

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A convention of Democratic liberals - opened in Detroit, today. For a three-day political side-show - to work out a liberal platform, to be placed - before the Democratic National Convention. The oratory began with a former assistant secretary of the air force in the Eisenhower Administration. Yes, that's right under Eisenhower. Trevor Gardner was a Republican then - but has become a Democrat. And today he suggested a plank for the Democratic platform, calling - for the creation of a "National Peace Agency." In his oration, he said:- "Man must find a way to pull back from the genocidal abyss, in the creation of which he has such complicity."

Powerful words, brother, powerful words. Meanwhile, on the livlier side, Kennedy and Humphrey - were treading in each others footsteps, in Wisconsin. The two - spending last night in the same hotel at LaCrosse; but -

without meeting. During the day, the four stops they made for campaign talks, were the same. The Humphrey people are demanding - a face-to-face debate between their candidates. The Kennedy people retorting - what's the use. Kennedy and Humphrey - pretty much of the same opinion on all important issues. However, that certainly is not the case. Last night, in Milwaukee, Humphrey assailed Kennedy on one point, which - is easy to see. He made scornful references to candidates who seek to win votes "by the way they cut and comb their hair." Those were the Humphrey words - on the hair-cut issue.

TRUMAN

FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAS MADE A REPLY- TO A QUERY ASKING ABOUT SOMETHING HE SAID THE OTHER DAY. H.S.T.- ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NEGRO SIT-DOWN STRIKES AT LUNCH COUNTERS IN THE SOUTH. HE WAS QUOTED AS REMARKING "IF ANYBODY CAME INTO MY STORE, AND TRIED TO STOP BUSINESS- I'D THROW HIM OUT". "THE NEGRO," HE WENT ON, "SHOULD BEHAVE HIMSELF, AND SHOW THAT HE'S A GOOD CITIZEN." WHICH COMMENT CAUSED A GOOD DEAL OF PAIN IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. ^{the} SO ^{of the NAACP} DETROIT BRANCH SENT HIM A TELEGRAM, ASKING- DID HE REALLY SAY THAT. WHAT'S THE TRUMAN REPLY. WELL, HIS ANSWER IS A TELEGRAM- SAYING HE WAS QUOTED CORRECTLY. AND ADDING "IF I WERE IN DETROIT I WOULD SAY THE SAME THING TO YOU PERSONALLY."

P ALWAYS PEPPERY - IS H.S.T.

DISARMAMENT

THE ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON HAS FORMULATED AN ANSWER TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A COMPLETE BAN ON ATOMIC TESTING. THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES - OVER THE QUESTION OF REJECTING, OR NOT REJECTING, THE MOSCOW PLAN.

TODAY, SECRETARY OF STATE ~~CHRISTIAN~~ HERTER, AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, INDICATED THAT THE AMERICAN REPLY WILL BE - A COMPROMISE. REFUSING - A PERMANENT PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS OF EVERY SORT. INCLUDING - SMALL UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS, WHICH CANNOT BE DETECTED. BUT THE ADMINISTRATION IS WILLING TO ACCEPT - A SHORT TERM AFFAIR. A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM - ON ATOMIC TESTS, INCLUDING THE SUBTERRANEAN VARIETY. THE ADMINISTRATION DECISION - TO BE PLACED BEFORE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN, WHEN HE ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND. THE BRITISH - OPPOSING A REJECTION OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A TEST BAN.

KHRUSHCHEV

AS A BACKGROUND FOR WHAT WENT ON IN PARIS, TODAY, LET'S TAKE A LOOK -
AT THE LIFE OF LENIN, THE FOUNDER OF BOLSHEVISM.

HE LIVED IN PARIS, AS AN EXILE, FOR THREE YEARS - NINETEEN NINE TO
NINETEEN TWELVE. RESIDING WITH HIS WIFE - IN A SMALL FLAT, IN A
WORKING CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD. IN WHICH HUMBLE HEADQUARTERS - HE
STUDIED, WROTE, AND CORRESPONDED WITH REVOLUTIONARIES FAR AND WIDE.
WORKING - TO BRING ABOUT A SPLIT BETWEEN MODERATE SOCIALISTS AND
EXTREMISTS. THESE LATTER - BOLSHEVIKS. LENIN - WELDING THEM INTO A
UNIFIED PARTY OF AGITATORS AND CONSPIRATORS. IN THAT FLAT IN PARIS,
HE DID A BASIC JOB - IN THE CREATION OF COMMUNISM.

TODAY, THE PLACE, NOW A COMMUNIST SHRINE - WITNESSED A SORT OF LOVE
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FEAR OF THE REDS. KHRUSHCHEV - MAKING A PILGRIMAGE TO LENIN'S OLD
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FLAT. THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD - PACKED WITH PARISIAN REDS. THOREZ,
HEAD OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY - GREETING KHRUSHCHEV WITH AN
EMBRACE. THE CROWDS OF REDS - IN WILD ENTHUSIASM FOR THE BIG BOSS OF
COMMUNISM. R KHRUSHCHEV, IN PARIS, CONTINUED TO HARP ON THE DANGERS OF
A REVIVAL OF GERMAN MILITARISM. A TOPIC, WHICH HE FIGURES - WILL
APPEAL TO FRANCE.

