

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1962

(L.T. at South Sea Islands, and then Antarctica. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

GOOD EVENING :

Indian Prime Minister Nehru sent an urgent message to President Kennedy today, appealing for speedy new shipments of American arms to stop the on-rushing Chinese Communists in India. The note was delivered to the White House by Indian Ambassador B.K. Nehry as word from India told of a major break-through by Chinese troops to an area only twenty-five miles from the heavily-populated Indian plains of Assam.

Although Ambassador Nehru declined to give details as to what kind of military equipment was requested, he did say it included some air transport. He also said some air technicians might be needed but no troops were being requested. He said the military situation in India was very grave.

The Communists, he reported, have captured three key

towns in the border area and are advancing toward open country to the south. The Ambassador also said India has asked for help from other nations, particularly Britain and Canada, but not the Soviet Union.

BONN

Five members of West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's coalition government announced their resignations today because of the Spiegel affair, but Adenauer's government was saved from immediate collapse. The Cabinet members who quit, members of the Free Democratic Party, took the action in an effort to force the removal of Defense Minister Franz Josef Straus because of his part in the Spiegel affair involving the arrest of the publisher and four editors of a news magazine on treason charges. It was announced, however, that despite the resignations, cooperation would continue between the Free Democrats and the Christian Democrats, the two coalition parties.

SAIGON

In South Viet Nam today - an American Army captain woulded, in an attack along what they called one of the safest roads in the country. A U.S. military spokesman reports that Communist Viet Cong ambushers did it, shooting the Captain in both legs and one arm. But it's said he is not believed to be in serious condition. His Vietnamese jeep driver also suffered leg wounds. The attack occurred only about ten miles south of Saigon, on a road regularly traveled by Americans in unguarded jeeps.

LOCKHEED

The International Association of Machinists announced today that it will go on strike Wednesday, November Twenty-eighth against installations of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, from Hawaii to Cape Canaveral. If the walkout takes place, it could halt government missile tests on both coasts and close down Lockheed's far-flung aerospace system. Lockheed officials issued a statement in Burbank, California, saying that compulsory union membership is the only real issue standing in the way of a contract agreement with the machinists. Union officials said the strike target date was postponed two days in order to accommodate possible government efforts to settle the dispute.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

The Commerce Department announced today that a rise in home construction and an upturn in factory orders contributed to a brightened business outlook during October. Personal income also rose sharply, scoring its best gain in six months. The Department said incomes nationwide advanced to a record annual rate of four hundred and forty-five billion, six hundred million dollars, a gain of five per cent from a year ago.

Also today, Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz and President Kennedy's Labor-Management Advisory Committee called for a ten billion dollar tax cut early next year. They recommended that the major portion of such a cut be given to individuals, with corporations getting the rest. The Committee also said plans to reform the tax structure should be undertaken promptly, but this should not be allowed to cause a delay on the urgently needed reduction in tax rates.

AIR TRAFFIC

It was learned today in Washington that the nation's air traffic controllers have submitted a secret report to the Federal Aviation Agency, warning that obsolete radar is a major menace to air safety. The highly technical report was given to F.A.A. Administrator Najeeb Halaby and contains eighty-six specific recommendations for improving air traffic control and reducing potential air collisions to a minimum. It was understood that Halaby informed Air Traffic Control officials that he agrees with about ninety per cent of the report and has referred it to F.A.A. experts for further evaluation.

STAMPS

We're back to those Hammaraskjold stamp reprints again tonight. The Post Office Department has agreed to hold up sales on those deliberate but erroneous reproductions until a federal court can rule on its legal right to flood the market. They call it a gentleman's agreement.

Leonard Sherman of Irvington, New Jersey, who has fifty of the four-hundred original misprints, released to the public by mistake, has been granted the restraining order in appeals court after a federal district court had turned him down. Since then, Sherman has been licking his wounds -- er ah -- stamps.

CULTURE

Culture, man, cool, culture came to the White House today in the form of the first jazz concert ever held in the stately old executive mansion.

A young sextet that wants President Kennedy to keep on sending American jazz-men abroad in the cultural exchange program entertained under sponsorship of Mrs. Kennedy. The sons and daughters of ambassadors and chiefs of diplomatic missions joined the youngsters of Cabinet officials for a late afternoon concert in the east ballroom -- in the hope that young Jack Kennedy soon would be there. And he was - along with Caroline's mother.

The troupe says it was able to strike a sympathetic note among thousands of students in South America and scored a rousing success.

The President told the visiting artists that both the U.S. and Latin-America have looked too long to Europe for cultural stimulation.

The Paul Winter sextet was a great success -- in a hall it's pretty hard to hire. Dick.

RECALL

Well, Dick, the U.S. Treasury is running short of cash, cash that makes change for purchases of a dollar ninety-eight, four ninety-five and two-ninety nine. The shortage of coins seems to be most acute in the northeast and midwest and threatens to harass merchants and customers alike during the Christmas season, beginning any day now.

In shortest supply are pennies and nickels, and there's the possibility of a grey market in small change. And an official of a food chain in Chicago says his firm has spent ten thousand dollars since May to transport small coins to stores in the city from suburban banks, which have a better supply. The Treasury would like to increase production at the mints. But, and here's the best illustration I've heard of the old axion - it takes money to make money, and the Treasury says it doesn't have it.

Good night, I'll be back tomorrow.