

L.T. - Clds. Thurs. July 14 - 60.

THE STRONGEST NOTE EVER SENT BY THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION - WAS HANDED TO THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER IN MOSCOW TODAY. SUBJECT - CUBA. CONTENTS - A REAFFIRMATION OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, CALLING KHRUSHCHEV'S RULE - "DESPOTIC." PLEDGING - TO KEEP IT OUT OF CUBA - OUT OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

THE NOTE ACCUSES KHRUSHCHEV OF SETTING UP A - "STRAW MAN". MEANING, THE SOVIET PRETENSE - THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO ATTACK CUBA. TODAY WE TOLD THE BOSS OF THE KREMLIN - TO STOP BLUFFING. STOP THREATENING US. AND - STAY OUT OF CUBA.

CUBA

and *we hear* *is* *in Latin America*
TONIGHT THERE ~~IS~~ MORE EVIDENCE OF CONCERN OVER

CUBA ~~IS ASKING~~ PERU, ASKING THAT THE CASE BE BROUGHT -
BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. LIMA, HOPING THE
DISPUTE CAN BE SETTLED - BY THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE.
THE PERUVIANS, ANXIOUS TO AVOID - LEAVING IT TO THE U.N.

AT THE SAME TIME, ARGENTINA HAS ASKED HAVANA
FOR ASSURANCES-THAT THE RUSSIANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO
GAIN A FOOTHOLD ON OUR SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC. BUENOS AIRES
URGING HAVANA - TO DISAVOW SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS
OF THE AMERICAS.

AVIATION FOLLOW NOTE

The negotiations over flights between New York and Moscow - have been called off. Our government, postponing the talks - until "A more suitable time."

The State Department mentions - Khrushchev's anti-American campaign. Especially, the shooting down of our plane - over the international waters of Barents Sea.

Asked when "A more suitable time" would be - a state department spokesman said "The answer to that lies in Moscow."

FIRE

THAT DISASTER IN GUATEMALA CITY - WAS CAUSED BY OVER-CROWDING. THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSANE ASYLUM - SAYS HE PROTESTED MANY TIMES. JOSE CAMPOS, ASKING THE GUATEMALA AUTHORITIES TO LOWER THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS. BUT HE STILL HAD SIXTEEN HUNDRED WHEN THE FIRE BROKE OUT TODAY.

STARTED - BY A CANDLE. ^{Flames} RACING - THROUGH THE BUILDING. THE WARDS, A BEDLAM - AS THE PATIENTS FOUGHT TO ESCAPE. ~~Most of them~~ ^{Hundreds} GETTING OUT SAFELY. BUT THERE WERE FIVE HUNDRED CASUALTIES. TWO HUNDRED DEAD.

VICE PRESIDENT

Out here in Los Angeles the Democratic candidate for President spent most of today - talking with ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Democratic leaders. A steady stream of visitors - parading through the Kennedy suite. Among them - Walter Reuther - who has already declared for Kennedy over Nixon in November.

The ostensible purpose of today's activities - to help Kennedy decide on a running mate. The leading candidate for Vice President, Senator Symington, who only last night was still challenging Kennedy for the top spot on the Democratic ticket.

The concensus is that he'll take - and be offered the No. 2 place on the ticket.

KENNEDY

HERE AT THE CONVENTION TONIGHT - THERE'S A LOT OF POLITICAL REMINISCING. POLITICIANS - LOOKING BACK - TO SEE JUST HOW JACK KENNEDY DID IT. HOW HE WENT AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AND WON. THE EXPERTS SEEM TO AGREE - THAT TWO FACTORS STAND OUT: -

FIRST, KENNEDY HIMSELF. THE SENATOR, A PERSONABLE YOUNG MAN, WHO PUT ^{a tremendous} DRIVE INTO HIS CAMPAIGN. TAKING HIS CASE TO THE PEOPLE - IN THE PRIMARIES AND ON TELEVISION. MAKING GOOD USE - OF THE FAMOUS KENNEDY CHARM.

