

KENNEDY

L.T. - Olds. Thurs. June 14 - 62.

President Kennedy's prepared statement at his news conference today - an attempt to head off a strike of flight engineers. The President, making it plain - that the walkout, if it comes, will hit our economy hard. Causing- a big loss in revenue, ~~And~~ a layoff of - sixty thousand men.

Mr. Kennedy put the responsibility squarely on - the flight engineers union, ~~Charging~~ that the union refused arbitration - after the companies accepted it. The President adding, that this strike-threat comes - more than a year after the administration began working on the problem.

Can the strike be forestalled? President Kennedy obviously concerned about ~~that. He took a moment at his news conference, for one more~~ *it, made a special* appeal - to the flight engineers union.

He says he
Our national economy in general? ~~Mr. Kennedy~~ wants to ~~not~~ lift the big issues - above politics. ~~Get~~ bi-partisan support for such things as - a rise in the ceiling on the

national debt. And, cooperation between, labor, management - and ~~the~~ government.

Foreign affairs? ~~President Kennedy~~ ^{He} repeated his request for authority to give aid to Communist countries - like Poland and Jugoslavia. ~~There~~ ^{to} to keep them free of - Soviet domination. ^{TP} Laos? The ~~President~~ is encouraged by the agreement on a coalition government - and hopes ~~that~~ this means better relations with the Soviet Union. ^{TP} Berlin? No Laotian-style settlement ~~there~~ - because the problems are different.

^{TP} The common market? ~~President Kennedy~~ ^{He says he} has no plans to reduce the tariffs - against which the European nations retaliated.

^{As for} Khrushchev's charge - that we are planning ~~an~~ an atomic attack on the Soviet Union? "Absurd" - said ~~President~~ ^{Mr.} Kennedy.

CANADA

The Canadian reaction to Khrushchev's latest note is "inadmissible interference in Canada's internal affairs." Subject - American nuclear arms, possibly to be delivered to our neighbors north of the border. The boss of the Kremlin, calling the idea "aggressive, dangerous, inviting retaliation." ^{And} ~~The~~ warning Prime Minister Diefenbaker to say "no" - to Washington.

The Prime Minister is actually saying "no" to Moscow. Telling Comrade Khrushchev to stay out of - Canada's domestic policies. — *Go jump in the Sea of Okhotsk.*

BERLIN

The latest dispatch from Berlin sounds like - a Nazi
communique during World War Two. It tells of labor battalions
hastily building fortifications, ~~digging~~ trenches, erecting
pill-boxes, burying land mines - and clearing lines of fire
through the woods. The labor battalions, working under ~~the~~
surveillance ~~by~~ ^{of} soldiers and state police.

Yes, ~~it~~ ^{it} sounds as if the Berliners were getting ready
to meet - an enemy invasion? Actually - it's the other way
around. ~~The~~ ^{It's} East German Reds, trying to keep their own people -
from getting out. The puppet regime, setting up ^{more} fortifications
- to stop the refugees.

VIET NAM

The death of an American sergeant in the jungles of South Viet Nam - brings the number of our fatalities to seventeen. The place - Quang Nam Province, ^{some}~~almost~~ four hundred miles north of Saigon. An American captain and two sergeants were serving as advisors to - the loyalist forces attacking the Red guerrillas. During the battle, all three - were hit. One killed - two wounded. The outcome of the battle - still ~~in~~ in doubt.

Nearer ~~to~~ Saigon - more favorable news. Another ^{foray}~~thrust~~ by helicopter - deep into rebel territory. Target - a Red headquarters and supply base. Loyalist troops, landing in the jungle - storming ~~into the town~~. Capturing ^{several score}~~dozens~~ of the enemy, ^{plus}~~also~~ an arsenal of weapons, armed vehicles, five thousand gallons of gasoline, and twenty-five tons of rice.

