

KENNEDY

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**Surprise, surprise, Robert Kennedy to run for
the Senate - from New York?**

**And the late President's brother - has the
blessing of Mayor Wagner. All this by way of challenge
to Kenneth Keating - in November. That is, assuming -
what New York politicians seem to assume - that Robert
Kennedy will win out over Samuel Stratton at the
Democratic State Convention - win this much prized
New York Senate nomination.**

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**The Kennedy announcement concerning his
availability will come early next week, ^{from} Gracie
Mansion, the Mayor's home in New York City, so
announced by the Attorney General's office in Washington.**

DEMOCRATS

The story from Atlantic City continues to be -- the Civil Rights issue, the Civil Rights plank in the party platform, and, the questions of which Mississippi deligation should be seated. Today the platform Committee heard from Governor Wallace of Alabama -- who opposes the Civil Rights law, also from Congressman Adam Clayton Powell -- who wants the law enforced with more vigor by -- the Federal Government.

The dope in Atlantic City is -- that neither Wallace nor Powell will have much effect on the Platform Committee. A party platform being -- in the nature of the case -- in between the extremes, something to satisfy as many of the faithful as possible.

As for the Credentials Committee and its tough problem, the delegates of the "Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party" -- insist on being seated. They say that they won't even compromise -- with the regular delegation.

VIET NAM

The heroism of four Americans couldn't turn the tide - of that battle in South Viet Nam. One Captain fired his rifle - until his ~~ammunition~~ ammunition was gone. Then - hurled all of his hand grenades. And finally seized a machine gun - with which he poured bullets into the attacking rebels. Piling up enemy casualties until he fell. The other three Americans - overwhelmed at the same time. *Shot down*

✓ Gallantly - in a lost cause. Or, I should say - a lost battle. *For* their cause - the freedom of South Viet Nam *may* *be* not lost. *and* Both Americans and Vietnamese are vowing ~~that~~ it will not be, ~~lost~~

CUBA

The magnitude of the economic disaster in Castro's Cuba -- can be judged from the fact that the bearded dictator doesn't know -- how many creditors he has, or how much he owes, or -- when specific obligations fall due.

The Nationalized Bank of Cuba -- is supposed to keep the books for the government. But the men Castro put in charge -- have no experience with banking. And the financial mess they produced is said to be so involved -- that no one has yet figured it out.

All Castro knows for sure -- is that he is too deep in the red -- to keep buying abroad. So he is suspending purchases and telling his agents that even deals already made -- will have to be called off.

Wonder -- what Khrushchev will say? Castro owes the boss of the Kremlin -- one and one-half billion dollars. And the Moscow satellites must be unhappy -- because of the following figures:- Czechoslovakia is out -- four hundred and

thirty million dollars; Poland -- two hundred and fifty million;

Roumania -- eighty-five million; Hungary -- seventy million.

And Fidel by his own admission, has no idea when -- or whether
he'll ever pay up.

TOGLIATTI

~~The other night, I pointed out the sinister history of Communist leaders visiting Moscow. The fact that so many have died in the workers' paradise. A point that should have been of some concern to Palmiro Togliatti.~~

Like so many other comrades from abroad ^{Togliatti} the Italian Red failed to survive his Russian tour. He succumbed to a brain ~~hemm~~ hemorrhage - at a hospital in the Crimea. So his visit ends with the Russians ~~as~~ preparing - to ship his body back to Rome.

All this ~~however~~ is mere coincidence. No Soviet plot to get rid of Togliatti - who stood by the Kremlin throughout his career. The boss of the Italian Communist party never deviated - from the Moscow line. During Stalin's reign of terror - Togliatti was a devout Stalinist. When Khrushchev downgraded Stalin - Togliatti switched to destalinization without batting an eyelash.

Recently, Togliatti has been a chief supporter

of Khrushchev -- in the feud with Mao Tse Tung. The Red boss in Rome -- purging the pro-Peking faction. But now there may be a fight inside the Italian Communist Party. And those who favor Mao -- might win. Enough to make Khrushchev shudder as he stands at the bier of Palmiro Togliatti.

CONGO

The number of casualties in the battle of Bukavu is unknown, but helicopter pilots back from flights over the capital of Kivu say the streets are littered with dead as a result of some of the fiercest fighting so far in the Congo.

In the hand-to-hand fighting that raged through the streets of Bukavu the issue was decided by the machine guns of Tshombe's loyalist soldiers. They raked the avenues and squares -- of the city. Cutting down rebels -- by the score.

COLLISION

The switch in that collision near Ottawa - is that the truck hit the train. Usually - it's the other way around. ^{Usually a car or truck} ~~The vehicle getting up onto the tracks~~ ^{an oncoming train.} ~~Now stalling - in the path of the locomotive.~~

This time, a Canadian Pacific Express - was barreling through an open crossing. Which means that the driver of the dump truck - should have had plenty of warning. Plenty of time to stop - in front of the crossing.

Perhaps - his brakes failed. Anyway, the truck loaded with ~~guss~~ gravel - slammed into the dining car.

Knocking it - and the coach ahead - off the tracks. The driver - killed instantly. ^{Also} Seven passengers ^{on the train} ~~also~~ fatalities of the collision ^{and} ~~around~~ ^{more} ~~as~~ fifteen ^{more} ~~injured.~~ injured.

ENCEPHALITIS

Forty thousand Boy Scouts in Houston, Texas, are tracking down -- the Culex Mosquito, at the request of the Mayor. The Culex Mosquito suspected of killing twelve people in Houston -- during the past month, by encephalitis, sleeping sickness.

To control them -- destroy their breeding grounds.

Forty thousand scouts fanning out through Houston, looking for -- pools of stagnant water, to solve the sleeping sickness problem.

JUMP

~~If you wonder~~ What it would be like to make a parachute jump - with a broken back, - well, Airman Mike Leonard almost found out.)

^ Two days ago the paratrooper from Lawler, Iowa, bailed out ~~of a plane~~ at an altitude of ^e ~~one~~ thousand feet. His chute - failed to open. But - he landed on his feet, tumbled head over heels - as the manual says, and came up with - a mere scratch on the leg.

His commanding officer at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida - put him back on the list for today's jump, and he would have bailed out - except for a last minute checkup ^{that} which disclosed ~~that he has~~ two cracked vertebrae, in ~~his spine~~.

~~Even the idea - is enough to make me wince~~

Dick -
^ A parachute jump - with a broken back. - almost.

YANKEES

~~All Yankee haters will now stand up and cheer~~

Yankee fans ^{are} ~~they're~~ trembling with apprehension.

Not since the days of Babe Ruth, has the New York team tasted - the bitterness of defeat, ~~Followed by~~ - internal dissention.

The Yanks, losing four straight - to the Chicago White Sox. Then getting into a heated dispute on the bus. An altercation between Manager Yogi Berra - and infielder Phil Linz. ~~Because~~ Linz started to play his harmonica - when Yogi wasn't in ^{any} ~~the~~ mood for music, ~~Not~~ after seeing the White Sox push his team - into third place.

The proud Yankees - not so proud tonight.