SOUTH AFRICA

AT THE U.N. TODAY, A GROUP OF ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES PUT IN
A REQUEST - FOR AN "URGENT MEETING IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL,"
TO DISCUSS - THE RACE RIOT KILLINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

IN CAPE TOWN, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS CANCELLED ^{all} ~~THE LEAVES~~
^{leave} POLICE AND ^{leave} ARMY PERSONNEL IN THE SECTION WHERE THE SHOOTINGS
OCCURRED. THE PURPOSE - TO KEEP A CONSTANT PATROL OF ARMORED CARS
IN TOWNS INHABITED BY NATIVE AFRICANS.

ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN BANNED - AND THE PLAN IS TO OUTLAW
THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

THE AFRICAN CONGRESS IS NAMED - AS THE ORGANIZER OF THE PASSIVE
RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, WHICH LED TO THE VIOLENCE AND KILLINGS.

BOOKS

THE GREATEST BOOK THIEF IN THE WORLD. THAT'S WHAT THE POLICE IN GERMANY ARE CALLING JOACHIM KRUEGER, AT THE OLD UNIVERSITY CITY OF GOETTINGEN. THEY SAY THAT, IN THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS, HE STOLE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF BOOKS - THROUGHOUT GERMANY, EAST AND WEST. KRUEGER OPERATED A MAIL ORDER BUSINESS - DEALING IN RARE BOOKS AND MUSICAL MANUSCRIPTS. RECEIVING ORDERS BY MAIL FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD - AND FILLING THEM BY STEALING ~~THE~~ BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS. HE'D GO TO A LIBRARY, AT ONE PLACE OR ANOTHER, AND ACT - LIKE A RESEARCH SCHOLAR. WHICH GAVE HIM ACCESS TO RARE ITEMS - AND HE WOULD SNEAK OFF, TAKING THE LOOT.

TODAY, AT GOETTINGEN, HE WAS CONVICTED - ~~AND GIVEN A JAIL SENTENCE~~ ^{to Prison.}

TRAPEZE

In Dayton, Ohio, today, Tom Hanneford said: "I don't know how I happened to be in that position. It was just one of those things." Tom - a man of importance in the circus; which was opening - under the sponsorship of the mystic shrine. He doubles in two jobs - circus announcer and equestrian: combining the talents - of a Cicero or a Demosthenes and a trick horseback rider. He had no business being where he stood, as the crowd gazed, breathless - at "Tajana, the Indian Goddess." Tajana - in a daredevil act. Actually, the "Indian Goddess" is from Florida. Her real name - Mrs. Hanneford, wife - of Tom, the announcer and equestrian. Who, at the time, was out of position. On a high trapeze, "Tajana, the Indian Goddess", was in the middle of her thrilling performance. When she made a false move - and fell. Plunging thirty feet - to the pavement below. People screamed - they thought she'd be killed. But Tom,

her husband, was where he should not have been - directly below her. Down she came - and he caught her. "Tajana, the Indian Goddess," going to the doctor - with only a cut on her foot. Lucky wife; lucky husband.

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cracking against his feet, breaking two of his toes.

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And now - before I go - let's hear from Miss

Soal.

BOY

Mrs. Gene Maberry of Los Angeles has a five year old boy. And was watching him - as he played around in the back yard. Then looking upward she saw a jet plane - an air force trainer, and noticed that something was falling from the jet. It looked - like a piece of paper. "The piece got bigger and bigger", she says, "and I realized it wasn't paper." It was a metal tank, that had broken loose from the plane - and it was falling straight at her five year old boy. "Run, run," she yelled at him. And the boy ran. The metal tank just missed him. Then - bounced and rolled, and hit him. smacking against his feet, breaking two of his toes. But he'd have been squashed if mama hadn't yelled - "Run, run."

And now - before I run - let's hear from Dick Noel.

CRIPPLE CREEK

I've been in the mountains today - a region we used to call "the Western slope of Pikes Peak," revisiting mines and familiar haunts in the Cripple Creek District - some of the time above 10,000 feet - looking across the valley at the inspiring 14,000 foot peaks of the peaks of the Sangre de Christo Range.

Rufus Porter, who calls himself "The Hard Rock Poet," still works at the Carleton Mill, between Victor and Cripple Creek - a mill for extracting gold that I set in motion 9 years ago. One of his verses expresses my sentiments exactly: -

There's something about the glory
Of the white peaks rising high,
That satisfies my hunger;
For a mountain man am I.

And - s - l - u - Monday.