

L.T. -OLDS. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1962

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

For a "non-political trip" - the President's tour of space centers is touching off a lot of political discussion. Most of it - in Houston, Texas. Jack Cox, Republican candidate for Governor of the Lone Star State - thinks the President should have waited until after the November election; especially, since the Democratic candidate in Texas is John Connally - who was the First Secretary of the Navy in the Kennedy Administration.

A couple of Democrats - are irritated, too. Congressman Bob Casey and Olin Teague, protesting - because they were not invited to join the President's party. Both, charging "politics" - the fact that they haven't been over-zealous in going down the line for Kennedy legislation.

At any rate President Kennedy is having a look

*at* ~~in~~ Huntsville and Cape Canaveral *— to see* ~~—~~ why our scientists  
are hopeful about the race into space. Confident ~~that~~  
they *will* ~~can~~ put a man on the Moon - before the end of  
this decade.

## REACTION

One thing seems clear from the saber <sup>and</sup> ~~rattling~~ -  
~~or~~ rocket rattling - in Moscow. Khrushchev is making  
the kind of blunder - of which he ~~has~~ accused Stalin.  
The blunder of attempting to cause one international  
situation - and actually causing it's <sup>opposite</sup> ~~contrary~~. For  
example, Khrushchev is attempting to sow dissention in  
America - by threats. And <sup>is</sup> ~~he~~ finding ~~that~~ this is  
a sure way to make us more united than ever.

<sup>Take</sup>  
~~Just look at~~ the reaction - on Capitol Hill. Not  
a single member of Congress thinks ~~that~~ we should be  
deterred - by Khrushchev's threat to go to war over Cuba.  
On the contrary, the leaders of both parties are calling  
for a tough stand - against both Khrushchev and Castro.  
<sup>most radical</sup>  
The <sup>most radical</sup> suggestions range from a blockade of Cuba - to another  
American-backed invasion of Castro's domain.

But the consensus on Capitol Hill seems to be -  
that the Moscow declaration is just so much verbiage.

REACTION - 2

That Khrushchev has no intention of getting into a nuclear conflict with the United States - for the sake of his bearded parrot in the Caribbean.

## RUSK FOLLOW REACTION

Secretary of State Rusk indicates that our foreign policy will not change - because of the latest antics in the Kremlin. "We are not nervous or afraid," said he. Then adding - "we will proceed exactly as we find necessary."

## NOTE FOLLOW RUSK

Some K-remlin ologists believe that what Moscow says about Cuba - is a smoke screen; - to distract attention from the fact that Moscow is backing down on Berlin; backing down at least far enough - to postpone a showdown with the West. Saying wait - until after the American elections in November. Is this just a convenient excuse - for Khrushchev to curtail provocations in East Germany? Has Khrushchev decided its time to rein in his East German puppets - before they actually do start a war? Is this why Khrushchev has thrown up a Cuban smoke screen?

## CUBA

In Cuba itself <sup>there has been</sup> a crackdown on non-Communists, including - a group of newsmen from the West. Castro obviously doesn't want any news reports - about what he is up to. So he's restricting those - who might contradict his propaganda. Their nationalities - Cuban, British, French and American.

Meanwhile, ~~we have some information~~ - about that "pirate warship" mentioned by Castro. <sup>We hear</sup> It belongs to an anti-Castro refugee group - calling themselves "Alpha 66." Yesterday morning, their ship went into action - along Cuba's Cape Frances.

First, machinegunning a British freighter - loading Castro's sugar for Iron Curtain countries. Then, the attackers boarded a Castro vessel used as a floating warehouse - and dynamited it. After that, another machinegun assault - on another Castro vessel.

By this time, the Cuban Reds - had been alerted.

They launched - a counterattack. Castro Helicopters, pursuing the "Alpha 66" raiders - forty miles across the Caribbean. The raiders claim that in the subsequent gun fight - they forced the helicopters to withdraw. After which, they returned to <sup>their</sup> base - wherever that may be.

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## ATOMIC

The Soviet Union exploded an atomic bomb in outer space - last year. The American spokesman - at the U.N., Francis Plimpton revealed this in answering Soviet charges - about our nuclear series in the Pacific. The Moscow propaganda line - that we made outer space dangerous for the Soviet cosmonauts.

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UDALL

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~~Our~~ Secretary of the Interior <sup>*Udall*</sup> returned <sup>*S*</sup><sub>*1*</sub> from  
Russia - convinced that we are far ahead in the  
development of natural resources. Secretary Udall,  
admitting that the Soviets may have moved beyond us in  
some phases - like long distance transmission lines.  
But, to quote the forthright Secretary - <sup>*generally*</sup>~~in total~~  
~~power~~ "we have a healthy lead."

## PARIS

The man who doesn't love Paris - is a traffic official. Alden Aust of Omaha, just back - from the City of Light. His verdict - "incredible traffic problems." Reason - too few Parisian garages. And Alden Aust of Omaha didn't see - any parking meters or underground parking. Not the kind of city - to enchant a traffic official.

~~Still, isn't~~ <sup>in Paris -</sup> The carefree driving <sup>where you</sup> risk your neck <sup>- - is that</sup> everytime you cross the street <sup>one of</sup> charms of Gay Paree?

## BOURBON

You may find the following question - more than academic. It could be - rather personal. If Scotland has scotch whiskey, and Canada has Canadian whiskey - what has America got? Answer - Bourbon.

The point is - that Congress wants us to keep our Bourbon. The name - that is. The House, approving a bill - that would prevent other countries from appropriating the name. No - foreign-made Bourbon.

If its Bourbon, its American - according to the sponsor of the bill, Congressman John Watts of Kentucky. *Surprise, surprise, Dick* This staunch defender of Bourbon, just happens to hail from - Bourbon County, Kentucky.

## DICKENS

Here's a note - for the fans of Charles Dickens, that may give them apoplexy.

The great-granddaughter of the celebrated British novelist - is rewriting his books. Doris Dickens, revising - "Oliver Twist," "David Copperfield," "Pickwick Papers," "A Tale of Two Cities," and so on.

Why is Doris - rewriting the great man? She says she wants to make the novels of her great-grandfather - "more adequate for modern reading." More adequate? What could be more adequate than "David Copperfield" - as Charles Dickens wrote it? Tut tut, Doris!