

L.T. - (Olds) Mon. July 24 - '61.

AIRLINER (PROBABLE LEAD STORY)

THE WORD FROM WASHINGTON TO HAVANA TONIGHT - GIVE US BACK THAT AIRLINER.

A STRONG NOTE, SENT BY WAY OF THE SWISS GOVERNMENT, SAYS THE UNITED STATES DEMANDS THAT CUBA IMMEDIATELY FREE THE EASTERN AIRLINES PLANE, AND ITS THIRTY SEVEN PASSENGERS AND CREW. ALL OF THEM KIDNAPPED - HIJACKED IF YOU WILL - BY SOMEONE ABOARD THE PLANE.

THE THREE AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLAR LOCKHEED "ELECTRO" PRO-JET HAD TAKEN OFF FOR THE BRIEF FLIGHT FROM MIAMI TO TAMPA - WHEN RADAR SHOWED IT MAKING A SHARP TURN SOUTH. RADIO CALLS BROUGHT NO RESPONSE. AN AIR FORCE S-102 FIGHTER WENT UP TO INVESTIGATE <sup>and</sup> FOLLOWED THE AIRLINER ALL THE WAY TO CUBA.

BACK AT THE AIR FIELD, THE ASTONISHED MANAGER POSTED A SIGN SAYING: FLIGHT CANCELED AND - TO PERSONAL INQUIRIES HE ADDED: "THEY ARE DELAYED AWHILE AT HAVANA - UNTIL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS ARE CLEARED UP."

IN HAVANA - IT LOOKED AS THOUGH HALF THE CITY HAD TURNED OUT TO GREET THEM.

BUT - IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE, THE CUBANS WERE WAITING FOR.

AIRLINER - 2

*That*  
~~THE~~ HIJACKED AIRLINER LANDED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE  
OF THE RECEPTION FOR YURI GARGARIN - THE SOVIET SPACE  
HERO.

THE AMERICAN PLANE WAS PUT UNDER GUARD - THE PASSENGERS  
AND CREW TAKEN TO THE WAITING ROOM FOR INTERROGATION. THE  
IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO HELD THE GUN ON THE PILOT -  
STILL NOT DISCLOSED.

WILL CASTRO KEEP THE PLANE? HE *has* HINTED THAT HE WILL.  
YOU MAY RECALL A RECENT STATEMENT IN WHICH THE CUBAN LEADER  
SAID: "IF IT SHOULD OCCUR TO SOMEONE TO STEAL A PLANE AND  
FLY IT HERE, WE SHALL KEEP THE PLANE AS THEY KEEP OURS" -  
A REFERENCE TO CUBAN GOODS AND AIRCRAFT SEIZED IN THIS  
COUNTRY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DEBTS.

SO - THE LOCKHEED ELECTRA SITS THERE AT HAVANA AIRPORT *with*  
THE PASSENGERS FATE UNDECIDED - AND CUBAN OFFICIALS ALL  
BUSY TONIGHT ENTERTAINING YURI GARGARIN. HE AND CASTRO  
RIDING INTO TOWN IN AN OPEN CONVERTIBLE - DRENCHED TO THE  
SKIN BY HEAVY RAINS - CASTRO INSISTING - THE TOP STAY DOWN.

A BUSY DAY IN HAVANA.

SATELITE

OUR SPY IN THE SKY SATELITE PROGRAM IS GOING AHEAD,  
DESPITE SOVIET ARMY OBJECTIONS.

U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF THE  
COMMENTS IN RED STAR - THE SOVIET ARMY NEWSPAPER - SAYING  
THAT SATELITES ARE AS BAD AS U-TWOS - <sup>that</sup> THEY'RE AN ACT OF  
AGGRESSION.

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BUT OUR PLANS HAVE NOT CHANGED. THE SAMOS SATELITE,  
WITH ITS TV CAMERA ABOARD WILL SOON BE LAUNCHED - NOT  
NEXT WEEK AS THE MAGAZINE SAID TODAY - BUT IN A MONTH OR  
TWO.

