

NEHRU

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The joint communique signed by Prime Minister Nehru and President Kennedy <sup>includes no</sup> ~~is what we expected. ~~is no~~~~ surprises, ~~either pleasant or unpleasant.~~

The Indian leader, speaking before the National Press Club in Washington - termed Khrushchev's atomic testing, "very harmful, disastrous." A sentiment echoed in the communique which calls for a nuclear test ban. ~~That is~~ - with a foolproof inspection system.

Berlin? Nehru agrees with Kennedy - that the Allied access routes to West Berlin must be safeguarded. That the West cannot compromise - on its basic interests. <sup>P</sup> Southeast Asia? The two ~~statesmen~~ are in favor of self-determination -- in that part of the globe. Which leaves unmentioned the question of whether American troops should help the beleaguered nations - to enjoy self-determination.

Generalities? - <sup>Yes.</sup> ~~if you will~~. But the communique <sup>clearly</sup> presents Nehru - as ~~Fundamentally~~ pro-western. Or at any rate, ~~it~~ in favor of Western ~~it~~ democracy - <sup>versus</sup> ~~against~~ Communist tyranny.

President Kennedy is being something of a diplomat <sup>so</sup>  
*far as his* ~~in his~~ future speaking engagements *are concerned,* The first significant  
date on his schedule-- December Sixth. Occasion - a speech  
before the National Association of Manufacturers of New York.  
The President, anxious to counteract the accusation - that  
his administration is anti-business.

The second significant date - December Seventh.  
Occasion - a speech before the A F L - C I O convention in  
Miami. The President balancing the Manufacturers - with the  
Unions. All - within the space of two days.—

~~A switch~~ with overtones of domestic politics.  
~~And some old-fashioned diplomacy.~~

## CRASH

It isn't often that you find a hospital staff anxious for - accident cases. Doctors and nurses, hoping to treat - scores of severe injuries. But it happened last night at the Medical College of Virginia - ~~after~~ after word arrived about that horrendous plane crash. The staff, going into ~~action~~ - preparing to take care of the many injured who were expected to arrive.

The tragedy is - that only two did arrive. Pilot Ronald Conway and Flight Engineer Bill Poythress - both of Florida. ~~The other seventy-seven aboard~~ <sup>all</sup> <sup>77</sup> killed in the crack up. Including seventy-four recruits - after one day in the army.

The problem tonight - what caused two of the Imperial Constellations' engines to ~~come~~ <sup>go</sup> out. We are told that the answer to this - may not be forthcoming for months. All we know is that the pilot tried frantically for an emergency landing - at Richmond's Byrd airport. ~~Reckless~~ Failing - to make it. His plane, plummeting ~~down~~ into a swamp two

miles away. ~~Smashing into the ground~~ with a roar - that could  
be heard for miles around. Causing the ~~seventy-seven~~<sup>8777</sup>  
fatalities - and the two accident cases for the hospital.

## ECUADOR

Ecuador seems quiet tonight - under its new President. Carlos Arosmena, taking the oath of office in spite of army opposition - to what the Generals consider his leftist policies. Arosmena, who was Vice President under Velasco Ibarra - strongly backed by the Ecuadorian Congress in Quito. The lawmakers, calling for the Vice President to move up - as provided by the Constitution. And - that's what happened. The army, giving way - rather than plunge their country into a Civil War. Arosmena, becoming - Ecuador's Chief of State.

## HONDURAS

British Honduras ~~is going~~ to have - a new capital city. Prime Minister George Price, announcing - evacuation of the old capital. Belize - ~~which was~~ pounded into ruins by hurricane Hattie. The site of Belize, considered too dangerous - for rebuilding. Too vulnerable to ~~the~~ hurricanes - roaring in from the Caribbean.

A shelter development is in operation - sixteen miles from Belize. ~~A~~ temporary home for the refugees - according to Prime Minister Price. Their permanent home and the new capital of British Honduras - to be built from the ground up, on a site about fifty miles away.

