

KENNEDY

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At his news conference today, President Kennedy took up one key part of his legislative program - with special emphasis. The President, speaking just after the House Rules Committee - had voted down his plan for a new cabinet department - a department of - Urban Affairs and Housing.

The ~~some~~ opponents of the bill, terming it - "unnecessary, too expensive." Defeating it - nine to six. Inflicting a real set-back - on the administration.

President Kennedy arrived at his news conference - obviously annoyed by the ~~committee~~ committee. He told his audience that he wants every member of Congress - to vote on the measure. And to that end, he's going to submit - a reorganization plan for a Secretary of Urban Affairs and Housing. This, a parliamentary maneuver by the President - because a "reorganization plan" cannot be shelved by a committee

The rest of the news conference - touching the obvious problems. At the top of the list - the Punta Del Este Conference. President Kennedy expressed a conviction -

that the delegations will come out against Communism. Will express common opposition to penetration of the western hemisphere - by a hostile ideology, by way of Castro's Cuba.

~~The rest of the subjects ranged from Berlin to medical care for the aged. ^{the} President Kennedy, standing just where he stood on every important issue. Still firm - on protecting our rights in West Berlin. Still in favor of putting medical care - under Social Security. And so on.~~

CONFERENCE

The conference ~~at~~ Punta Del Este is up to its brief cases in - international law. Specific problem - the legality of the American resolution on Cuba. We're asking the other ~~the~~ delegations to hit Castro's regime with - diplomatic and economic sanctions. But some lawyers ~~at~~ Punta Del Este are doubtful - that this can be done under the existing treaty.

Argentina ^{had} ~~a case in point. The Argentines had~~ agreed - to co-sponsor the American resolution. Then ~~they~~ pulled back on the ground - that the resolution might be illegal under international law. One suggestion - that another conference might have to be called, to make sanctions legally binding.

Meanwhile, the smaller Latin-American nations are demanding - immediate action on Castro. They say that debating legalities only gives the Havana tyrant more time ~~to~~ to get leftist crowds out on the streets of their cities. ~~The Reds, rallying to his defense - causing violence in places~~

COMMUNISM

A Socialist member of the Tokyo parliament -
pinpoints the split between Russia and Red China. Makoto Chiba, speaking with some authority - because he was on the good-will delegation just back from Peking.

Subject - disarmament. Chiba says the Chinese Reds told him ~~what~~ they oppose Khrushchev's plan for total disarmament, and will not abide by it - even if Russia and America should reach an agreement.

Oh yes, Mao Tse Tung has a plan - for doing away with the weapons of war. And he's demanding - only one condition. He'll disarm - as soon as the world goes Communist. Comrade Mao telling Comrade Khrushchev - "no disarmament until the hammer and sickle flies over Washington, London and Paris."

SPACE

At Cape Canaveral, the aim is - two out of three.
A pair of successes - to make up for today's failure.

"Operation buckshot", ruined - when the second stage failed
to develop sufficient thrust. ^{The cluster of} ~~The~~ five would-be satellites,
tumbling into the Atlantic - instead of scattering into
orbit.

That leaves Astronaut John Glenn ^{and -} ~~the~~ Ranger
Three. Both - space spectaculars. Colonel Glenn, still
scheduled to make his big flight - on Saturday. While Ranger
Three may be on its way to the moon - by Friday.

Should both shots go on schedule, our astronaut
will be back in plenty of time - to follow the track of the
probe across the solar system. He'll be in orbit just under
five hours - if he makes the maximum three trips around the
earth. Ranger Three will spend almost three days - getting
to the moon.

EDUCATION

The House Rules Committee, ^{today} after snubbing the Administration on a new cabinet department - supported the administration on school construction. At least - at the ~~uni~~ college level. The committee, clearing the administration proposal - for debate on the floor, next week. This decision, important - because the same committee stymied the bill, last year. Now it okays debate - about helping colleges with ~~with~~ their building programs. Money involved - a billion and a half.

FIRST LADY

~~A couple of stories on~~ The First Lady - in the news, ^{again}
tonight. ~~Relayed to newsmen by Pamela Turnure - Mrs.~~
~~Kennedy's private secretary.~~

To begin with, the First Lady's trip to India and Pakistan - is now called "semi-official." Originally it was scheduled as - a private jaunt. Now upgraded, because both of the host countries are planning - important functions for their distinguished guest from Washington. Still, the visit remains semi-official - because Jacqueline Kennedy will be paying her own expenses. Not handing the tab - to Uncle Sam.

~~The second story, which you may have heard already -~~
~~a matter of clothes. That impeccable Jackie taste. Yesterday~~
~~Mrs. Clare Booth Luce criticized the First Lady - for wearing~~
~~Paris creations at the expense of the American industry.~~
~~Pamela Turnure - says it isn't so. Mrs. Kennedy, a patron~~
~~of fashion houses - in New York. Buying an evening gown~~
~~when she was in Paris with the President - "as a tribute to~~
~~France," to quote Pamela.~~

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through People of India, pilgrims by the tens of thousands are straggling into Benares - tonight - immense crowds, converging - on the Holy City of Hinduism. Arriving from Jubbulpore, Garaphur, and Cawnpore, Nagpur, - all the way from Kalhapur in the South to Tezpur in the north. Fleeing ~~from~~ we are told. The word "disaster" comes from the Latin, and means - "evil star." And evil stars are shining tonight - so say the soothsayers, the astrologers of India.

A sinister alignment of eight heavenly bodies - forming in the zodiac. The sun, the moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury. And an invisible planet - known to the Hindus as "Katu". The first such pattern in the sky - in five thousand years. Then it led to what the old Indian chroniclers call - "The Age of Darkness;" violent wars and civil disturbances -

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throughout the sub-continent.

This time, the astrologers are predicting -
cyclones and earthquakes. The date - February third.
Only one place will be safe - from the malevolent
celestial influences. Benares, on the Ganges, the Holy

River. Hence the pilgrim - refugees - now pouring
into that religious metropolis, the Hindu holy city.

The astrologers of Nepal and Sikkim - are
making the same prediction. So it should be
interesting to see what happens - on February Third.

TWIST

Over in ~~Old Mill~~ ^{in Tooting-on-Thames}, England - Tom Becket had

~~saw~~ something wrong with his appendix. The question was - what? The doctors at the hospital agreed - it wasn't a case of appendicitis. Nevertheless, there was Tom's appendix - doing a tumbling act. "Just like a Mexican jumping bean" - said one medico, scratching his head.

Hastily, they checked into - their patient's background. And they found - the twist. Tom, a bug on - the dance craze imported from America. Twisting ~~xx~~ every night - until his appendix began to get the rhythm. Nothing serious - it just won't stay in place. An appendix, twisted

^{Dick in Tooting-on-Thames.}
loose, ~~in Old Mill England~~