

L.T. -OLDS. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here's good news, For centuries man has hoped this could be done!

When President Kennedy flipped a switch in the White House today - a dream came true at Freeport, Texas. The ancient dream of converting sea water - into drinking water. The President, starting a machine in Freeport - able to purify enough water for a city. A million gallons a day - at just over a dollar for a thousand gallons.

For centuries, men have been baffled by the strange paradox - of deaths from thirst in the middle of the ocean. As Coleridge put it in THE ANCIENT MARINE - "Water, Water, everywhere, but not a drop to drink." Now at last, it looks as if anyone near the ocean - will have plenty to drink from now on - that is water. Now that a way has really been found to turn salt water

into fresh water.

... President, ... exchange of views with ... that the Eisenhower ... Japanese-American ... well.

After ...

... Mr. Eisenhower ...

WHITE HOUSE

Today's visit by Dwight D. Eisenhower to his old Washington home - was not just a social call. <sup>The ex-</sup> ~~our former~~ President, at the White House for lunch - and <sup>for</sup> a long private exchange of views with President Kennedy. No details announced, but White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger told newsmen - that the Eisenhower-Kennedy meeting covered the current Japanese-American negotiations. And - other world problems as well.

After <sup>a morning</sup> ~~the~~ conference in <sup>Pres.</sup> ~~the~~ Kennedy's study - the President and ~~the~~ ex-President joined Prime Minister Ikeda for lunch. <sup>son</sup> The President, escorting his guests to the state dining room - without using his crutches. During the meal, the three statesmen mixed light and serious conversation - after which Mr. Eisenhower left. <sup>Prime Min.</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Ikeda and <sup>Pres.</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Kennedy, boarding the presidential yacht - for a voyage down the Potomac.



## RUSSIA

The new Soviet history of World War Two - pushes Stalin down a grade; and u-grades Khrushchev - way up. Subject - those massive Nazi victories over the Red Army at the beginning of the invasion. We are now told by Moscow that Stalin was responsible for the Soviet strategy that led to one defeat after another. Who saved the situation? Guess who? Why a Ukrainian political leader named - Nikita Khrushchev. What about Marshal Zhukov, who was a top Soviet hero - during the war? Remember how a few years ago he got in Khrushchev's way, and was purged. Now the new Soviet history makes Zhukov - one of the scapegoats. It accused the famous Marshal of not preparing the Red Army - for the Nazi attack.

Soviet historians - still up to their old tricks. Re-writing history - to flatter whoever happens to be on top in the Kremlin.

ATOMIC

The United States ought to resume atomic testing - according to Pentagon experts. General Lemnitzer, of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, ~~heading the witnesses~~ before a Senate Sub-committee, <sup>today told</sup> ~~telling~~ the Senators that the test moratorium may be harming this country - by holding up the development of weapons. While we don't know - whether the Russians are testing, or not. The advice of the military men <sup>is to</sup> resume the atomic experiments, unless Khrushchev agrees to a quick, foolproof system of inspection.

No one expects the Kremlin dictator to do that.- because he apparently doesn't want an agreement. His reasons - for stalling? Possibly, fear - that he can't control Red China. Possibly - his own desire to build more atomic bombs.

## WAR

One wonders whether the gravity of the international situation can be judged by today's warning from Congressman Chipperfield of Illinois? Here are his words: "It's possible we will be at war with the Soviets by the end of the year, over Berlin." The Illinois Congressman does not predict an atomic holocaust. But he thinks Khrushchev's belligerence makes it imperative - that the American people be prepared for any eventuality. Decide whether we prefer the possibility of war to appeasement - and act on that decision. In fact he thinks this may be our only chance of making Khrushchev pull back - before he starts a Berlin crisis that will result in a full-scale conflict with America.

The general feeling around Washington seems to be that a show-down with Khrushchev will come - in the next few months. That's the reason for so many bi-partisan statements on Capitol Hill about the absolute need to

stand firm on Berlin. It's taken for granted that any wavering on our part - will only encourage the dictator of the Kremlin.

This feeling becomes all the more understandable - in view of one dispatch from Moscow that quotes a couple of Soviet marshals as declaring that Soviet forces captured Berlin during World War Two - and then generously permitted the Allies to enter the city. The Soviet marshals, arguing that they have a right - to withdraw that permission.

Actually, of course - the Allied armies could have reached Berlin long before the Russians. General Eisenhower was forced to make his men "sit down" - because of the Yalta decision to let the Russians in first. Another example of how Yalta weakened us - in the face of the subsequent Soviet challenge. How at Yalta we gave the world away.



## STRIKE

In New York, an official said today - "This port is deader than a doornail." Meaning - one of the world's greatest harbors, immobilized by the maritime strike. All the ships coming in - unable to get out. The crews, joining the strike - as soon as they drop anchor. The toll - more than fifty ships caught in New York harbor. Close to a hundred and fifty for all of our seaports. The walkout is having an effect - abroad. Today the French liner Liberte - was held up ~~at~~ LeHavre, pending further developments in New York.



## PROSPECTORS

In the mountains of Brazil - a "tourmaline rush" is on. Tourmaline? A semi-precious stone used by jewelers. Discovered in big quantities - deep in Brazil's back country.

For forty years, Prospector Pedro Espirito - has been wandering over the hills with his burro and his pick. The grizzled old prospector, looking for gold - which his friends said he'd never find. They were right. When Pedro finally struck it rich - it was in tourmaline. A broad seam of semi-precious stones - in the hills above Presidente Valadas. The first seam Pedro uncovered worth a million.

Word of the strike, filtering back - and to the coast - to Brazilia first, then Rio, San Paulo, Recife. Result - the same as in the days of the gold rush. A headlong stampede - to the new tourmaline field. Presidente Valadas, now a roaring boom town - where

they pay for everything in gems. Throwing handfuls of tourmaline around - the way the men of 'Ninety-eight used to handle those gold nuggets in the Klondike and at Nome.

Lucky Pedro started it!

Already, Brazil has had one familiar tragedy - of the gold rush days. A claim jumper, shot - by the man who staked the claim. Lucky Pedro and other miners, guarding their property - with machine guns, instead of old-fashioned carbines. One thing is missing so far - in this stampede to the wilderness; no writer has used it - as a theme. I wonder who'll be the Jack London or Robert Service - of the "tourmaline rush?" Will Bob Ruark head for there? Maybe I will. It's in my blood, Dick.

## LIGHTHOUSE

Three men might still be trapped in the ruins of "the loneliest lighthouse in the world," if it hadn't been for the interruption of radio contact. The sudden silence, causing the Coast Guard to send an icebreaker - to Stannard Rock in Lake Superior. Long before the ship arrived, her skipper knew something was wrong on Stannard Rock. From afar off he saw that the tower of the lighthouse was a shambles - smoke billowing into the sky.

Then the icebreaker lookout spotted - frantic signals from survivors of the lighthouse crew - from three, - Oscar Daniels of Saulte Ste. Marie, Walt Scobie of Troy, Michigan, and Dick Horne of New York City. A fourth man - missing. It might have been their tomb - except for the Coast Guard worrying about their dead radio.

The survivors say a terrific blast - shattered the lighthouse on Monday, ruining their food and forcing

them for two days and three nights to huddle at the foot of the ruined burning tower. Far out in Lake Superior - forty-five miles from the mainland. There on what has been called "the lonliest lighthouse in the world.