

L.T.-DELCO. MONDAY, SEPT. 14, 1959.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Soviet Union tonight suggested calling an international conference to settle the Laos conflict.

This conference, said a Soviet Government statement put out by the official Tass Agency, should be called without delay.

It should be attended, the statement adds, by the countries that went to the 1954 Geneva conference on Indochina.

ROCKET

The Soviets announce - that they are not claiming the moon! In Moscow, today, Russian scientists declared: "We make no territorial claims whatever."

In Washington, a previous announcement - that the rocket stunt would not be recognized as implying Soviet sovereignty over our earthly satellite. Which would seem to make it unanimous. So I guess the queen-of-the-night can continue - a free and independent lady.

As you have heard, the missile did carry the Soviet flag. That is, a pennant with the coat-of-arms of Soviet Russia, the hammer and sickle, and above that - a red star. Also the Marxian slogan - "Workers of the world, unite." Hardly a message - to the workers of the moon. Where - there are no people at all.

Memory might go back to previous plantings of banners and flags. Columbus, for example - setting up the standard of the sovereigns of Spain, when he landed at Sal Salvador Claiming - the New World.

~~the standard of the Soviet flag of Spain, when the flag was~~

~~sent to the moon~~ ^{JP} However, there seems to be some doubt about the actual condition of the Soviet pennant on the moon. Moscow says - they packed it in such a way that it would survive the landing at terrific speed. However, it might have been ripped to bits. And, in any case, it is not standing on some lunar crater, as a waving flag.

Today, Moscow announced - that ^{tomorrow} Khrushchev will present President Eisenhower with a replica of the pennant, ~~which took~~ ~~took to the moon~~. Another indication of the fact - that the stunt was performed as a prelude, ~~as~~ a propaganda boost for the Khrushchev American visit. The Soviets - exploiting Lunik to the hilt, with all kinds of ballyhoo.

However, ~~now~~ Moscow took an amicable tone, today, saying that the Soviet Premier will give the American President the pennant in an idealistic way. As a symbol - of scientific advancement and the cause of peace on earth.

ROCKET - TRACKING

Perhaps the most dramatic scene in this affair of the moon rocket - was at Jodrell Bank, in England. Where the British have - their great radio telescope. ^{This} ~~station~~, actually, consists of a gigantic radio receiver - intended to pick up radio waves from outer space. The huge receiver, obviously - quite able to catch the radio signals from a rocket on its way to the moon.

So at Jodrell Bank, the scientists were listening - to a steady "beep, beep", loud and clear. Waiting - not for the zero hour, but for the zero second. Moscow having informed them - of the exact moment when, according to calculations, the rocket should strike the moon. Which meant - of course, that the radio signals would stop. ^P The zero hour came, but the "beep, beep" continued. A couple of minutes went by. The radio signals - still coming in.

Then - a sudden dead silence. Professor A.C.B.Lovell, in charge of the radio telescope - looked around. As if - not believing his ears.

"Has the signal stopped?" he asked.

"Yes," the other scientists told him.

Which meant - that they were first, in the West, to know that the rocket had hit the moon. Which - they promptly announced. Professor Lovell putting it in the typical words of a scientist.

"The ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ cessation seems to be completed, and therefore we can assume - that the rocket has made impact on the lunar surface," said he.

~~Moscow, today, reports - that Soviet astronomers followed the rocket with visual telescopes, a considerable distance. They could see it - part of the way. But their opinion was that the landing of Lunik on the moon - would not be visible. The radio telescope - the only possible detective device.~~

In Washington, scientists of our American Space Agency are sure the Soviet experiments succeeded, Although one American astrophysicist - expresses doubt. So does former

President Harry Truman. Says Harry S. Truman:- "It's a wonderful thing - if they did it." Adding - that he never believes the Russians on anything, unless he can see it.

But the physicists are saying that the radio telescope observation at Jodrell Bank - showed that the acceleration of the rocket, the rate of speed, indicated that it had entered the gravitational field of the moon.

ROCKET - CHINA

The Soviet exploit made the headlines - all around the world, of course. American scientists and others - acclaiming the landing of Lunik, as a great step forward in the human conquest of space.

However, there seems to be one exception - in the printing of headlines. In Communist China, the official Red newspaper, The Peiping Peoples Daily ^{published} ~~printed~~ the news. But where? On page seven. The Soviet Lunik - buried in the back of the paper.

Page one - occupied entirely by China's dispute with India. Not so much enthusiasm, apparently, for the Soviet success.

MISSILE

Phyge and the v. 124 An air-to-air missile demonstration, today, *that* ~~was~~ ^{was} quite unintended. The missile - finding its way to its target, with swift accuracy. But a target - never meant to be shot down.

In Mississippi, a formation of jet fighter planes - armed with ~~the~~ latest ultra-modern weapons. When, at thirty-eight thousand feet, something went wrong in the jet piloted by Lieutenant Colonel Montrie Davis of Jackson, Mississippi. His air-to-air missile - fired accidentally. So it went ~~streaking~~ streaking, with its electronic guidance - to the nearest target, the nearest airplane. Shooting down - Lieutenant Albert Pruden of Raleigh, North Carolina. The Lieutenant - most astonished, when his jet was hit by the air-to-air missile.

He got out all right, coming down by parachute. Sustaining a sprained ankle - when he landed.

TEAMSTERS

A recommendation - that James Hoffa be ousted as President of the Teamsters Union. His dismissal, urged by the monitors, whom a federal court appointed - to supervise the affairs of the huge labor organization. The monitors charging - that Hoffa mishandled six-hundred-and-seventy-five thousand dollars in Union funds. Disposing of it in such a way - as to be of financial benefit to Hoffa and his associates.

AUSTRALIA

Her Royal Highness, Princess Alexandra, is learning - that things can be wild and woolly out in Australia, where the *British* Princess - is making a tour. Her visit - raising a riot at the University of Sydney, today. A thousand students, in a battle with the police.

The unseemly proceedings began when the Chancellor of the University, Sir Charles Blackburn - greeted Princess Alexandra in a formal ceremony, on the campus. A brawny student, probably the son of a sheep rancher, pressed forward. Throwing off a raincoat - which revealed his brawny corpus, clad in the costume of a ballerina, with flaring white skirt. On his legs - Australian army boots. He gave the Princess a regal curtsy, and handed her a bunch of flowers.

The astonished Alexandra could only mutter mechanically, "Thank you, they're lovely."

Which nonsense was followed by a demonstration among the students - besieging the Princess. Chanting: "We want Alex."

then
The police arrived, and the battle was on.

COP

In London, another old feature - seems to be on its way out. What would London be - without "bobbies?" Answer, London - with cops.

Today, an official British police magazine states: "Bobby" - sounds a bit prissy these days - and does not suggest the efficiency and vigor of "cop." Adding - that the British policeman now prefers to be called a "cop". Sounds more like a he-man - than the boyish term "bobby."

History relates that the London police force was founded by Sir Robert Peele, who was Prime Minister back in the Eighteenth Century. The "bobbies" nicknamed - after Sir Robert.

I always had a notion that "cop" was American slang. But not all - it seems that the British police were being called "coppers" or "cops" - a century or so ago. The expression derived from the policeman's badge, then made of copper.