

L.T. SUSTAINING, Tuesday, APRIL 25, 1967

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The great and near great of the free world -- gathered today in Cologne to join hundreds of thousands of West Germans -- in paying a final tribute to Der Alte -- the late Konrad Adenauer.

Church bells tolling throughout the land -- as the former Chancellor was borne to his final resting place. President Johnson, for one, weeping unashamedly -- at the passing of a man he considered a personal friend and a firm ally.

Afterwards, the President, DeGaulle of France and others -- were attending a diplomatic reception in Bonn. Where LBJ and DeGaulle both conferred separately -- with West German Chancellor Kiesinger. But apart from a handshake and a few brief remarks -- there was little contact between the two top French and American leaders.

LEAD--2

A later report -- to the effect that President Johnson had invited DeGaulle -- informally -- to visit Washington. But whether DeGaulle will come -- that remains to be seen.

MOSCOW

Coincident with last rites for Konrad Adenauer -- another solemn ceremony -- today -- at the Kremlin. With nearly a hundred thousand Russian mourners -- filing slowly sorrowfully past a grey metal urn. An urn containing ashes of Russia's dead Cosmonaut hero -- Colonel Vladimir Komarov.

Soviet Premier Kosygin standing for hours at the foot of the bier -- as a member of the guard of honor. Leaving his place only once -- to console the Cosmonaut's widow and his young son.

The remains of Colonel Komarov will be taken next to Red Square -- for public ceremonies tomorrow. After which he will be buried in the Kremlin Wall -- taking his place alongside Russia's great heroes of the past.

Yet even now -- a great outcry in the Russian press. With Soviet leaders demanding a full investigation -- to determine what went wrong with Soyuz-One. And thus hopefully --to prevent it from ever happening again.

VIETNAM

For the second straight day -- American jets today carried the war in Vietnam to the heartland of the Communist North. Air Force bombers from Thailand blasting a key rail center -- barely two miles from the center of Hanoi; while Navy planes were pounding a cement factory -- in the vital port city of Haiphong. This following the air strikes yesterday -- on two MIG airfields previously "off limits" to American planes.

For all this -- a victory claimed today from Radio Hanoi. With North Vietnam saying it has downed twenty-four U.S. jets -- over the past twenty-four hours. Radio Peking also saying that two other American planes flew over Red China -- and were downed there by the Red Air Force.

With American sources reporting only four known losses -- in the mounting air activity over North Vietnam. And as far as it's possible to tell -- none over Red China.

SHANGHAI--FOLLOW VIETNAM

Also -- a footnote to the current power struggle in China comes today from Radio Shanghai. In a broadcast calling President Liu Shao-Chi -- "a slave of foreigners -- who feared, worshipped and fawned" on the United States.

The proof -- apparent as early as Nineteen-Fifty-Eight -- said the broadcast, when Liu dared to ask a Chinese Naval officer -- how the Red Navy compared with the U.S. Navy. This said to show -- that Liu's "mind was full pro-Imperialist standards to measure everything."

WASHINGTON

Here at home--a public admission today; that American shipments of drugs, medicines and other commodities--are still falling into the hands of the Viet Cong. This from Rutherford P. Oats--former head of the U. S. Aid Program for Viet Nam--in testimony before a Senate committee.

The reason--said Oats--because the war in Viet Nam is, quote, "a war of no fronts;" with "extensive infestation of Viet Cong--in nearly every town and province."

Oats adding the situation has been alleviated in part--by tighter controls over U. S. aid shipments. Admitting however that he knows of "no way--to prevent" it entirely.

NEW YORK

The city of New York declared a winner today -- over twenty-three other U.S. communities, in competition for exhibit rights -- to that two-thousand-year-old temple: Egypt's famed Temple of Dendur.

The ancient shrine -- as you know -- Egypt's gift to the American people, in recognition of U.S. contributions -- to save the fabled temple of Abu Simbel and other Egyptian treasures threatened with inundation -- by the rising waters of the great Aswan Dam.

As a result -- President Johnson appointed a special commission -- to select a site for the eight-hundred ton temple. And that site has just been announced -- as New York's Metropolitan Museum; which is scheduled to have the temple ready for public display -- by Nineteen-Seventy.

Why the Metropolitan Museum? Namely because it will have the temple in a new wing -- specially air conditioned; to duplicate as nearly as possible, the climate of Egypt's

Nubian Desert -- from whence it comes.

Art experts predicting that otherwise the temple would have collapsed in time -- from the ravages of American weather.

GENEVA

At Geneva--the United States and the Soviet Union resumed disarmament talks today, with both sides expressing hope they can reach agreement within two weeks--on a revised treaty to ban the spread of nuclear weapons.

If ready in time--the final treaty draft will be presented to the full seventeen-nation disarmament conference, when it reconvenes in Geneva--May nine.

However, the main problem apparently still remains--the opposition of a number of European countries, notably Germany and Italy; who want the right to build their own nuclear reactors--for peaceful purposes.

The U. S. and Russia resisting--on grounds that such reactors could easily be converted to produce nuclear weapons.

So far
~~no~~ no ~~compromise~~ compromise in sight.

SPACE FOLLOW GENEVA

Meanwhile, ~~back~~ in Washington--the U. S. Senate today approved unanimously that multi-nation treaty, to insure the use of outer space--for peaceful purposes only. The pact marking another historic step--toward easing East-West relations; and perhaps even paving the way--for eventual cooperation in space.

It now goes to President Johnson--for formal ratification.

DENVER

At Denver--after "thorough soul-searching"--Governor Love of Colorado today signed a pending bill, giving that state--the nation's most liberal abortion laws.

Love calling his decision to okay the bill--the most difficult of his political career. Adding, however, that he believes the measure will "do something about areas of suffering and abuse--which have been of concern to a great many people for a great period of time."

ATLANTA

In Atlanta -- a major press conference today for Doctor Martin Luther King. The civil rights leader responding to widespread rumors -- that he will soon declare himself a candidate for President in Nineteen-Sixty-Eight.

No chance, said Doctor King. Further defining his own role in public life -- as "one which operates outside the realm of partisan politics," one of "raising issues and creating the situation -- to force action on the part of "whatever party is in power."

Later in response to a question -- Doctor King expressing confidence a Negro could be elected President-- "in the not too distant future." But once again adding, in effect -- "not me."

FASHIONS

Revolt in Fashionland! A tale of two cities.

First, Paris, one-time fashion capital of the world -- late word that mini-skirts are strictly "out" for fall. With some of the world's most famous designers -- reportedly planning to drop hemlines to midcalf or lower.

Aw, but from London a second report -- putting Paris back on the shelf. Britain's twelve leading designers of young fashions -- showing nothing but mini-skirts in their fall line.

What's more, a spokesman for the British dozen asserting there are only two reasons -- for a woman to cover her knees. One -- a pants suit; and two -- an evening gown -- said he, said he. And so long until tomorrow.