OFFICERS

The two American officers who were court-martialed in Seoul - pleaded guilty. Lieutenants David Swandon and Thomas Wilde - are both from Illinois. Both, attached to - the First Cavalry Division. Both, accused of beating a Korean boy - when they found him stealing government equipment.

The Colonel of their regiment - appeared for their defense. Telling the court-martial that junior officers were ordered - to take drastic action, with thieves. And these two ~~commanders~~ merely did their duty.

The Colonel's plea - turned down. The court-martial, ruling - that the Lieutenants had no military license to be cruel to anyone. The penalty, for each - a six hundred dollar fine, and suspension from command for six months.

ALGERIA

The ^{term}~~expression~~ "civil war" seems more appropriate -

in Algeria tonight. Hitherto, the violence has been mainly a matter of - O A S gunmen, ^{shooting down}~~murdering~~ Moslems on the streets.

But tonight, the O A S is urging Europeans to fall back on - a complex ~~of~~ cities, with Oran for a base. A defense perimeter to be established around the whole area, which will form an independent enclave in the coming Algerian Algeria.

The O A S claims - that this plan will work.

If so, the least that Algerians have to worry about - is a clash of ^{forces}~~armies~~ along that defense perimeter. ~~A~~ civil war, - ~~In the technical sense.~~

U.N.

When the U.N. General Assembly met today - or rather, didn't meet - only one delegation was there. The British were *on hand* delegation, ~~were~~ to debate - conditions in southern Rhodesia. *All the other* ~~otherwise~~ [^] seats - ~~were~~ empty. *And*

that's ~~this~~, ironic - because Britain opposed putting southern Rhodesia on the agenda. Sir Patrick Dean, protesting that the U.N. had no authority in the matter. But he was out-voted by -- a coalition of African states.

Hence [^] the irony today. Sir Patrick, the only delegate in the General Assembly - prepared to discuss the issue. The delegates who forced it onto the agenda - ~~were~~, not one of them turned up.

BAIL

I wonder if the bail imposed in Teheran today - is the largest in the history of the law. Anyway, I never heard of a judge demanding - six million dollars. That verdict seems - bad enough. But the surprising thing is - that the defendant came up with the money. Abu Hassan Ebte-Haj -- who used to be with the World Bank. And was the first director - of Iran's seven-year-plan.

He was indicted for - misusing government money.

His wealth and position, making feasible that extraordinary bail. Abu Hassan Ebte-Haj, buying his way out of jail, at

least temporarily - for six million dollars! I wonder?

It will be interesting to get more details. Max Weston Thornburg, American authority on Iran and all the Middle East, has often said that when they locked up Abu Hassan Ebte-Haj they jailed one of the few honest men in Persia. \$6 mil bail! huh!

SPACE

The House Space Committee has some advice for the ladies. Gals - if you want to fly to the moon, now is the time to say so. The committee is launching an investigation into the alleged anti-feminine attitude on the part of the Space Agency. In particular, the question - why no lady astronauts?

The question, pointed up by the fact that many scientists believe - woman are better adapted to space flight. Actually the scientists tell us weightlessness is not so much of a problem for them - that is physically. Also, mentally - because they are not so affected by monotony.

Feminists have been charging - prejudice of the worst sort, with the best candidates for a space capsule - not even being considered. The ladies. So - to the ladies, Dick, God bless them!

LORDS

In London, the staid old House of Lords has surrendered to - cold beer. The idea is enough to make the peers demand - a vote on the issue. After all, isn't warm beer - practically a part of the British Constitution? Quite a revolutionary proposal - cold beer.

But Their Lordships are faced with - an accomplished fact. Some rudy characters smuggled into the House of Lords - a refrigerator. Result - ice in the beer. What's more, quite a few of the noble lords - have become used to this un-British concoction, ~~and~~ ^{Commons - I mean the Lords -} Today, they decided - to keep the refrigerator. Said a peer of the realm - "dash it all, one doesn't have to be medieval about a glass of beer."