

L.T.-OLDS. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The State Department denunciation of Fidel Castro - a scathing document - was submitted today to the Inter-American Peace Commission. Eleven pages of it accusing the Cuban dictator of - vicious anti-American propaganda. The State Department, freely using words like "distortions, half truths, unfounded charges." Calling Castro - a threat to this hemisphere.

We are not asking the other American states to act now. Simply putting on record - the facts about Castro.

But Congress is almost ready to act - on the question of Cuban sugar. The House Rules Committee, clearing the bill - that would give President Eisenhower power to reduce the Cuban sugar quota.

CUBA

Castro's take-over of the Texaco Oil Refinery in Santiago - was done without any formality. No government order - sent to the officials of the Company. No warning. Pro-Castro forces simply appeared this morning - and occupied the refinery.

There's no doubt about - Castro's motive. The Cuban dictator, reacting against - Texaco's refusal to process Russian oil. Castro, replying with - expropriation.

Meanwhile, Castro admits <sup>that</sup> fighting is going on in Oriente Province. Anti-Castro rebels, operating in the vast wooded area - where Castro held out <sup>so long</sup> when he was leading the rebellion against Batista. ~~The present regime in Havana admits -~~  
~~it is facing more opposition.~~

TRUMAN

Former President Truman will explain at his news conference on Saturday, just why he resigned today as a delegate to the Democratic Convention.

He had been named a "delegate at large" - with the Missouri delegation. It has been assumed he was anxious to go. H.S.T. - a veteran political campaigner; always high - in the counsels of his party; and this time to press for the nomination of - Senator Symington.

But today Mr. Truman sent a telegram - to Missouri's Governor Blair at the Glacier Park conference, reading:- "I have decided not to go to the Convention."

Reason? We'll know that on Saturday - when H.S.T. holds a news conference, in Independence.



## NORTH DAKOTA

The battle neck-and-neck in North Dakota's special Senate election. The vote count in Tuesday's balloting, still going on, shows first that Governor John Davis is ahead on the Republican ticket - then that Democratic Representative Quentin Burdick has pulled in front. The final decision - in one of the closest elections in North Dakota's history - probably will be finally decided in a recount.

## ROCKET

Another rocketry note - a Pentagon announcement that we'll begin experiments of trying to shoot down Atlas intercontinental missiles with Nike-Zeus rockets high over the Pacific. The Atlases to be fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base - the interceptor missiles from tiny mid-Pacific Kwajalein Island. The tests to begin - at an undisclosed time - part of our continuing efforts to find a defense against enemy missile attack.

# SATELLITE

Another Discoverer Satellite - Number Twelve -  
launched this evening from California's Vandenberg Air  
Force Base. This one - with a new wrinkle - a so-called  
"snooper device" attached, aimed at trying to find out  
why, in the past, we've been unsuccessful in recovering  
previous satellites from orbit.



CONGO

Tonight Leopoldville is buzzing with the question - was today's incident an assassination attempt? The answer seems to be - "no." But the crowd got - a ~~great~~ scare.

King Baudouin of Belgium - in the Congo to preside over independence ceremonies. The King, riding in state - from the airport <sup>in</sup> to Leopoldville. Suddenly a native - darted out of the crowd. Getting past - the security police. Jumping on - Baudouin's car. Reaching <sup>in and boldly</sup> ~~through the windows in~~ and whipping the King's ceremonial sword from its sheath. The crowd - gasped. It looked as if the King would be run through - with his own sword. But the native simply waved it over his head - shouting, "Independence! Independence!"

A moment later - overpowered by the security police. Carted away - to jail. King Baudouin, a little pale - but maintaining his royal poise. Driving on - into Leopoldville, where he'll declare the Congo free of Belgian rule - tomorrow.

NEPAL

That attack in the Himalayas - was carried out in typical Communist fashion. A group of Nepalese soldiers - on a routine inspection tour of the frontier. All - unarmed. Suddenly - machineguns opened up. The Nepalese officer - killed. His men, surrendering to - a force of Chinese Reds.

The Communists - violating the demilitarized zone. Shooting first - asking questions later. Katmandu <sup>tonight is</sup> alarmed by - this Communist contempt for international law.



## MURDER

In Beaver, Pennsylvania - a dead man is in stir. How's that? Oh, Vincenzo Colantonio - was declared legally dead, ten years ago.

This bizarre case goes back some twenty-three years; when Colantonio in a drunken brawl, seized a pistol and killed a man. Then, fled. His family - never hearing from him again. Finally he was declared legally dead, in Nineteen Fifty.

But, a few months ago - Colantonio applied for American citizenship - under an assumed name. Whereupon a routine F.B.I. check of fingerprints brought out the story. And now Colantonio, at Beaver, Pennsylvania, is being held for murder. And he was legally dead.

Farmer Lecroy who works a piece of land - near Toccoa, Georgia, last October, in his cornfield, stumbled over a block of ice - weighing forty pounds. Lecroy amazed at this, told his neighbors. They too were dumfounded. Whereupon farmer Lecroy passed the puzzle on to - the U. S. Weather Bureau, the Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Standards. The three agencies, investigating - for eight months, and now came up with a forty page discourse, complete with diagrams.

The solution - to the puzzle? That drinking water leaked out of a jet plane - at forty thousand feet or so. The water - freezing solid, Dick, and then plummeting down into Farmer Lecroy's cornfield.

## THEATRE

A fire in New York City is stirring - a lot of memories. The R.K.O. Theatre on Twenty-third Street - going up in flames. Once - New York's opera house. A landmark - for the past century.

Built by financier Jim Fiske - for his lady friend, Josie Mansfield. Josie, a beautiful actress - who wanted her own theatre. Jim Fiske, called the robber baron of Wall Street - built it for her; complete with a grand staircase, Persian carpets, fine Mahogany woodwork, bronze statuary and so on.

Then the financier got himself shot - in a quarrel over Josie. The actress - losing control of her theatre. Which became - an opera house. Later - a movie house.

Reaching the end of the line - with today's fire. The plush theatre that Jim Fiske built - for Josie Mansfield - in the days when Jim Fiske cut a wide swath on Wall Street, and Broadway.