

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Kennedy presided over a meeting - of the National Security Council today. A session lasting nearly two hours - with two subjects on the agenda - Berlin and South Viet Nam. With emphasis on South Viet Nam. Our policy on Berlin seems to be set. But - what to do about Southeast Asia? Will we be sending American troops there?

We hear the President's advisors are split on this. One group says that our forces would be thrown away and achieve little. The other group, that this is the time to save South Viet Nam with American soldiers.

A final answer, to be held up - until General Maxwell Taylor gets back from Saigon.

BERLIN

There's a good deal of mystery - about today's shooting in Berlin. ~~No, it's~~ Not the fact that the East German guards - again fired into West Berlin, Nor even the magnitude of their fusillade - ten guards, firing some three hundred shots.

The mystery - that they didn't hit anybody. They had a big target - nine ~~xxx~~ refugees in a truck that got stalled in ^{the} barbed wire. The refugees, jumping out - racing to safety through a hail of bullets. The Red spot lights picked them up - perfectly. The guns - blazed away. Yet - all nine escaped unhit. As did the West Germans and Americans who rushed to the scene. Which suggests the possibility that the Communist guards missed - deliberately. Allowing the refugees to escape. As one American officer put it - "either they're poor shots or they weren't aiming." - *probably the latter.*

WEAPON

The U.S. Army is sending atomic weapons - to our forces in Europe. Specifically - an atomic mortar called "The Davy Crockett." A paralyzing weapon ideally suited to battlefield conditions. "The Davy Crockett" is a long metal tube - that can hurl an atomic war head two miles. The force of the explosion - equal to hundreds of tons of T N T. Less than - big atomic bombs, ^{far} But _^ more powerful than - the block busters of World War Two. Besides, this atomic mortar is so light that it can be quickly transported - to any point on the battlefield:

And The Davy Crockett ^{said to be} is as accurate as the "Squirrel" rifle that Davy Crockett carried - when he was roaming the wild frontier.

SATELLITE

~~Tonight~~ Another American satellite is in orbit. Discoverer thirty-two thundering up from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, carrying a complicated package of scientific instruments - into outer space. The instrument, housed in a gold plated capsule - due to be ejected over the Pacific. Ships and planes, standing by - to recover the capsule.

PILOTS

The arrangement by which Yugoslav pilots are trained in America was okayed by both the Eisenhower and Kennedy Administrations. So revealed by the State Department with regard to those four Yugoslavs at Perrin Air Force Base, Texas.

Major H. C. Knickerbocker of the National Guard calls their training "a treasonous situation." Knickerbocker asking members of Congress - to do something about it. His reason - ^{that as he put it: -} "all Communists are enemies." To which the present Administration answers - as did the previous one, ^{that} "It's to our advantage - to keep Jugoslavia free of Soviet domination. ~~Thus~~ ^{Keep} ~~disrupting~~ the Red bloc = ^{ed.} ~~Dividing it into two - pro-~~ ~~Jugoslav and anti-Jugoslav.~~ ^{Moreover} ~~Besides~~ Jugoslavia is ^{one} ~~giving~~ ^{of} Khrushchev, ~~one of his~~ toughest problems. The problem of ~~handling~~ Tito, the maverick who let's the whole world know that he has no intention of being forced back into the Soviet ^{arbit.} ~~empire.~~

DIPLOMAT

The Dutch declare the Soviet Ambassador -
persona non grata. The Hague, telling Ponomarenko to
go home. Calling the fight he started at the
Amsterdam airport - "arrogant, outrageous." His charge,
that the Dutch kidnapped Chemist Alexei Golob - termed
"preposterous" by the Dutch. Finito-Kaput - to
diplomacy in the Netherlands - for Comrade Ponomarenko.
However with Moscow it's "you aren't firing him,
he quits." Khrushchev, recalling Ponomarenko from

The Hague, and expelling the Dutch Ambassador.

YEMEN

A dispatch from Aden, on the southern coast of Arabia, shows how even the most Arabian Nights country in Arabia is changing. The older generation - disappearing. The desert patriarchs who were hard driving leaders before and during World War One, are being replaced by - new men with new ideas. The place this time - the Yemen. Seventy three year old King Ahmed - announcing his retirement, turning his authority over to - Crown Prince Mohammed. The King, a veteran of the old school - harking back to the days of desert warfare. The Crown Prince, looking forward to a "new frontier" in the Yemen, the land of the Biblical Marib Dam; and the birthplace of coffee - Mocha.

HOFFA

The meeting of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee today ~~matched~~ ^{matched} ~~but~~ a pair of old adversaries. On the witness stand, a flamboyant labor leader - Jimmy Hoffa. On the bench, a wiry razor back from Arkansas, Senator John McClellan.

The Senator, asking the Teamster boss - about alleged connections between his union and Communist-dominated organizations. McClellan, mentioning - the longshoremen's union headed by Harry Bridges. Hoffa's answer, ~~that~~ ^{that} he doesn't know that Bridges is a Communist. And the same is true of the other labor leaders with whom the Teamsters cooperate.

The questions and answers - becoming more and more pointed. McClellan finally losing his patience when Hoffa said "I think Bridges is trying to help the labor movement, and you're trying to hurt it." The Senator, instructing the union boss to get back to the issues and drop the personalities. But, McClellan made it clear - he wasn't avoiding a fight. He just wanted to get on with - the investigation of Jimmy Hoffa.

INFLUENCE

Have you
~~You've all~~ heard about ~~that~~ ² Harvard
influence in Washington? Harvard man John Kennedy,
bringing a lot of men from the Harvard Yard - into
government service. Prompting the joke that ~~there's~~
~~been a real change~~ in Washington ^{quote} ~~because~~ - "we now have
an administration that can play Yale."

But here comes a British newsman who warns
us not to under estimate the influence of -- Oxford
and Cambridge. Bruce Rothwell, of the "London Daily
mail" - has been doing some checking in our national
capital. His count, indicating that almost thirty
members of the Administration - have been to the
historic British universities.

~~Not a bad idea~~ - Oxonians and Cantabs in
America's government services! After all, they ~~used~~ ^{did}
to run - the British empire, ^{and} ~~Moreover, they ran it~~
~~very~~ ^{with a} efficiently. The mixture of learning and
practicality ^{that is} ~~apparently~~ just what's needed in
politics. ^{Dick, we hear} ~~So don't be surprised if you~~ hear that
cultured Oxford accent - around the White House, ^{Right ho.} ~~or in~~
~~the State Department.~~

RED HEADS

A Chicago medico has come up with an answer to the red hot question - where do red heads get their hot tempers? Dr. John Lundy, says his experiments show - that the gals with carrot tops are more sensitive to pain than their blonde and brunette sisters. Red heads, more easily hurt - because their nerves react more quickly. He says this explains - their tendency to defend themselves. The red heads, not forgetting - that the best defense is a good offense.

Dr. Lundy's prescription:- treat the titian haired ladies gingerly - most gingerly. Seems to me that a lot of men have had that, idea for a long time Dick - how about you and your red headed girl friends?

to stay there. So it's taken for granted that Khrushchev will come up with something - to show that he has always been right. His opponents - always wrong. However, the one crushing triumph that he so