

BERLIN

L.T.-Odds, Fri. Feb. 16 - '62,

The Chancellories of the free world are worried tonight - about that developing crisis in the air over East Germany.

The Russians repeating - that they'll fly planes anywhere they want, along the access routes to West Berlin. The allies warning, that they will ~~not~~ permit any curtailment of ^{our} ~~their~~ rights in the air corridors. In fact, Britain, France, and America are preparing to use fighter escorts ~~if~~ necessary - to discourage the Soviet pilots who have been harrassing allied transport planes.

Six times in nine days - Moscow has challenged the West. Six times - Moscow has backed down. But the danger remains that the great powers may collide head on - should ~~be~~ a Soviet Mig accidentally cause an air disaster.

VIET_NAM

The problem the free world faces in Southeast Asia is spelled out in dispatches from opposite sides of the world. Both, referring to - north Viet Nam, the Red half of the divided country.

London says that Prime Minister MacMillan has sent a formal protest to Moscow; asking Khrushchev - to control his puppets in North Viet Nam; make them cease their aggression - against South Viet Nam.

And Aggression by the Reds of North Viet Nam - is the subject of a dispatch from Luang Prabang in Laos. The Laotian government has complained repeatedly - about Red guerrillas crossing their border. Today, the neutralist factions - virtually admitted it. A spokesman for Prince Souvana Phouma - using the word - "probably". But leaving no doubt - that the qualification doesn't mean much. Communist guerrillas keeping Laos in a turmoil, as well as South Viet Nam.

BRITISH GUIANA

The leftist leader of British Guiana is in trouble with the workers. Cheddi Jagan, rebuffed by the unions -- in his attempt to enforce rigid Socialism. Beginning with - the nationalization of industry. The workers, saying "no" -- to that. Walking off their jobs - in a general strike. The situation, so tense, that ^{British} governor Sir Ralph Grey asked London for troops, ^{and} they are on their way ~~to~~ ^{there} ~~British Guiana~~ tonight.

INDIA

The election that began ~~today~~ today in India is ^{called} the largest in the history of democracy. New Delhi expects that a hundred-and-twenty-six million ballots - will ~~be~~ be cast during the next ten days. That many, out of a total population of four-hundred-and-thirty-eight million.

Heavily favored in this election - Prime Minister Nehru and his congress party. Last time, Nehru's followers captured - three-hundred-and-~~seventy~~ seventy-one ~~of~~ out of four-hundred-and-ninety seats. Giving the Prime Minister - a big working majority. He's expected to have a majority again - although possibly not so overwhelming.

The most interesting local contest concerns - the Indian Defense Minister. Krishna Mennon - the most controversial ^{figure} ~~politician~~ in India. He's considered pro-Communist by the opposition parties, who are banding together in a common ~~bid~~ bid to defeat him. To be vindicated against his opponents Krishna Mennon will have to win, and win big. Can

he do it? It seems that all bets are off - on that one.

Anyway, the next ten days are going to ~~be~~ be exciting for the sub-continent -- and for the world. Among the interested parties, whether they know it or not - the elephants. Today, they began carrying ■■ voters through the jungle - to the polls. And they'll be on the job - until the election ends. Those political pachyderms of Hindustan.

WEATHER

The weather. [?](story seems to be - a continued story, a serial. Each night one installment - leading up to the one that follows:)

~~In other words,~~ California still has rain.

New England - snow. Idaho and the Rockies - floods.

Dixie - thunder storms and ~~the~~ tornadoes.

For Californians, some consolation -- because the rain is shifting North across the State. Less falling on the drenched Los Angeles area. More ^{now} on the San Fernando valley - where the farmers can use it. At Berkeley, a lightning bolt hit a power cable, and stopped the atom ~~sm~~ smasher at the University of California.

In New England, tonight, ~~the flash~~ ^{the} of snow shovels, ~~also, the rear of~~ ^{and} snow plows. In the Rockie Mountains, especially, Idaho, a lot of digging, too. Not snow - but the sodden debris left by subsiding flood waters. In the South, a lot of farmers are surveying the damage - to their barns. Damage, caused by - tornadoes.

STUDENTS

On Capitol Hill, Congressman Chep Holifield remarked sourly "someone has filled these kids full of baloney." The California Democrat referring to -- the "turn toward peace" movement. Hundreds of college students, converging on Washington - to demonstrate against nuclear testing.

Part of their campaign - button holing members of Congress - including Congressman Holifield -- who happens to be Chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee. Holifield refusing to be convinced - telling his visitors that they don't understand the problem. Capitol Hill declining to "turn toward ~~peace.~~ At least, the kind of peace - that these eager young students believe in.

TEXAS

(When you make what sounds like a derogatory remark about Texas - maybe it's just as well to be off in Indonesia. And,) I wouldn't be surprised if Bobby Kennedy can hear those indignant shouts - all the way from the Lone Star State.

Subject - that remark he made the other day before an Indonesian audience. The American Attorney General declaring - that the annexation of Texas is not a very bright spot in American history.

A lot of Texans disagree. Particularly, those on the opposite side of the political fence. The G O P in Texas, calling the President's brother- "ignorant, insulting," claiming that he - "doesn't remember the Alamo." Demanding - an apology.

Well, the Kennedys, as we know, are great for American history. But you can't prove it in Texas - where they^are simmering about Sam Houston, Davey Crockett, the Alamo, and Bobby Kennedy.

DIVORCE

The Delaware Supreme Court today granted a divorce - and bestowed a commendation - giving ~~ix~~ Leighton Jackson his freedom - and declaring him "a man of super human forbearance."

Sounds as if Their Honors of the Delaware high court have a point - considering the experience this plaintiff went through as a married man. The complaint charges that the ex-Mrs. Jackson - did the following:- She choked her husband with his neck tie - boffed him in the eye with her shoe - belted him over the head with an electric fan - threw a pot full of hot coffee in his face - and ~~he~~ threatened to skewer him with a carving knife.

The harried husband, retaliating with nothing more tangible than a divorce action. Hence the accolade - in the Delaware court room. ^{Dicks - they are calling} Leighton Johnson - a man of super human forebearance.

MONEY

The Tokyo police have come up with a gimick for locating counterfeit money. The Japanese capital flooded with phoney thousand yen notes. ^{and} The citizens ^{are} afraid to turn them in. So today the gendarmes published an advertisement - offering a genuine bill for every fake. A simple exchange - no questions asked. So if you have a thousand yen note that doesn't look quite right - take it to Tokyo. A real thousand yen note is waiting for you - at police ~~xxxxxxx~~ headquarters.

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