

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The break in the Maritime strike came with an agreement between - the larger groups. That is, the National Maritime Union, and the American Merchant Marine Institute. The terms include - wage increases, and fringe benefits. One issue put off for further study - the question of American ships registered with foreign nations.

Chairman David Cole of the presidential board expects quick action - on the part of the other unions and companies involved in the walkout. A settlement can't come too soon for the coastal cities where two hundred and fifty ships are immobilized. Also, the 50th State, Hawaii, - depends on seaborne trade from the Mainland.

KUWAIT

A war scare tonight - in the Middle East. With rumors of troop movements along both sides of the rather vague border between Kuwait from Iraq. Also - reports of British warships - on their way up the Persian Gulf.

The question, will Iraqi Premier Kassen force a battle in his bid to seize the fabulous oil rich Sheikdom.

The British cabinet held an emergency session in London - after which an appeal went out to the Arab states; an appeal for a common stand with Britain - in defense of Kuwait. Since Nasser has already denounced Kassen - an interesting situation could be developing. The British, allied with Nasser - against Iraq. And only a few years ago, remember how the British were determined to overthrow Nasser - at the time of that abortive invasion of Suez.

Another change in the Middle East Kaleidoscope -

where there have been so many changes.

At the moment Kuwait is trying to outflank Iraq,
- with a political maneuver. Applying for - membership
in the U N, which could mean some sort of guarantee -
of the independence of Kuwait.

NOSAVAN

The strong man of Laos today told President

Kennedy - that Laos is not lost. General Phoumi Nosavan, insisting that a truly neutral government for Laos - may yet emerge from the talks in Switzerland. In other words, the

General doesn't believe that ~~the pro-western~~ ^{for Laos} spokesman ~~has~~

^{have} compromised too far, ~~or~~ paved the way for - a Red coup.

~~There's~~ Still hope for a Laos ~~unit~~ committed to neither East nor West - according to ~~strong man~~ Nosavan.

Does it seem hard to believe that today is only the first anniversary of - the Congo Republic? The ^{vast region} ~~territory~~ ^{in central Africa} ~~that was known for~~ so long ^{known as} the Belgian Congo. By now the turmoil in that ^{really immense} ~~vast~~ territory on the Equator - seems a permanent fact of political life. A permanent danger spot in international relations. Yet it ^{only} ~~just~~ started ~~just~~ a year ago today.

^{That was when} ~~You all remember how~~ a succession of unfamiliar names began to ^{appear in} ~~fill~~ the headlines - Tshombe, Kasavubu, Mobutu, Ileo, Gizenga, ^{and of course} ~~most of all~~ Lumumba, who tried to be the Congo strong man. Lumumba kept playing musical chairs - with Kasavubu. Each demoting the other - until Lumumba fell, was imprisoned, and then assassinated.

One clear fact emerged - from the embroglio. The Soviet Union suffered - a major diplomatic defeat. The Russians put their prestige on the line - in the Congo. Arriving, as if they were taking over ^{that} new nation. A thirty-five man staff - for their embassy. Technicians

by the score. Shiny new planes and scores of trucks - for their Congo partisans. But - Khrushchev made one fatal mistake. Backing the wrong man - Lumumba. When Colonel Mobutu seized command - he ordered the Russians to get out. Which - they did. And - they're still out of Leopoldville.

And that was why Khrushchev made his furious attack - on the U N, and Secretary General Hammershold. The attack - that failed. A year after Congolese independence - the U N is still there. Hammershold still Secretary General. The Congolese parliament, now sitting in Leopoldville, - hopes to come up with a solution. Today in the Congo, they are celebrating their first Independence Day.

BILLS

When President Kennedy signed one bill today, ^{and} ~~he~~ remarked, "this measure is financially sound and socially responsible," ^{he was} ~~The President~~, referring to the new Social Security Act - which critics of the Administration have been calling "extravagant". The President, answering that this country can afford - higher benefits for its citizens, ^{And} is morally bound to offer extra help - to special groups like widows, and the disabled.

