

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, JULY 17, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight the world of baseball is mourning Tyrus Raymond Cobb, "the Georgia Peach", perhaps the greatest player in the history of our national game. Ty Cobb - and Babe Ruth. The "Georgia Peach" could do a lot of things on the diamond - that the Babe couldn't.

Never was there a more electrifying baserunner - than Ty Cobb. Its a matter of baseball folklore - how the Tiger outfielder used to slide into a base, with dirt and spikes flying. Tyrus Raymond Cobb - the player who set the all-time record for stolen bases - eight-hundred and ninety-two of them. In one season - ninety-six. Once, Cobb scored all the way from first - on an infield out. Another time, he scored from third - on in infield fly.

He was the game's greatest hitter - if you go by average instead of homers. Cobb's batting average for

twenty-three seasons - an incredible three-sixty-seven. For three consecutive seasons, he hit - better than four-hundred. Below three-hundred, exactly once in twenty-three years - when he came up to the Detroit Tigers as a rookie in 1905. He was the American League batting champion twelve times - nine in succession. And in the era of the dead ball - he hit over a hundred homers.

Now passing - at the age of seventy-four. Survivor and brightest star of baseball's most colorful era - Ty Cobb, the first to make the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.

## SPACE

At Cape Canaveral, as you have heard, they are getting set for tomorrow's space shot, with Air Force Captain Virgil Grissom scheduled to ride a redstone rocket into space - tomorrow morning. Up, up for more than a hundred miles - and then down the Atlantic range where his capsule is supposed to come down by parachute, in the water, off the Bahamas.

Tonight scores of experts are going through last minute routine - to be ready for tomorrow morning when America's second Astronaut will be riding a rocket into space. On the beach - a big crowd, camping there all night long, in order not to miss - Captain Grissom's take-off.

One important point. If this flight goes as well as the last one - it may mark the end of the sub-orbital experiments, with our third American astronaut to be sent into an orbit around the earth.

BERLIN

The Chancellories of the world are trying to guess - the contents of the three notes delivered in Moscow today. Details, not to be made public - until tomorrow. But some educated guesses - are possible. Its taken for granted that Britain, France and the United States are saying "no" - to Khrushchev's demand that West Berlin be turned into a free city. The Allies, also refusing to recognize Khrushchev's right - to sign a separate peace treaty with his East German puppets. Nor will the west attend any conference of the fifty-two nations - that fought against Nazi Germany in World War Two.

The Allies <sup>are not only</sup> ~~are not stopping with a~~ rejection <sup>ing</sup> ~~of~~ Moscow propoganda. Their notes are said to contain a proposal - for free elections in East Germany. London, Paris and Washington, putting Khrushchev on a spot - he doesn't like. Challenging him to apply to his own

empire - the anti-colonialism that he defends so energetically everywhere else. Everywhere - in the Free World.

## DISARMAMENT

The atmosphere in Moscow is - chilly. No, that's not - a thermometer reading. It refers to - the disarmament talks. John McCloy, special advisor to the President - is in the Soviet capital, ~~Conferring with~~ - Deputy Foreign Minister Zorin *and* ~~Not getting~~ - anywhere. Reason - the Berlin crisis, and Khrushchev's belligerent talk about strengthening his armed forces. The Soviet Dictator - causing a political chill in Moscow.

CONGO

Tonight the Congo appears to be slipping - back toward anarchy. Provincial leaders, again facing one another - in open hostility. Leftist Gizenga, receiving a Soviet diplomatic mission - which is advising him in his bid to become head of all the Congo. ~~Over on the~~ ~~Right,~~ Tshombe repeating <sup>ing</sup> that secessionists Katanga Province is not going to be represented in the Leopoldville Parliament. ~~so~~ There's talk in Leopoldville of using force - to bring Katanga into a Congolese union.

~~This - approved by the U N command in the Congo.~~

<sup>for the U.N. Command</sup>  
One spokesman, terming Katanga's independence - " a myth." Exactly how to dispel the myth - is the problem.

## KUWAIT

The Premier of Iraq failing to frighten Kuwait - with that show of military force, is turning to - blandishments, telling his Kuwait neighbors that he intends to intruduce land reforms, when he seizes Kuwait. Take the big estates - from the Sheiks. Give the land to - the small farmers of Kuwait.

Kassem of Bagdad, attempting to drive a wedge between - the leaders and the people of the sheikdom at the head of the Persian Gulf. The sheik of Kuwait points out that all the people of Kuwait already are doing all right - with their ocean of oil.

## NIAGARA

~~Today~~ <sup>today</sup> In a Niagara Falls court, the charge was "stunting in the river." The defendant, pleading - "guilty." Nathan Boya of New York, confessing - that he did indeed cause a crowd to congregate at the top of the Falls. <sup>which he admitted was</sup> ~~adding that~~ was his intention.

<sup>Have you</sup> ~~you've probably~~ heard about the Bronx handyman - who rode down Niagara Falls in his "plunge-o-sphere." <sup>a</sup> homemade metal ball - especially built to withstand the jolting impact of the descent. Boya, climbing inside his metal sphere - near the point where the Niagara river makes the big drop. ~~Boya~~, Going over the Falls, dropping like a stone into the gorge - then floating on into the quiet water at the other end of the river.

The daredevil from the Bronx climbed out - with nothing worse than a few bruises. The latest man to go over Niagara Falls - in a barrel. Or at least - in

a "plunge-0-sphere." One of the few - who lived to describe his trip. But today it cost him a hundred dollars - for attracting a crowd without a permit.

## SEA

America needs a family of bathyscaphs - according to Lieutenant Don Walsh of the U.S. Navy. The bathyscaph is for exploring the bottom of the sea. Oceanography.

Lieutenant Walsh and Swiss scientist Jean Piccard piloted a bathyscaph - seven miles down in the Pacific last year. Setting a depth record in the Marianas Trench - off Guam. Now the Lieutenant is going down again - this time, with another naval officer, Lieutenant Lawrence Shumaker.

The U.S. Navy - pushing a study of the sea. Which isn't being done fast enough. Not enough bathyscaphs according to Lieutenant Walsh who says we should have a flotilla of them for a survey of the floor of the ocean. A flotilla of bathyscaphs, Dick.

## TAXES

Today's vote in the House Ways and Means Committee involves a billion dollars - to give the national economy a boost. That much, to be cut from taxes - from corporations, farmers, the self-employed, and so on.

A businessman who spends eight-hundred dollars on equipment - to find his tax bill sixty-four dollars less. Giving him more cash-in-hand for expansion. Multiply this across the nation - and you get the sum of two-billion - this to help prime the economy pump.