

L.T.-OLDS. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There was shooting in Berlin today - across the border. East German guards firing machine gun bullets into West Berlin - fleeing refugees.

The West Berlin police, returning the fire, killing one of the Reds - the kind of incident that shows how easily a shooting war could start over there.

ATOMIC

The seventeenth atomic explosion of the current Soviet series - was one of the most powerful. ^{This one} Equal in force to - millions of tons of TNT. Touched off by the Russians, in the atmosphere - at their Arctic test site. The bomb, hurling radioactive fallout - high into the stratosphere, ~~Into~~ into the air currents - that blow around our planet.

MEETING

The announcement that President Kennedy will confer with the Soviet Foreign Minister on Friday - was expected. For the past few days there have been indications - that Gromyko was angling for an invitation to the White House. That Khrushchev was allowing his diplomatic mouthpiece - to be a little more conciliatory. So White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger - didn't have to spell it out today. Salinger, *did not* ~~refusing to~~ say what will be discussed - on Friday. But, as FDR used to say - you know and I know what the answer is. Berlin.

Friday's conference - will not be negotiations for a possible settlement. Just a talk with Gromyko - to let *President* ~~Mr~~ Kennedy know whether there's any point in negotiating with Khrushchev.

ADMINISTRATION

The administration has decided to take its legislative record - to the American people. The method - revealed by President Kennedy today. The President, saying that members of his Cabinet and other government officials - are going to preside over regional conferences in ten key cities. From New York to San Francisco - from Houston to Los Angeles.

The point of the conferences - to publicize key measures passed in this session of Congress. That is - the measures that the administration asked for, and got.

SYRIA

Syria would have remained in the United Arab Republic - if Nasser had granted the Syrians more freedom. ^{This was} ~~By~~ stated at today's news conference - in Damascus, ^{by} Two Syrian officers ^{who} explained ^{ed} to newsmen - the whys and wherefores of the rebellion. They say the junta really wanted to eradicate - Egyptian domination of Syria. ^{that} But they soon found that this was impossible - short of independence.

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Then, Nasser ~~exacerbated~~ the situation - by sending troops to put down the Syrians. A military move that had - the opposite effect. The Syrian people, rising against - the strong man in Cairo. The U.A.R. - dissolved. The junta, so confident of national support - that the Syrian army units in Damascus have been ordered back to garrison duty. The new regime, preparing to make good the promise of - a general election. The people of Syria, to select - a civilian government.

BRITAIN .

The British Labor Party has decided to stop shouting -
"Ban the bomb!" That slogan, voted down - at the Party
congress in Blackpool. A victory for Party Leader Hugh Gaitskill -
who has contended all along that Britain could not afford to
disarm unilaterally. The Laborites, now swinging over - behind
Gaitskill. Approving a motion that their country must have
atomic weapons - as long as there's any danger of atomic war.

KNIGHT

In Los Angeles, Banker Howard Edgerton has turned out to be - a prophet. At least, Edgerton was right when he said he'd be named by former Governor Goodwin Knight - as the hush-hush emissary of Richard Nixon. Today - Knight made exactly that charge.

Telling newsmen that Edgerton came to him - with a Nixon deal. Which was that Knight could have what he wanted in California - as long as he promised not to oppose Nixon for the GOP gubernatorial nomination.

Knight claims he has proof - that Edgerton was the go-between. Edgerton, flatly denying - that he ^{has} ever been an emissary for Nixon at any time. Nixon's comment on the Knight allegation - "false and libelous."

WILSON

President Kennedy today paid tribute - to one of his illustrious predecessors. Mr. Kennedy, signing a bill to erect a memorial - to Woodrow Wilson. He took the occasion to give his opinion - of what such a monument ought to be. It should express, in the words of the President - "Woodrow Wilson's faith in democracy, and his dedication to international peace."

During the ceremony, President Kennedy used a series of pens - to sign the bill. As he finished with the first pen - he turned and presented it to ~~an~~ lady sitting beside him. Mrs. Wilson, accepting - with a smile and a few words of thanks. The late President's widow, grateful for the tribute to - Woodrow Wilson.

Today's flight of the X-15 -- was a simulated failure.

Major Bob Rushworth, turning off his stabilizing system - as he flashed across the Mojave Desert. Seeing how his rocket plane would react - under manual control. Guiding the X-15 himself -- at twenty-eight hundred miles an hour. Maneuvering it over the "top" of its flight arc - at seventy-nine thousand feet.

The test - successful. The pilot, reporting that it's possible for a man to control the X-15 -- at four times the speed of sound.

TITLE

Over in Wales, they're baffled by - that sign on top of Mt. Snowdon. The sign reading - "Tony's Cafe." The meaning - obvious. A reference to Anthony Armstrong-Jones -- who yesterday ^{was named} became the Earl of Snowdon. Princess Margaret's husband, raised to the peerage - by the Queen.

What's the problem - in Snowdon? ~~was~~ the sign appeared - about an hour after the London announcement. A big beautifully painted sign - obviously the work of a professional. Moreover, to get it to the top of Mt. Snowdon - the individual concerned had to carry it up a five-mile path.

Which raises the interesting question - did someone at Snowdon have inside information from Buckingham Palace? Information - allowing him to paint his sign in advance? And carry it up Mt. Snowdon - as the formal announcement was being made in London.

Anyway, tonight the words "Tony's Cafe" - are blazoned on the top of Mt. Snowdon. Seems like a good subject for the camera of - Photographer Anthony Armstrong-Jones. I mean - the Earl of Snowdon.

BASEBALL

I wonder how many realize that after what happened today at Yankee Stadium - another record set by Babe Ruth is in jeopardy. In case you've forgotten - the Bambino started out as a pitcher with the Red Sox back in Nineteen Sixteen. He was a left-hander who ran up a string of scoreless innings in World Series play - that's never been equalled. Twenty-nine and two-thirds innings - before the opposition could get a run off him.

Tonight, Whitey Ford now has twenty-seven scoreless innings. Two shut-outs - last year; and - the masterpiece he pitched today. Beating the Reds - on two hits. Striking out eight - which gives him a record sixty-nine in Series competition. Winning his eighth World Series victory - also a record.

It was young Jim O'Toole's misfortune - to be pitching against Whitey Ford today. O'Toole, giving up only two runs - on those homers by Elston Howard

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and Bill Skowron. But his Cincinnati team-mates

couldn't do a thing - with Ford. The first game of

this World Series, won by New York - two to nothing.

And did you see those two sparkling plays by Yankee

third baseman Clint Bayer?! And the one by Kaske of

the Reds!

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JACK BENNY

Today's graduation exercises in Waukegan, Illinois -
were for the benefit of a single "pupil." Jack Benny High School,
awarding a diploma to - Jack Benny. The comedian, returning to
his home town - to participate in dedication ceremonies. Since
he never graduated from high school, the city decided to give him
the school's first diploma. ^{do it} Without waiting for - commencement
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