A second bill signed at the White House today - was the **Housing Bill**. This, too, involves ~~in~~ quite a bit of money - more than five and a half billion. ^{The} ~~President Kennedy~~, asking that much - to allow more Americans to own their own homes. Other provisions of the housing bill range from city transit - to **slum clearance**.

DROUGHT

Out on the Great Plains - an ominous phrase is being heard again. The phrase - "dust bowl." We all remember the tragedy of the Thirties - when the wind blew away tens of thousands of acres of top soil, creating an arid dust bowl - that forced hundreds of families to abandon their farms.

Is something like it about to happen again? Ten months without enough rain, now this past month - no rain at all. Result - blistering miles and miles in the midwest. Hardest hit - the Dakotas. Drought plus a plague of grasshoppers devouring everything, even pasture land.

Not nearly as bad as the Thirties - so far. But, they are praying for rain over a wide area.

GLEN COVE

In Glen Cove, Long Island - the cold war has broken out again. The issue - the swank mansion bought by the Russians for their U N delegation. The men from the workers' paradise claim ~~that~~ they are immune ^{from} local taxes - because of their diplomatic status. ~~That~~ ^{That} Governor Rockefeller ~~has~~ ^{ing} signed a bill ~~that~~ guarantees their right to local ^{fire, police and social} services, without charge. Any attack on that right - another example of predatory capitalism.

The city fathers, retorting - that diplomatic immunity doesn't extend ^{all the way} from the U N building ^{out to} ~~as far as~~ Glen Cove. Also, that the Rockefeller bill - seems unconstitutional to them. ~~as for that question of capitalism~~
~~they insist they'll be as predatory as they please.~~

Hence, a tax lien of twenty thousand dollars - slapped on the mansion occupied by the comrades from Moscow. When the Russians didn't show up to contest the judgment - the tax lien was knocked down to the highest bidder. In fact, the only bidder - the city of Glen Cove. Which says,

it's not going to lose the cold war - no matter what happens
on the international scene.

RAFT

The medical report on fourteen year old Terry MacClellan of Huntington Beach, California - is that he'll probably recover all right. Actually, Terry is lucky to be alive - after those three days he spent on a raft far out in the Pacific.

Mac Clellan

Last Tuesday, Terry, went on a fishing expedition - with his grandfather and a friend of the family. But their anchor pulled loose - ~~and~~ tore a hole in the bottom of their boat, ^{and} it sank so quickly - they had no time to radio an S O S.

The three managed to get aboard - their life raft. ~~Just~~ What happened after that isn't clear. All we know is that Terry's two companions died - and he lashed their bodies to the raft. Then he floated under a blazing sun for three days - until the raft was sighted by a fishing boat, ninety miles off the California coast. Young ^{14 yr. old} Terry ~~suffered~~, found suffering from exposure and shock - ~~the~~ only survivor of the fishing expedition that began in such high spirits on Tuesday.

Sick

HOLIDAY

If you're driving over the July Fourth Holiday

~ you might try singing American The Beautiful, ~~Reason~~
ward off
to ~~beat~~ driving fatigue. This prescription comes from Dr.
- - even as you and I - -
William Bryan of Los Angeles - ~~who~~ is appalled by our
holiday highway accidents. ~~As - we all are.~~

Dr. Bryan, who has made a ~~special~~ study of the
problem - points out that many accidents are caused by
what he calls "highway hypnosis." ~~The~~ Dull monotony,
causing drivers - to lose their alertness. Stop paying

attention - to the road. Reacting too slowly - in traffic

situations. ~~The~~ cure - ~~is~~ sing while driving ~~and since~~
All you e. This being

~~it's~~ the Fourth ^{of July} - why not ^{sing} ~~a roaring rendition of~~ "America

the Beautiful," or "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" -
or the Star Spangled Banner - if you can
remember the words and hit that high C.