

L.T. - Olds Wed. June 28 - '61.

President Kennedy's news conference today boils down to an explicit answer to Khrushchev. We've heard these specific points before - but never in such blunt language. And never at so critical a point - in the cold war. Let's take a look at the major issues - that came up at this news conference.

Berlin? President Kennedy called the crisis over the German City - "Soviet manufactured." Khrushchev, starting a war scare - when all the west wants is to maintain our legal and moral rights in West Berlin. Mr. Kennedy's response is a total commitment - to defend those rights. Another effort - to keep Khrushchev from starting a war by miscalculation.

Atomic testing? Mr. Kennedy admits he's disappointed by Khrushchev's refusal to permit a fool proof test ban. Which raises the question - "how long can we safely abide by the test moratorium? President Kennedy expects to answer that question - after receiving a report

from a special committee of scientists. The committee's assignment - to use all available scientific ~~RESEARCH~~ means to see whether the Russians are testing secretly.

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The Vienna meeting? President Kennedy termed his conference with Khrushchev "useful." But our Chief Executive has no plans for - another get-together of the ~~big~~ two heads of government.

Geneva? We'll continue to be represented at the parley - on Laos, ~~still~~ hoping that a settlement of the Laotian crisis - can be reached.

National production? This was one ~~point~~ point that brought a flash of wit - from <sup>the</sup> President, ~~Kennedy~~ <sup>and a</sup> round of chuckles - from his audience. Subject - Khrushchev's picture of the United States as a tired runner; ~~bound~~ <sup>bound</sup> to be overtaken by a faster rival - the Soviet Union. President Kennedy made his reply by referring to - a former occupant of the White House. Here are his words - "to paraphrase

Mr. Coolidge, we do choose to run." Speaking more seriously, President Kennedy predicted that the Russians will not overtake us economically - during the ~~xxxxxx~~ rest of this century.

Western diplomats in Moscow think they see a touch of flexibility - in Khrushchev's latest pronouncement ~~is~~ on Berlin. They note that the Soviet Dictator did not repeat - his six months deadline. <sup>But</sup> He did say - he's ready to negotiate with the West. And he promised -no interference with our access to the beleaguered city.

Still, Khrushchev ~~is~~ repeats <sup>that he is</sup> ~~he's~~ going to sign a peace treaty with East Germany this year, <sup>and</sup> turn over the routes to West Berlin - to his puppets, <sup>in an</sup> Attempt to force the West to recognize - his German satellite. <sup>and that's</sup> Something that President Kennedy ~~is~~ ruled out again - at today's news conference. Mr. Kennedy, arguing that this would only be a ~~is~~ first step by the East German reds - toward eventually snuffing out the freedom of West Berlin.

BERLIN

As if to point up the firm American attitude -  
American troops in West Berlin <sup>today</sup> put on a special display -  
the garrison, marching past General Charles Johnson - who  
is leaving for home. General Johnson is credited with turning  
his men into - one of the ~~best~~ best trained outfits in the  
Army. <sup>so</sup> It must have given him <sup>a glow</sup> ~~such~~ satisfaction as he  
watched the garrison parade past the reviewing stand. <sup>with</sup> The  
band, <sup>playing</sup> ~~playing~~ a new tune composed by Robert Giles of Princeton,  
New Jersey. Title - "American in Berlin."

One observer remarked <sup>- there's</sup> ~~it's~~ a tune ~~that~~ Khrushchev  
<sup>will enjoy!!?</sup> ~~ought to learn.~~ The march ~~"American in Berlin."~~

DEFENSE

As expected, the House has voted President Kennedy almost everything he wants - in the way of a defense appropriation. Only six million less - than the administration request. Total sum - almost forty-three billion. That much, to pay for the Army, Navy, and Air Force - over the next fiscal year.