THE PICTURES - SO CLEAR, THEY'LL SPOT A MISSILE BEING  
<sup>sent</sup> UP, BEFORE IT CAN BE LAUNCHED.

McNAMARA

MILITARY CONFERENCES IN LONDON TODAY. U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY McNAMARA AND BRITISH DEFENSE MINISTER WATKINSON TALKED ABOUT BERLIN. THE TALKS SECRET OF COURSE, BUT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY THE BRITISH ARE HESITANT TO TAKE ANY DRAMATIC DEFENSE MOVES, SUCH AS BOLSTERING THEIR FORCES IN GERMANY. JUST YESTERDAY, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY LORD HOME SAID HE BELIEVES KHRUSHCHEV WILL DROP THE WEAPON OF ULTIMATIVES AND FAVOR SETTLEMENT BY AGREEMENT.

*In fact*  
~~THE~~ DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN LONDON SAY THAT COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN DROPPING "COUNTLESS HINTS" THAT KHRUSHCHEV WOULD LIKE TO TALK - PERHAPS GUARANTEE SAFE ACCESS TO BERLIN IN ANY TREATY HE SIGNS WITH EAST GERMANY. WESTERN SOURCES *have* REPLIED *that* A GUARANTEE COULD BE TOO VAGUE TO BE ACCEPTED - TOO DEPENDANT ON PROMISES BY THE EAST GERMANS.

~~AND THAT'S HOW IT GOES AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTIONS THESE~~

DAVE.

## KENNEDY'S SPEECH

PRESIDENT KENNEDY - STILL WORKING ON THAT IMPORTANT ADDRESS TO THE NATION/ TOMORROW NIGHT - HAS SEVERAL MORE DRAFTS TO GO BEFORE HE'LL BE SATISFIED WITH IT. THAT'S THE WORD FROM NEWS SECRETARY SALINGER.


THE SPEECH - TO RUN FOUR THOUSAND WORDS - WILL TELL THE NATION WHAT DECISIONS THE PRESIDENT HAS REACHED ON THE BERLIN CRISIS - HOW TO MEET THE COMMUNIST THREAT IN GERMANY AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. WE'LL HEAR IT ON CBS AT TEN P.M. EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME TOMORROW.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SPEECH MR. KENNEDY WILL SEND NEW LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO CONGRESS. IT'S UNDERSTOOD THESE WILL CARRY OUT THE IDEAS HE'LL EXPRESS TO THE NATION IN THAT SPEECH.

RUSK

WE COULD HAND THE RUSSIANS A VICTORY IN THE COLD WAR  
IF WE SKIMPED ON FOREIGN AID, ~~SO~~ SAYS SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK.

THE SECRETARY - IN A BROADCAST INTERVIEW - SAID THAT IF  
KHRUSHCHEV COULD CAUSE US TO ABANDON THE FOREIGN AID EFFORT  
IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, HE WOULD HAVE DONE US A  
GREAT IN JURY.



FOLLOW RUSK

THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MUST HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO THAT INTERVIEW. IT APPROVED, *by the narrow margin of* THIRTEEN TO FOURTEEN, THE HUGE FOREIGN AID AUTHORIZATION BILL. FOUR AND ONE-THIRD BILLION DOLLARS INCLUDING LONG RANGE BORROWING AUTHORITY.

THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO THE SENATE FLOOR, WHERE DEBATE MAY BEGIN FRIDAY.

THE CRAB LEADS BELIEVE IT WILL EXTEND MATERIAL AND MILITARY AID TO TUNISIA. ALGERIA HAS AN INFANTRY BRIGADE READY TO LEAVE TONIGHT. TUNISIA'S OWN BEST TROOPS HAVE FLOWN HOME FROM THE CONGO.

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TUNISIA

THE SHAKY CEASE FIRE IN TUNISIA IS GETTING THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF DAG HAMMARSHOLD. THE UN. SECRETARY GENERAL FLEW INTO TUNIS A FEW HOURS AGO, MET WITH PRESIDENT BOURGIBA, AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR A PERMANENT PEACE.

