

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today's political drama centered in Chicago -- the Windy City, into which Goldwater and Scranton breezed for that "audition" with the Illinois delegation. Barry Goldwater, smiling and confident -- went in first. To continue wooing those fifty-eight delegates most of them already lined up for him. The Senator again saying he will be nominated -- and elected.

Governor Scranton arriving later -- for the private meeting, telling a street corner crowd outside that Republicans should vote -- as Abraham Lincoln would -- if he were a delegate -- at San Francisco.

There was a report that the delegates would be polled, asked to state their commitment -- Scranton or Goldwater. It was held, and as expected, Barry Goldwater

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kept most of his strength, in the Illinois delegation. So announced by Senator Dirksen in his news conference -- after the poll. Forty-eight delegates standing by the Arizonan. Scranton the others, not certain.

ST. AUGUSTINE

For the second day in a row, about fifty integrationists disported themselves in the previously segregated surf - of Saint Augustine, Florida. About a hundred police officers again making a circle round the swimmers - to prevent violence. Things so quiet on the beach - that even children were playing there, Right next to - the police line. And Martin Luther King is expressing "cautious optimism" - about the progress made toward settling the racial troubles in Saint Augustine.

EXPLOSION

Disaster struck that twin-hulled oil exploration vessel in the Gulf of Mexico - when it bored into a natural gas pocket. Instead of ~~sp~~ into the oil it was looking for - on the bottom of the Gulf.

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The huge rig exploded, burned and sank within fifteen minutes - just before dawn. Continuing to burn - even under water. The sea - blazing with fuel oil from the ship's tanks. Which have a capacity of - fifteen thousand gallons. Hours after the accident, we are told, the sea was still boiling and steaming - around the sunken vessel.

Twenty ~~three~~^{seven} known to have survived - of the crew of forty ~~three~~^{two}. Some of them - badly burned.

TYPHOON

Typhoon Winnie with winds of one hundred and eighteen miles an hour - leaves a trail of devastation tonight. Right across - the Northern Philippines.

The fatal lady - storming out of the southwest Pacific.

Blasting Manila, the capital city of nearly two and a half million people - with all the fearsome power behind her rage. Reed Houses, concrete walls, roofs, trees, electronic wires - all ~~has~~ knocked down or ripped apart by the typhoon. The storm ~~was~~ rampaging all night long - through the city streets; Flooding - whole neighborhoods; Causing damage in the millions; Disrupting communications. Thousands of families reported homeless. Many dead and injured.

Typhoon Winnie now headed ~~straight~~ for - Red China; Her winds - undiminished.

COLD WAVE

The weather picture takes us from the Philippines -- back to New York where it was a record ninety-nine degrees today, to Argentina, where it was still ten below, which it has been for nearly four weeks now. The worst cold wave in fifteen years -- in Argentina. Cold air from the Antarctic -- gripping the country of the pampas and the gauchos. Ruining vineyards and orchards. With no let up in sight. More frigid Antarctic weather on its way north -- from the South Pole.

PILOT

The Distinguished Service Cross goes to jet pilot Charlie Klusmann of San Diego - because he let himself be captured by Laotian guerrillas.

Here's the story. Klussman was on a reconnaissance mission last month - when Red anti-aircraft fire hit his plane. ~~The~~ pilot - forced to bail out, ~~Landing~~ safely - in the jungle.

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Another pilot - saw him go down. And radioed his position - back to the Air base. Whereupon a rescue helicopter - flew out to pick him up. But, the area was alive - with Reds. And Klussmann waved the whirlybird off - rather than take a chance on the crew being shot or captured. He waved it off - knowing full well that he would himself become a prisoner of the Laotian guerrillas. Which happened - a few minutes later.

Charlie Klussman - still a captive out there in Southeast Asia. His wife, accepting his Distinguished Service Cross for him - at the Pentagon.

CENTAUR

For ~~am~~ about eight minutes it looked as if that silver white Atlas-Centaur moon rocket - was right on target today. Blasting towards space - almost perfectly. But alas! The upper ~~stage~~ stage, instead of demonstrating its ability to soar into the high orbit necessary for moon missions - plunged back toward the South Atlantic. And - ~~burst~~ burnt itself out.

Bitterly disappointed scientists said the failure occurred because the Centaur's two ~~hm~~ hydrogen-fueled engines - shut down two minutes early. So the rocket's upper stage didn't reach the speed it needed - to send it into that orbit.

~~The Atlas Centaur program - already behind schedule. Because of a series of mishaps - from explosions to bad weather. The total - including today's shot - one hit, two misses. The Centaur stage of the second shot fired last November - is still circling the earth.~~

SWIMMER

Swimmer Britt Sullivan disappeared -- during the longest attempted swim on record. An attempt -- that staggers the imagination. Across the Atlantic -- from the United States to England.

The American gal -- was sure she'd make it. But she was only a little way out into the Atlantic off Long Island -- when she evidently went under. Attacked by sharks, or overwhelmed by surging oceanic waves, we don't know.

Britt Sullivan, who attempted the incredible -- to swim the Atlantic.

CASTRO

In Mexico City, Cuban exiles have posted a guard of their own - around Juana Castro. They don't want the sister of the Cuban dictator - to be kidnapped by his agents, ~~Or~~ - murdered by them. *It's easy to see* ~~you can~~ see why Fidel might try - to silence Juana. His sister is revealing - some embarrassing facts about his sell out to ^{the} Communists, ~~Comparing~~ his militia - to the Nazi Gestapo, ~~And~~ declaring that Cuban people are in the grip of - "terror and panic."

Is there much opposition - to Fidel Castro? "Si,"

"Si" - says Juana Castro.

Are you ready Senor Noel?