## TROPHY

President Kennedy did a bit of joking today - about serious problems of the cold war. Also he got in a quip - at a White House ceremony, where General Tom White, retiring - as head of the Air Force, was receiving - a special trophy; a piece of sculpture - portraying a man hurling a saturn rocket into outer space.

President Kennedy took one look at the figure and remarked - "obviously, he has a good back." The crowd of Pentagon officials and military men, joining in the laugh at this reference to the Kennedy backache, which seems to have subsided.

# HOUSING

The Housing Bill passed by Congress today - calls for Five and a half Billion Dollars. Allowing Washington to offer easy financing - to home owners with moderate incomes; also to begin the program for - slum clearance.



GOVERNORS

In Honolulu, some Republicans are charging that the Democrats picked - a Republican. Sounds fantastic, but almost anything can happen - at a conference of State Governors. At least - there's an old saying to that effect.

~~Anyway,~~ Here's what happened:- Next year the G O P has its turn to provide - a chairman for the Governor's conference. Now the charge is being made that the Democrats were determined to stop one candidate - Governor Rockefeller of New York. Their reason - to head off a possible G O P candidate for President in Nineteen Sixty Four. Hence, the Democratic campaign to hand the job - to Republican Governor Wesley Powell of New Hampshire.

There was quite an exchange of partisan epithets - until the G O P held its caucus. <sup>The caucus</sup> ~~The~~ vote, showing -

unanimous Republican backing for the Governor of New

Hampshire. <sup>So - it seems</sup> ~~Only the die-hards out there in Honolulu are~~

~~standing by their contention~~ that Republican Governor Powell was chosen by <sup>both</sup> the Democrats <sup>and the Republicans.</sup>

SUB STRIKE

Tonight, negotiations over the Maritime strike -  
are in progress, <sup>again.</sup> ~~how much "progress" remains to be seen.~~

~~At any rate,~~ The Presidential board cut its public  
hearings today - in favor of bringing labor and management  
together. Chairman ~~David~~ Cole, promising to do whatever  
he can - to ~~xx~~ help ~~the two main parties~~ reach an agreement.

Meanwhile, President Kennedy <sup>was telling</sup> ~~to~~ newsmen ~~today~~  
that the Federal Government is concerned about American  
ships registered with foreign nations, <sup>→</sup> a key issue ~~raised~~  
raised by the unions. ~~in this walkout.~~ According to the  
President, Washington pays part of the cost of our merchant  
marine - so the federal government is interested in  
American ships that do not fly the American flag.

A vaccine for hepatitis - is being developed.

So reported at the New York conference of the American medical association. Dr. Joseph Boggs of Joliet, Illinois - describing his experiments on convicts at the state prison. Telling his colleagues how he injected almost two hundred men - with the hepatitis virus. When they recovered, they were full of anti-bodies, which were drawn off and used on other human guinea pigs. Result - immunity to hepatitis.

Dr. Boggs ~~is~~<sup>not</sup> claiming ~~that~~ <sup>has</sup> he ~~is~~<sup>already</sup> conquered the disease. But he ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> sure that he ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> on his way to developing - a reliable vaccine. The A M A cheered this report; - for the liver ailment called hepatitis is becoming a major worry to the doctors of this country. Dick, shall we join the doctors in cheering Dr. Boggs.

FIRE

The fire raging in Wyoming's Bridger National Forest - was brought under control twice. Each time - they thought it was out. <sup>Then</sup> Each time <sup>it was</sup> whipped into life again - by winds of sixty miles an hour. Today, ~~a~~ <sup>men-</sup> forty ~~men~~ <sup>crew</sup> of fire-fighters <sup>^</sup> were almost trapped - because they thought they had the blaze licked. It suddenly flared up behind them - and they had to race for safety, leaving their equipment behind. Tonight, five hundred acres of timber are ~~still in deep~~ <sup>embers,</sup> smoking ~~ashes.~~ <sup>^</sup> With hundreds more fire-fighters being rushed into - Bridger National Forest.