

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

It doesn't happen often - but in Washington today every Senator was in his seat. All - one-hundred of them. Galleries - crowded too. Including many members of The House; also Congressional employees who were off duty.

The atmosphere tense during the roll call - the vote on the Medicare Bill. The much debated administration bill that was turned down today - by a vote of fifty-two to forty-eight. Administration backers unable to win over the few votes - that would have changed the outcome. And so - the Medicare Bill is dead, for this year.

President Kennedy experiencing - his most serious setback since he went into office. Whereupon word came from The White House that this will be made a major issue - in the coming Congressional election. President Kennedy, adding - that he'll send the measure back to Capitol Hill in January.

BERLIN

Even as President Kennedy called in the Soviet Ambassador today Soviet planes were renewing their harrassing tactics along the air corridor to Berlin. Buzzing allied aircraft - for the first time since last March. The most dangerous incident - a Soviet jet, making a pass at an American passenger plane. The Russian pilot, flying only a few feet away for a minute or more - till he dropped off, and disappeared.

American authorities in West Berlin - protesting. President Kennedy, trying to find out from Ambassador Dobrynin - just what Khrushchev is up to now.

KHRUSHCHEV

The Soviet habit of distorting the truth in subtle ways - sometimes not so subtle, either - is shown by the official text of that latest interview at the Kremlin. Khrushchev, talking with a group of American newsmen. The Americans keeping notes on the conversation - and today comparing their notes with the text issued by the Kremlin.

One question began - "Have the Soviet people been told? Today this appeared as - "Do the Soviet people know?" The change - significant. If they haven't been told, then their government is withholding information that should be given to them. If they simply don't know - well, that would be because they don't read the newspapers, or listen to Comrade Khrushchev, or whatever.

The questions went on to mention - those forty Soviet atomic explosions in the atmosphere. The Kremlin

text deleting the phrase - "in the atmosphere." Giving the false impression - that there has been no danger of radioactive fallout from the Soviet testing grounds in Siberia.

At one point, Khrushchev asked his visitors - if they had been restricted while touring the Soviet Union. They answered, unanimously - "yes". The Kremlin text makes all the Americans except one - answer "no."

And several other examples of the touching up they did. The Kremlin, distorting the truth - before letting the Soviet people see it.

CONGO

If you are looking for irony in international affairs, you don't have to go any farther than Katanga in the Congo. The irony - no, it's not the fact that ten-thousand people rioted in Elizabethville, Or even the fact - that most of the rioters were women. The ironic note was in the slogan they chanted.

The women of Katanga, surging against - a U.N. roadblock, shouting - "U.N. go home!" And:- "bring back the Belgians!" Many of the rioters telling newsmen - the old colonial system really wasn't so bad. Then the shops were full, the workers had jobs - and the Russians never interfered in Congolese affairs. Now the cry in Elizabethville - "Bring back the Belgians!"

NEPAL

That must have been a moving spectacle today - in Katmandu. Dr. Toni Hagen of the Swiss Aid Mission was speaking to a crowd of Tibetan refugees, bidding them farewell - after twelve years of working among them. The Tibetans - weeping and protesting. Begging their benefactor - to stay.

But what could he do in the face of - an order from the government of Nepal? Dr. Hagen, accused of running guns to the rebellious Khambas across the border in Tibet. Dr. Hagen, ordered out of Nepal.

The Swiss philanthropist calls the charge - "false! Mischievous! Capitulation to pressure from Red China."

But he has been ordered to leave Katmandu - for India, much to the sorrow of the Tibetan refugees he has served for over a decade.

DROUGHT

The drought in the East is so bad - that ten New York counties have been declared disaster areas. The past ten weeks, with practically no rain - parching the farms. Causing the crops to wither. Causing streams to subside - to the lowest levels in a decade. The Weather Bureau in eastern Pennsylvania says - "The worst drought of the century."

When Major Bob White hit the "Top" of his flight arc today, he was higher than the point where our astronauts curved out into orbit. The Air Force major, gunning his X-15 up and up - until he was 58 miles above the Mojave Desert. Highest ever - for a pilot in a plane.

As he zoomed over the "top" of his flight arc - he became weightless for a moment - there at the edge of space - where he could see all the way from Canada to Mexico. He also saw what he termed "a mysterious object" - like a piece of paper, the size of his hand. This object, thirty feet away - flying along with the rocket plane for several seconds. After which, it vanished.

The major circled down - at six times the speed of sound. America's "winged astronaut" - fifth man to qualify for the Space Medal. First there were John

Glenn, Scott Carpenter, Alan Shepard, and Gus Grissom, who rode the big rockets. Now, joining them - Major Bob White in the X-15.

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ASTRONETTES FOLLOW SPACE

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WIG

The latest Florentine fashion, from the River

Arno, is described as - "unusual." Something of an

understatement - to judge from the Florence dispatch.

Subject - wigs for women. Here's the one - that attracted most attention. An enormous sphere - color

"Persian orange." Down the front a "sheepdog bang,"

covering - one eye.

So, Mi-lady if you want the latest how about an orange colored spherical wig from Florence, with that

sheepdog bang.

replies that Mr. Kennedy and Democratic leaders should

take a closer look at their own party's role, before

impeaching the GOP. "I am shocked and shocked," said

Miller. "Is the President planning a purge of his own

party? And will he also take the stump against the

scores of Democrats in the Senate, who helped defeat his

airford steam project yesterday?"

No answer yet from the White House.