

L.T.-OLDS., THURSDAY, AUGUST 2nd, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Another Jules Verne invention - unveiled today by the Space Agency. A space station - that can be packed into a small suitcase. It goes in such a small space because - the space station is made of rubber. To be carried into space - aboard a booster rocket. Then inflated - until it forms a doughnut shape, thirty feet in diameter, and three stories high. Around the rim of the doughnut - a control centre, a scientific laboratory, a gallery for observation - and living quarters for ten astronauts. The power for this inflated space station will be solar energy.

Its main purpose - to serve as a flying dock for space ships. As far as I know - even Jules Verne never thought of that.

The key word in today's flight of the X-15 -- the word "yaw." Meaning - too much sway from side to side. That's what happened on July Seventeenth - when Pilot Bob White zoomed up to a record altitude of fifty-nine miles. The flight, a success - but the rocket plane developed too much sway. Almost reaching the danger level - on his instrument panel.

Today, Pilot Joe Walker took the X-15 up -- with a new "yaw dampener." Hitting a speed of a mile a second - Walker deliberately started to sway from side to side. Each time, the "yaw dampener" - brought him right back on course. Another technical triumph for the X-15 -- which flies higher and faster than any other aircraft in the world.

EXPLORERS

The six Americans who floated out onto the Maroni River in French ~~Guinea~~ ^{Guiana} - are attempting one of the most hazardous trips in the world. Their goal - the Brazilian border, more than three hundred miles away. No explorer has ever made it - through the ~~at~~ dense tropical ~~jungle~~ ^{stretch.}. The last one who tried, in Nineteen Forty-Seven -- was never heard from again. One surmise - he was murdered by the fierce primitive Indians of the interior.

What's the purpose - of this expedition? Says Leader Dick Smith of Northbrook, Illinois - "You can't keep explorers from exploring the unexplored." Specifically - they want to map the area. And bring back scientific specimens - flora and fauna. Flowers, butterflies, birds - maybe even a jaguar or two. And they'll pan the Maroni River - for gold.

That is, if the natives and the jungle don't become too much - for the six American explorers.

BERLIN

Western diplomats in Moscow believe - that a major decision is being formulated in the Kremlin. The decision - to start, or not to start, another Berlin crisis. The point being - that Khrushchev's East German puppet has arrived for talks with the Red boss. And it's taken for granted - that Ulbricht is ^{asking Moscow} ~~begging~~ for a tougher line. Arguing, that his regime is so shaky - that he needs a crisis as an excuse for a crack-down.

The Western diplomats point out that the last time Ulbricht came to Moscow with an appeal - Khrushchev okayed the Berlin wall. This time - ~~will~~ who knows?

One thing Khrushchev still has to face - no Allied backdown. Today, our planes were flying on schedule - to West Berlin. ~~And we kept helicopters circling over East Berlin - to point up our right to the air space over any part of the city.~~

ALGERIA

The new agreement in Algiers ^{seems to be} a complete victory for Ben Bella. That's how observers are interpreting the document - that presumably puts an end to the fear of an Algerian civil war. ~~The issue~~ ^{there has been} as you know - a struggle for power between Ben Bella and Ben Khedda. ^{the} Main outcome of the struggle, as announced today - Algeria to be run by a seven-man political council, ^{with} the council ~~is to be~~ dominated by - Ben Bella's appointees.

~~was~~ The danger of civil war - may be over, ~~but~~ - there's ^{the} a new danger, ~~the danger~~ of - dictatorship. Ben Bella's enemies charge that he wants to set up a tyranny - after his triumphant entrance into Algiers tomorrow.

SOLDIER

The American soldier who defected to Red Czechoslovakia - was due to be court-martialed. Corporal Raymond Hareld, facing charges of - violating the customs regulations. His problem - he had gone into debt. Couldn't pay up - from his Army salary. So he turned to - smuggling. At least - that's the charge he would have had to answer.

According to Radio Prague, the American Corporal simply prefers Communism - to democracy. But in East Providence, Rhode Island - his mother says it isn't so. That neither she nor his Japanese wife - ever heard him defend Communism. ^{That} ~~But~~ both heard him say many times - that he preferred his country and the U.S. Army.

SOBLEN

The British denial of asylum to Robert Soblen - is based on the legalities of the case. The Home Secretary, telling the Commons - that Soblen is not being persecuted. Nor is he too ill to return to America - where he faces a life sentence for espionage. Hence, he doesn't qualify for asylum - under British law. The London government, ordering the Israeli Air Line - to fly Soblen back across the Atlantic. That being the airline - that brought him to Britain.

The convicted Red spy ^{taking} ~~back~~ the long way around - to reach the cell that is waiting for him. From New York, to Israel, to London - and now back to New York.

PHILIPPINES

The rift between the United States and the Philippines appears to be a thing of the past.- now that the war damage bill has passed the House. Rejection of the bill last time - touched off much criticism in the Island. President Macapagal - cancelled his visit to Washington.

The cause of this animosity - now removed. The House, approving - seventy-three million dollars for war damage suffered by the Philippines under American jurisdiction.

DRUG

The reaction in Congress to yesterday's presidential news conference - is immediate. And - entirely favorable.

Subject - drugs. How to control dangerous drugs. - like the ~~lidomide~~. President Kennedy calls for - tougher laws, passed by Congress. The indications are - that ^{he} ~~the President~~ will get those laws. Today, one Republican member of Congress remarked - "The only question is, how far we should go."

Meanwhile - more vigorous action by the Administration. Secretary Celebrezze of Health, Education and Welfare, announcing - stricter rules for testing drugs on human beings.

LADY

Now here's a question - what do you do when a lady sticks her tongue out at you? ^{In Tibet it would merely mean "hello."} To complicate the issue, suppose the lady in question happens to be - one of your employees?

It happened - in Ripley, Tennessee. Dotty Jacobs, reprimanded by her boss - because her work wasn't up to snuff. Dotty's reaction - she stuck out her tongue. Result - the lady, fired. Taking her case - to the National Labor Relations Board. But - she lost. The Board, terming her behavior - "scandalous." Ruling that ~~if~~ it's perfectly all right for a boss to give an employee the boot - even a lady ^{- Dick -} if she sticks out her tongue at him.

NOMINATION

I doubt if this year's primaries will come up with a surprise - more startling than the one in Montpelier, Vermont. William Meyer, a candidate for the Senate - was looking over his nominations papers. Examining the list of names - of his backers. His eye, lighting on the name - Robert Johnson of Brattleboro. Which startled - Candidate Meyer. What's the story? Oh, just that Johnson is Meyer's opponent - for the nomination. When Meyer threw his hat in the ring some months ago - Johnson signed as one of his backers. Later, Johnson developed political ambitions of his own - and filed to run against Meyer.

The original signature - still legal. So Vermont has a candidate for the Senate - who is vouched for by his opponent.