

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, MARCH 6th, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

U2 Pilot Powers, at long last, gets nothing but praise. The ill-fated U-2 flight over Russia in May of Nineteen Sixty - was ended by a Soviet rocket. So indicated in the testimony of - Gary Francis Powers. The pilot, telling congressional investigators that everything was okay - until he arrived over Sverdlovsk. Then - a violent explosion behind his plane, and a burst of orange flame. The U-2, going into a violent dive - keeping the pilot from getting at the destruct button. Then the parachute descent, capture, trial, and imprisonment. Also, of course - Khrushchev's use of the episode to torpedo the Paris conference.

Anyway, it looks as if we have to believe Khrushchev - this time. Apparently, he really does have rockets - capable of hitting a plane at an

altitude of thirteen miles.

One mystery that Powers can't explain - the second parachute he saw in the sky after he landed. Who or what it was - he has no idea.

As for the sensational stories that came out of Moscow at the trial - these can be discounted. For example, the myth that Powers had been ordered to commit suicide - if it seemed that he might be captured. He says that that question - was up to him.

Washington's verdict on Powers himself - is entirely favorable. The C.I.A., asserting that he conducted himself - according to the regulations covering U-2 pilots. That he told the Russians - nothing more than he was allowed to tell them; and he even held back information - that he was allowed to give. A patriotic American throughout - Gary Francis Powers.

Once more we discover how unfair it is to pre-judge - when we don't know the story. So here's a salute to U-2 Pilot Gary Francis Powers.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy's latest note to Khrushchev - is only about a hundred and seventy words long. The President, coming right to the point on one topic - Khrushchev's acceptance of a Foreign Ministers' meeting at Geneva. The lower diplomatic echelon, conferring - instead of the eighteen heads of government, as the Soviet boss originally suggested. President Kennedy describes himself as "particularly glad" - about the change of attitude in the Kremlin. But he cautiously asks Khrushchev to abandon the propaganda - and negotiate toward a genuine disarmament agreement.

This note, indicating - that President Kennedy is ignoring the new charges in Moscow. Khrushchev, referring to our schedule of atomic tests - in the Pacific. Calling the American announcement - "atomic blackmail," ^{and} threatening - a new series of his own. President Kennedy evidently regards the Khrushchev accusation as not worth an answer; at this point anyway.

TIBET

Tibetan refugees arriving in Kashmir, report - another *important* battle up on the roof-of-the-world. A Khamba cavalry detachment - ambushing a convoy of Chinese Reds. Doing it - according to the classical rules of strategy. Especially the rule taught in military academies all over the world - "attack the enemy while he's crossing a river."

The men of Kham have never been to an academy - but they've learned strategy the hard way. By fighting - Mao Tse-tung's legions. This time, they carefully chose their battlefield - at a bridge over the Tsang-po, a hundred miles from Lhasa. *- in India they call it the Brahmaputra* The Tsang-po, one of the world's mightiest rivers - flowing across Tibet for almost a thousand miles. Then turning south through the Himalayas to India - where *as* ~~it is called~~ the Brahmaputra ~~as~~ it continues on to the Bay of Bengal.

The Khambas got rid of the Red guards at the bridge - with a phoney walkie-talkie summons to headquarters. They mined the bridge - and stationed a force in the woods on each side of the river. *Then* They waited for the enemy convoy to enter

the trap - which it did. Military trucks and armored cars - rolling across the bridge. Chinese infantry, using - rubber rafts. When Mao Tse-tung's men were halfway across - the Khamba commander gave the signal. The bridge, erupting - with everyone on it. The Khambas, opening up with a fusillade - from both sides. Half a Red regiment - was wiped out at the first volley. The Red convoy, turning into - screaming chaos. The dead, floating - down the river. The injured - calling for help. The rest, in a panicky scramble - to get out of the water. The Khambas, cutting them down in a reprisal for - the unspeakable Communist atrocities in Tibet.

WEATHER

The weather picture is so complicated tonight - it's hard to know where to begin. So, let's begin at a place you may not have heard mentioned in the news today - the New Jersey swamps. Those ~~beak~~ areas beyond the Palisades of the Hudson. Tonight they ~~resemble~~ resemble a series of lakes; lakes - withcattails. The swamp water, rising - to what might be called a flood crest; sending a cascade - over roads and railroad tracks.

If it's that way in the New Jersey swamps - you can imagine what has been happening elsewhere in the east. Not to mention - the mid-west and the south. Part of the nation - paralyzed by a blizzard. From Montana to Oklahoma - still the deep freeze. Some of the coldest weather - in the history of the Weather Bureau. The snow, setting records for March - in Minnesota and the Dakotas; and putting a halt to traffic through the Rocky Mountains.

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In the east and south - snow, sleet, hail, rain,
and wind. In many spots planes grounded. In Baltimore
schools closed. In Atlantic City - part of the
spectacular steel pier was torn off by massive waves.
The resort city itself, surrounded by a moat of water
from the sea. New York? Winds around fifty miles an
hour.

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forty-five.

PANCAKE

As you may recall
~~In England~~

this is - Shrove Tuesday. In Olney, England, that means - the annual pancake race. An ancient custom - dating back to the Middle Ages. Revived - thirteen years ago. The contest, becoming international - when Liberal, Kansas, asked to participate.

The pancake race is held on a course - four hundred yards long. The problem - to run those four hundred yards, flipping a flapjack, all the way. The ladies of Olney and Liberal - racing for the prize.

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EDUCATION

We've heard a lot recently - about getting our brightest students into college. But what about - the not-so-bright? What about those with a C-average - instead of an A? Many eminent men were only average students.

Senator Wayne Morse has a simple answer - give them a shot at college too. The Oregon Democrat, warning a conference of educators in Chicago - that this country needs its middling students, who frequently turn out to be top flight in the end. We need them in every department - from space science to agriculture. With technical training to back up - the work of any creative geniuses we have.