THE SECOND FACTOR - POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

KENNEDY, CHOOSING THE RIGHT MEN - TO HANDLE HIS CAMPAIGN. INCLUDING - CONNECTICUT'S GOVERNOR RIBICOFF. BUT THE NAME MENTIONED MOST PROMINENTLY HERE IN LOS ANGELES - IS JOHN BAILEY OF CONNECTICUT. BAILEY - AN OLD PRO. CONNECTICUT'S KING MAKER. NOW BEING COMPARED TO - THE MAN WHO MASTER MINDED FDR'S CAMPAIGN. JOHN BAILEY - THE NEW JIM FARLEY. MAYBE.

KENNEDY

HERE AT THE CONVENTION TONIGHT - THERE'S A LOT OF POLITICAL REMINISCING. POLITICIANS - LOOKING BACK - TO SEE JUST HOW JACK KENNEDY DID IT. HOW HE WENT AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AND WON. THE EXPERTS SEEM TO AGREE - THAT TWO FACTORS STAND OUT: -

FIRST, KENNEDY HIMSELF. THE SENATOR, A PERSONABLE *a tremendous* YOUNG MAN, WHO PUT DRIVE INTO HIS CAMPAIGN. TAKING HIS CASE TO THE PEOPLE - IN THE PRIMARIES AND ON TELEVISION. MAKING GOOD USE - OF THE FAMOUS KENNEDY CHARM.

THE SECOND FACTOR - POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

KENNEDY, CHOOSING THE RIGHT MEN - TO HANDLE HIS CAMPAIGN. INCLUDING - CONNECTICUT'S GOVERNOR RIBICOFF. BUT THE NAME MENTIONED MOST PROMINENTLY HERE IN LOS ANGELES - IS JOHN BAILEY OF CONNECTICUT. BAILEY - AN OLD PRO, CONNECTICUT'S KING MAKER. NOW BEING COMPARED TO - THE MAN WHO MASTER MINDED FDR'S CAMPAIGN. JOHN BAILEY - THE NEW JIM FARLEY. MAYBE.

CONGO

IN THE CONGO, ^{some of the} ~~A LOT OF~~ WHITE PEOPLE ARE SAYING - THE UNITED NATIONS TROOPS MAY ARRIVE TOO LATE. RALPH BUNCHE IN LEOPOLDVILLE - HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE U. N. FORCE IS ON ITS WAY, DUE TO ARRIVE - IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

BUT FOR SOME VICTIMS OF CONGO VIOLENCE - FORTY-EIGHT HOURS ARE AN AWFULLY LONG TIME. THEY^a ARE BESIEGED - IN JUNGLE TOWNS, ^{with} AMMUNITION RUNNING LOW, ^{and} FOOD GIVING OUT. WHILE MORE CONGOLESE - ARE JOINING IN THE ORGY OF MURDER AND PILLAGE.

— Leopoldville —
MEANWHILE, THE CONGO REPUBLIC HAS SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BELGIUM. AND KATANGA PROVINCE HAS ^{to the South,} SECEDED FROM THE CONGO. KATANGA DECLARING - IT DOESN'T WANT U.N. TROOPS ON ITS SOIL, OR, CONGOLESE TROOPS EITHER. →

ADD CONGO

There was a violent scene at Leopoldville Airport - when the Premier of the Congo Republic arrived. A crowd of Europeans - surrounding Premier Lumumba, shouting threats; shaking their fists. One took a punch at Lumumba - who warded off the blow, and boarded his plane as though nothing had happened.

REPLY TO COLUMNISTS:

NEWSPAPER COLUMNISTS, FROM COAST TO COAST, I
HEAR, HAVE BEEN COMMENTING ON REMARKS I MADE LAST NIGHT ABOUT ^{on TV + radio}
THE L.A. SPORTS ARENA AS A CONVENTION HALL. FOR INSTANCE, BOB
WILLIAMS, IN THE N.Y. POST, SAID: "LOWELL THOMAS SEEMED ANGRIER
ABOUT THE ACOUSTICS THAN ANYBODY ELSE." HE SHOULD HEAR WHAT
GOVERNOR COLLINS OF FLORIDA HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT.

