

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The interesting thing about Radio Moscow today - its silence; what the Soviet broadcaster - did not say. In short - no mention of Colonel Rudolph Abel. The Kremlin, still withholding from the Soviet people - the truth of the exchange for Francis Gary Powers. Khrushchev, still deceiving them with the fiction - that he doesn't resort to espionage.

Meanwhile, young Powers is not talking, either. The pilot of the ill-fated U-2 flight over Russia - as you know - returned to freedom on Saturday. Now, with his family - and he's facing a long series of interrogations. One of the first questions on the agenda - just what did happen to his plane? Did the Russians actually hit it with a rocket - at sixty-eight thousand feet? Or was Powers forced to descend to a lower altitude - because of a "flame-out" in his U-2 engine? And a hundred other questions.

## KHRUSHCHEV

The chancelleries of the free world, watching Nikita Khrushchev, are puzzled.

On the one hand, Khrushchev is stepping up tension - around Berlin; attempting to force allied planes - out of two access routes to West Berlin; threatening to pre-empt those routes for Soviet planes - up to seventy-five hundred feet. The Allies, accepting the challenge - sending more of their aircraft than ever, through the disputed air space. Then, the Meds - backing down.

On the other hand, Khrushchev is talking sweet reason - about his plan for a mammoth summit meeting. He wants the leaders of eighteen nations, to attend the disarmament conference in Geneva. One guess is that Khrushchev knows - the west will say "no" to this - but, that he wants to bargain - toward a big four summit conference. Or, even a big two meeting - himself and President Kennedy.

While MacMillan, DeGaulle and Kennedy are pondering the possibility of a get-together with Khrushchev - Adenauer is laying down a basic condition. The Chancellor of West Germany says he won't meet the Soviet boss - unless there is some relaxation of the despotism in East Germany. What does "relaxation" mean - in Adenauer's political lexicon? First - freedom of movement throughout Berlin. Secondly, less Red pressure - on the workers and farmers of East Germany.

## ALGERIA

This was a day of massive crowds, but less violence in both Algeria and France.

In Algiers, eight thousand Europeans turned out to walk behind a funeral cortege. The funeral of a French army captain - who deserted to the right wing underground, and was shot by the police - while trying to break through a road block. Today, the long procession wound its way through Algiers - amid a deep silence.

In Paris, an even bigger crowd - demonstrating in behalf of the opposite cause. Sixteen thousand Communists and Socialists, surging through the streets, protesting against - the activities of the right wing underground. The leftists promised that their demonstration would be - "silent and solemn" - and it was.



NEPAL

The King of Nepal is ~~performing the rather~~  
*of his powerful neighbors* -  
~~remarkable feat~~ of quarreling with both India and Red China.

King Mahendra, accusing both - of conspiring against his regime; ~~and~~ against the security - of his country.

The Nepalese case against Red China - follows from the Red Chinese occupation of Tibet, *with* The Khamba cavalry finding a sanctuary - across the border in Nepal; *Hiding* in the Nepalese Himalayas - by day; *Striking* at the legions of Mao Tse Tung - by night. Mao, blaming Mahendra *for this and* threatening to invade Nepal. Mahendra, warning that his troops - are ready to defend the Kingdom.

As for India - there too it's a case of border crossing. Mahendra, charging - that Nehru is giving asylum to Nepalese insurgents. Allowing them to harass *nearby* ~~the provinces~~ *areas* of Nepal - and then escape *back* to the safety of Indian ~~south~~.

It's these dissident Nepalese exiles who are blamed for - last month's attempt on the King's life. A terrorist, hurling the bomb - that failed to go off.

Nepal and King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Deva,  
caught between - democratic India and Communist China.

## ROMNEY

The resignation of the President and Chairman of the Board of American Motors - for an obvious reason. It was almost inevitable - after Saturday's announcement. George Romney, announcing his intention to run for Governor of Michigan; if - he can capture the GOP nomination. Today's resignation leaves him free - to go all out for that. Should he make it to the Michigan State House - the report is there will be a "Romney for President" boom at the G O P Convention in Nineteen Sixty-Four.

## ENGLAND

You've heard about the heir to the British throne - recovering from appendicitis? Prince Charles, rushed sixty miles by ambulance, from school to hospital. Condition, satisfactory. The Queen with him. Prince Phillip? He's getting reports in Venezuela.

Oh yes, and Kevin O'Brien of Harlow, England - claims an endurance record, for doing - the twist. At it for thirty-two hours - and thirty-two minutes; beating a field of thirty. The contestants were insured for ten thousand pounds; in case they dropped dead from exhaustion - twisting.

Then - last night Britain was hit by quite a gale. Winds of a hundred and twenty miles an hour across Scotland; and almost as violent all the way from John O'Groats to Land's End. Damage - running into the millions.



## WEATHER

The weather picture - looks like this. Floods in California, snow in the Carolinas - fog in the Mississippi Valley.

And - those swirling floods in the streets of Los Angeles. The mixture of rain and mud, causing lots of trouble. On one hill near Hollywood Boulevard - a hundred cars began to slide, and kept on sliding, until they ended in a heap - at the foot of the hill.

East of California - more destructive floods. A sudden thaw, sending rivers over their banks - in Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Two thousand people are refugees from their homes tonight in Idaho Falls. And Governor Smylie has declared four counties of the giant potato state - disaster areas.

In the Carolinas - heavy snow. Drifts up to four feet - blocking the highways. Dick, lets all go skiing in the Great Smokies!

ASTRONAUT

John Glenn still has a weather problem. He and his rocket - are ready, ready to go on Wednesday. But they may be delayed - by the Atlantic. Tonight the waves ten feet high, and that's too high. But the hope at Cape Canaveral, is that the weather will let up on Wednesday - long enough for Glenn to go into orbit and then return to earth - a watery part of it. The space flight that has been postponed seven times.