BUT, THE SITUATION WAS NOT TOO PROMISING. TUNISIA'S ARAB NEIGHBORS ARE MOBILIZING, HAVING CALLED THE FRENCH BATTLE AT BIZERTE - AGGRESSION.

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CONGO

*— the richest part —*  
PART OF THE CONGO HAS TURNED TO THE RUSSIANS.

KATANGA PROVINCE HAS ACCEPTED RUSSIAN OFFERS OF HELP,  
AND IS NEGOTIATING TO STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH THE  
COMMUNIST BLOC.

THAT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM INTERIOR MINISTER MUNUNGO, WHO  
IS SENDING DELEGATES TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

THEN, MUNUNGO ADDED: IDEOLOGIES DO NOT INTEREST US.

HE SAID HE SPEAKS FOR KATANGA PRESIDENT TSHOMBE WHO <sup>is</sup> ILL,  
AND HAS NOT MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE FOR TWO WEEKS.

WILLIAMS

*on another journey, this time*  
G. MENNEN WILLIAMS IS MAKING A SILENT TOUR OF AFRICA.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WILLIAMS - THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, HAS DECIDED TO MAKE NO STATEMENT ON HIS CURRENT TRIP. HE'S NOW IN LAGOS, NIGERIA. ON HIS LAST TRIP WILLIAMS STIRRED UP A STORM WITH THE COMMENT - "AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS." THIS WAS LATER AMENDED TO READ "AFRICANS OF ALL RACES IN AFRICA." THIS TIME - NO COMMENT AT ALL.

JOINING WILLIAMS BRIEFLY WILL BE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE CHESTER BOWLES *with an* ~~ASSIGNMENT~~ ASSIGNMENT TO BUILD UP OUR AMBASSADORS - SEE THAT THEY HAVE ALL THEY NEED AT THEIR KEY EMBASSIES. BOWLES WILL FLY THROUGH AFRICA AND ASIA IN EIGHTEEN DAYS.

HURRICANE

HURRICANE ANNA HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE. THE TROPICAL STORM SENT ITS EIGHTY FIVE MILE AN HOUR WINDS HOWLING INTO SOUTHERN BRITISH HONDURAS.

THAT PART OF CENTRAL AMERICA HAS BEEN WARNED OF THE DANGER OF FLASH FLOODS, BUT ANNA IS CLOSE TO THE END OF HER CAREER. SHE SHOULD BREAK UP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF HONDURAS TONIGHT.

*Now - across the continent to Dick Noel.*

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FIREMEN: BOMBS WERE EVACUATED, AND THE SWELL OF GAS MIXED WITH THE COOL AFTERNOON FOG AND WIND OVER A WIDE SECTION OF SAN FRANCISCO'S BUSINESS AREA. THE WAS WAS TURNED OFF A SHORT TIME AGO, AND THE DANGER SHOULD HAVE BEEN OVER.

ESCAPING GAS

ONE HUNDRED <sup>and</sup> FORTY FOUR BLOCKS OF RESIDENTIAL AND  
BUSINESS HOUSES WERE ENDANGERED IN DOWN TOWN SAN FRANCISCO  
LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

A GAS MAIN BROKE OPEN - AND FUMES COVERED THE AREA FOR  
AN HOUR, BEFORE THE LINE COULD BE SHUT OFF. A NO SMOKING  
BAN WAS IMPOSED; THE AREA WAS SURROUNDED BY POLICE AND  
FIREMEN; HOMES WERE EVACUATED, AND THE SMELL OF GAS MIXED  
WITH THE COOL AFTERNOON FOG AND WIND OVER A WIDE SECTION OF  
SAN FRANCISCO'S BUSINESS AREA.

THE GAS WAS TURNED OFF A SHORT TIME AGO, AND THE DANGER  
SHOULD SOON BE OVER.