troops, flagging down Embassy cars, And ■■ searching them - from engine to truck. Forcing the diplomats - to stand aside.

Both Brazil and the United States - have protested to ■■ strongman Duvalier. Our State Department, going so far as to term the situation - "potentially explosive," And warning Americans against - unnecessary travel to Haiti.

Tonight, members of the diplomatic corps in Port Au Prince - are discussing their predicament. Ambassadors from many nations, trying to work out a common policy - for these tense days, and nights, in Haiti.

OLIVES

If you've ever visited ~~La~~ Spezia, Italy - you'll be sorry to hear the following. The famous olive groves of La Spezia - are in ruins tonight. Cause - a forest fire. Some one flicked a cigarette - into the dry underbrush. And - ~~the~~ inferno erupted. Devastating forests and orchards - around the Riviera seaport. Disappearing in smoke - the olive trees of ~~La~~ Spezia.

X-15

The X-15 was "in between" - today in between the atmosphere ~~and~~ of the earth - and outer space. Above the altitude range - of other aircraft.

Pilot Joe Walker, streaking up - at three thousand five hundred miles an hour. Almost five times - the speed of sound. Hitting the "top" of his flight arc - thirty-five miles up.

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While This ^{was} not an altitude record - for the X-15 it was ~~not~~ the highest any aircraft has ever gone ~~to~~ carrying out scientific experiments, ^{with} ~~the~~ instruments of the rocket plane, measuring radiation - at the edge of space.

BELL

Those ~~of us~~ who claim that the authentic world revolution ^{was} ~~is~~ the American Revolution - are getting some corroboration from Costa Rica. Occasion - a visit by a group of Cuban exiles to San Jose. The President of Costa Rica, presenting them with - a full scale replica of the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Said President Orlich; "this bell is an anti-tyranny symbol." Then he added "don't ring it until Cuba is free."

From Costa Rica, a lesson - that ^{all} ~~some~~ Americans ~~don't~~ ^{ought to know by heart. That the} ~~seem to have learned~~ ^{our} Liberty Bell stands for liberty - today, as in the ~~my~~ days of the Revolution.

LOTTERY

It ~~looks as if~~ ^{has} New Hampshire ~~may have~~ started something ^{maybe} - ~~to~~ ^{judging} judge from what happened in Colorado today.

Subject - state lotteries. New Hampshire, as we know - has just established one. Governor King, signing the measure - as a means of raising revenue. Preferring a New Hampshire lottery - to slapping on new taxes.

Will other states - follow suit? ^{In} Colorado ~~might~~.

State Senator Sam Taylor of Walensburg - is asking for a study of the problem, ~~Sam~~ telling his colleagues in Denver - that he's against any increase in taxes. The ~~salon~~ [?] from

Walensburg - ~~would rather have~~ ^{wants} a state lottery, ~~he'd rather~~ ^{wants to}

see Colorado ^{follow} ~~imitate~~ New Hampshire