~~NO~~ONE, LITERALLY ~~NO~~ONE, HELD THE ATTENTION OF THE
DELEGATES AND THE CROWD, EXCEPT THE CLERGYMEN WITH THE INVOCATION
AND THE BENEDICTION. AND THEY GOT SILENCE MERELY BECAUSE THE
CROWD GAVE IT OUT OF RESPECT FOR PRAYER.

I CHATTED WITH SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY ABOUT
THIS LITTLE MATTER OF ACOUSTICS, AND HE AGREED THAT FOR THIS
REASON ALONE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY SPEAKER TO STAMPEDE
THE CONVENTION.

JACK OBRIEN OF THE N.Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN SAYS
IN HIS COLUMN: "LOWELL KNOCKED ABOUT EVERYTHING IN SIGHT, FROM
THE ARENA ACOUSTICS TO THE ARENA PROPER." HE SAYS "MAYBE THIS
WAS A HANGOVER FROM MY 'THIS IS YOUR LIFE' CANTANKEROUSNESS,
AND POSSIBLY BECAUSE RALPH EDWARDS LIVES HERE IN CALIFORNIA."

WELL, JACK, EVER SINCE THE COMING OF TV,
I, AND MANY OTHER CONVENTION OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT
TV AND RADIO, WOULD EVENTUALLY FORCE THE PARTIES TO REDESIGN THE
WHOLE CONVENTION SCHEME OF THINGS. SURELY THIS ONE WILL HASTEN
THAT DAY, BECAUSE THIS CONVENTION IS A SUCCESS ONLY FOR THE
KENNEDY PEOPLE, AND MAYBE NOT EVEN A COMPLETE SUCCESS FOR THEM,
BECAUSE EVEN THEY HAVE HAD VIRTUALLY NO CONVENTION HALL CONTACT
WITH THE DELEGATES. AND THE DELEGATES IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED
ARE IMPORTANT AT A POLITICAL CONVENTION.

SECT

On beautiful, awe-inspiring Mount Blanc, in the Alps, the trumpet of doom sounded today. At least, that's what it meant - to the followers of Doctor Elio Bianca, the doctor from Milan who predicts a cataclysmic upheaval. The earth - to be tilted off its axis by forty-five degrees. The continent - to be flooded. Only hope of survival - get up there, on Mount Blanc. Hurry, Hurry.

Well, at the critical moment - Doctor Bianco began a count-down. He roared "Five - four - three - two - one." At zero - a bugler sounded the blast of doom. Doctor Bianco - gazing up at the sky. His group - singing and screaming.

What happened? The sun came out - lighting up the Alpine Valleys. Everything - normal. No explosion, no upheaval. The members of the sect then realizing no catastrophe was about to take place, down Mount Blanc they filed, saying "take us from our Leader."

SECT

Said Doctor Bianca "I made a mistake."

Now Dick - who makes no mistakes.

DRUNK

IN PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE, THEY JUST SENTENCED
JEAN LATROBE - FOR TRYING TO SWAT FLIES WITH AN AXE.

WELL, JEAN LATROBE WORKS AT - A MAINE
LOGGING CAMP. CUTTING TREES. HARD WORK. THE WOODSMAN -
DISILLUSIONED. FEELING UNAPPRECIATED. DECIDING - HE'D LIKE
TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL.

SO HE INHALED THE FUMES FROM - A GALLON OF
GASOLINE. WHICH MADE HIM TIPSY. JEAN LATROBE - STAGGERING AROUND
THE BUNK HOUSE. NOTICING - SOME FLIES ON THE WINDOW AND UNABLE
TO LOCATE A FLY SWATTER, HE PICKED UP HIS AXE AND STARTED
SWINGING AT FLIES. ENDING UP CHOPPING DOWN THE BUNK HOUSE.

TONIGHT JEAN LATROBE IS IN THE COOLER. SIXTY
DAYS FOR SWATTING FLIES WITH AN AXE.