

L.T.-OLDS. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The west is greeting the new Soviet offer to discuss the Berlin crisis - greeting it, with cautious optimism. Cautious with not too much optimism. After all, we have had endless disappointments - in bargaining with the Russians. Will Gromyko have a real desire, a genuine desire to succeed - when he sits down with Dean Rusk.

Besides, the most dangerous Red provocation we've seen yet - occurred today. A Soviet MiG flying near an American airliner - along one of the air corridors over East Germany. The Russian pilot, not quite buzzing the big plane - but it seems he was trying to frighten the passengers.

However, Moscow is asking for talks - and at the Foreign Ministers level. Khrushchev apparently meeting

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a basic condition - set by President Kennedy. The condition that there must be some progress in diplomatic discussions - before any summit conference can take place. This means the allied Foreign Ministers will confer in our national capital - which should create a feeling that the tension has slackened somewhat.

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PLANES FOLLOW BERLIN


The two West German jets that landed in West Berlin today - were on a training flight. The two pilots - non-commissioned officers. Losing their way - in bad weather. Trying to fly by - defective instruments. Running out of gas - making a forced landing in West Berlin.

~~A dangerous incident - because~~^{IP} West Berlin aircraft are not allowed to use the air corridors to Berlin. Hence, Chancellor Adenauer's immediate apology to the four-power occupation authorities - British, French, American and Russian.

ATOMIC

^{today}
Today Soviet scientists exploded the tenth atomic bomb - of their current series. Place - the Soviet testing ground in the Arctic. Force of the nuclear blast - equal to millions of tons of T N T. As usual, the Russians touched off their bomb in the atmosphere - sending a cloud of fallout high into the sky. Throwing the atomic debris into the air currents - that will carry it ^{over} ~~down to~~ Leningrad and Murmansk.

This continued Soviet testing made inevitable today's announcement - by the Chairman of our Atomic Energy Commission Dr. Glenn Seaborg, revealing that we'll probably resume our own testing - within a few weeks. Speeding up our development of - tactical nuclear weapons. The first explosion, to be a small one - and safely underground. Not in the atmosphere - so there won't be any danger from fallout.



ATOMIC

The Soviets have also started a new series of -
rocket launchings. The big boosters - that Khrushchev has
been mentioning in such belligerent terms. One of the biggest
flew down the Pacific range - today.

CONGO

The battle of Katanga in the Congo ^{is reported} in doubt, tonight. The U N forces, not in command of Elizabethville - after all. They stormed into the city - yesterday. But today the Katanga army-counterattacked. Led by Belgian and French mercenary officers - who ignored a U N order to leave the secessionist province.

The battle, swirling through the streets of ^{the city} Elizabethville - in some of the fiercest fighting ^{so far,} ~~of the~~ ~~Congo subrogio.~~ The U N forces, defending themselves - with mortars, machine guns and hand-grenades. But in some places they were overwhelmed - by greater numbers.

The latest reports ^{give} ~~attribute~~ victory - to neither side. ~~The~~ The U N holding on in Elizabethville - ~~and under~~ ~~repeated assaults tonight. Promising to stand their ground~~ ^{awaiting} ~~until~~ reinforcements arrive.

U N FOLLOW CONGO

Meanwhile, Dag Hammarskjold is being criticized in the West - because of this U N action. Senators Javits of New York and Lausche of Ohio, asking - whether the Secretary General hasn't over-stepped his authority. Senator Dodd of Connecticut, going further - calling the anti-Tschombe campaign "perverse folly."

Also The British and the French ^{are} openly hostile to what is happening in Elizabethville. Paris, insisting that the U N Secretary General has no mandate - to coerce Katanga at the behest of the Congo government in Leopoldville. London, expressing "grave concern." Sending Lord Landsdowne to the Congo - to confer with Hammarskjold.

DOMINICAN

The general strike against the Dominican Government

- has collapsed. Shops, opening for business in Ciudad

Trujillo - twenty four hours short of the deadline set by the

strike leaders. The mass walkout, ending - under duress,

so says the
~~according to the press~~ opposition. By free choice of the

shopkeepers - according to the government.

The key problem, still unresolved - the status of

the Trujillo family. Especially the son of the late Dictator

- who wants to remain in his father's shoes, as boss of the

Dominican Republic.

STORM

The weather men are now watching - hurricane "Esther", to see whether she's going to hit the mainland. Right now "Esther" is above the Atlantic a thousand miles northeast of - Puerto Rico.

Esther, a big hurricane - with a wind radius of over two hundred miles. So it's a matter of some consequence - whether she heads for our coast, - which is where she is heading tonight. But they say she may veer north - when she hits a low pressure area created by two previous hurricanes.

CARLA FOLLOW STORM

Meanwhile the aftermath of "Carla" hit Chicago today; completely disrupting traffic. Hundreds of cars - abandoned in two feet of water. Thousands of basements - flooded. Rescue crews, evacuating inhabitants in rowboats - in Chicago.

Nine inches of rain this month - for Chicago - a record.

PORCH FOLLOW CARLA

In Galveston, Texas "Carla" is still producing delayed reactions. A porch giving way at Red Cross headquarters. Too many refugees from the hurricane, crowded onto the porch. Suddenly, there was a splintering; the porch swayed, then down it went - a mass of ruins. Forty-five hurt.

STRIKE

Today, the Secretary of Labor made another appeal to labor and management - in the auto strike. Secretary Goldberg, warning both sides that the national economy will be hurt - if this walkout goes ~~on~~ on much longer. Because it could put us back in a recession - when we've just emerged from one.

This sentiment ^{is} echoed by both ~~the~~ General Motors - and the United Auto Workers. Both, pledging an all-out effort -- to ~~reach~~ reach a settlement ^{and} ~~to~~ end the strike that is costing eight million dollars a day.

VANDAL

The vandal who slashed five paintings in the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts - turns out to be an art student. Hardly the type you'd expect to attack masterpieces - with a knife. But according to Director Evan Turner, this one is a disgruntled art student. Failing - his exam. Turned down - in his application for a scholarship. Taking it out - on the old masters.

WOMAN

Somewhere on the road to Arizona, there's a car with - a woman driver. Her name - Mrs. Albertine Stephan. Beside her in the front seat - her teen age daughter. And the mother is a fugitive from - the law. From her husband, too. In her car she has - the following: seventy-one thousand dollars - from her husband's bank account. Sixty thousand of it in thousand dollar bills and the rest - in five hundreds.

Also her dog - a Boston terrier, and forty birds.

So, Dick, if you happen to see a car with a dog barking - forty birds chirping, and a woman driver loaded with \$1,000 dollar ~~BILLS~~ and \$500. bills - why it's probably Mrs. ALbertine Stephen trying to get as far away as possible from her husband.

WIFE

Speaking of women - we were weren't we Dick, how much would you say - your wife is worth? That is - if she doesn't have a job? According to the U P I correspondent Gay Pauley - she's worth up to Ten Thousand Dollars a year. She figures that's what it would cost to replace the average housewife. Maybe a lot more you'd have to have a housekeeper wouldn't you? Also an upstairs maid; and - a cook; and - a chauffeur; and - what else.

Gay Pauley says some men say - they'd get someone to do part of it - and do the rest - themselves. Huh!