## ALGERIA

The people and police of Algeria are braced for - "the night of the plastic bombs." Meaning - a threat by the right wing underground. The opponents of DeGaulle, passing the word - that they'll touch off a hundred explosions tonight Using their trade-mark -- homemade bombs of dynamite encased in plastic. Hence "the night of the plastic bombs."

As for DeGaulle - the tall soldier of France isn't a bit intimidated. He's pushing ahead with his plan for - an "Algerian Algeria." Today DeGaulle told an audience in Marseilles - that he expects to resume negotiations with the Moslem rebels soon.

BERLIN

American uniforms were coming and going - in East Germany today.

Coming - the U.S. Army. Companies of men, riding along the Autobahn - across East Germany into West Berlin.

Another demonstration of <sup>the West's</sup> ~~the East's~~ right - to use the access routes.

Going from East Germany - a refugee impersonating an American soldier. An East German, who rented a uniform from a pawn shop - and wore it up to the check point. The shirt and trousers described as "a comic opera version of an American uniform." But the Red guards were completely fooled. They stood and watched as the refugee calmly strolled through the check-point - to freedom in West Berlin.



## GHANA

~~As expected,~~ Queen Elizabeth ~~the Second~~ is receiving - an enthusiastic welcome in Ghana. A combination of Twentieth Century formality - and age-old tribal ceremony.

The formality - epitomized by Prime Minister Nkrumah, who greeted the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at the airport. Nkrumah, offering the customary ~~manners~~ courtesies - of international etiquette. Her Majesty - responding in kind. All, amid - the usual trappings. Band blaring, honor guard snapping to attention - and so on.

Then came - the ceremony of old Africa. The people of Accra, ~~is~~ swarming around - in gaily colored costumes. Beating on African drums - chanting African songs. Then, sixty one tribal chiefs advanced - in single file. Each, pausing before the Queen - to offer a personal welcome. The Queen, offering her ~~personal~~ thanks - in reply.

The word from Accra is - that there won't be any unpleasantness during this royal tour. The terrorist

ringleaders - said to be hiding out in ~~the~~ the jungle.

That is - the ones who aren't in jail. Their followers, too anxious to participate in the festivities - to start throwing bombs.

Ghana, a swirl of color and excitement - with a real Queen at the center of it all.

~~Let's take a look at some facts and figures - or~~

*Now* today's flight of the X-15: —

Major Bob White took the brakes off - for the first time. Pushing the throttle all the way forward - so he could get the full thrust of his nine hundred pound rocket engine. A thrust of - half a million horsepower.

The major, zooming a hundred thousand feet up, and back - on enough fuel for exactly eighty-six seconds of flight. Hitting a record speed of - four thousand and seventy miles an hour. A mile and a quarter - a second. Six times - the speed of sound. Twice as fast - as a rifle bullet. Fast enough to fly from New York to Los Angeles - in thirty minutes. Or - around the <sup>world</sup> ~~whole~~ in ~~xx~~ seven hours.

The temperature, so intense - the paint scorched off on the outside. Wind pressure, so violent - it shattered part of the windshield. But the ~~an~~ flight over the Mojave was - an unqualified success. Pilot and plane - fastest in the world, <sup>in</sup> Major Bob White - and his X-15. *4000 mi. an hr.*

## ATMOSPHERE

The University of Maine petition against contamination of the atmosphere - ~~is dead serious~~. Signed by - most of the faculty, ~~They~~ point<sup>s</sup> out that there ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> a grave danger to health - as long as the contamination goes on. To which they add - it's already close to the danger point.

Sounds like - another appeal against atomic testing. Actually, the problem is - rather less cosmic. No mention of - radioactive fallout. ~~This~~<sup>But</sup> contamination of the atmosphere - is caused by fumes ~~in~~ from the local paper mill. The profs at the University of Maine, protesting - that something should be done about it.