

L.T. - OLDS. MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

An American space craft is rocketing away from the Earth tonight - headed for the mystery planet of our solar system. Mariner Two - enroute to Venus. If the shot is successful - one of the classical questions of astronomy could be cleared up. The question - "what lies beneath that planet's covering of clouds?" Astronomers have been puzzling about this ever since they first picked up the clouds of Venus with their telescopes.

And the answer could be important. It could tell us whether life exists on Venus. One theory is - that there is too much poisonous gas for life as we know it. But could there be - other types of life?

It will take Mariner Two about three months - to reach its destination - on its space probe - across

nearly two hundred million miles of space. All this means that many sensitive instruments - have to function perfectly and any major "bug" - could cause a complete failure.

How is Mariner Two doing - so far? Scientists at Cal Tech, who are tracking the space craft - describe the shot as "a brilliant success." The booster rocket wavered - as it went up; causing a slight error in the guidance system. But a second guidance rocket - still has to be fired. And the belief is - that Mariner Two will be guided nearer its target, passing - within ten thousand miles of Venus. Which they say would make this space probe a success.

REACTION

There's a partisan reaction on Capitol Hill - to our latest test-ban proposals. The Republicans, mainly critical. The Democrats - mainly favorable. The stand of the GOP, set out *in advance* ~~beforehand~~ - by ~~the~~ its Congressional Committee. The Republicans, demanding some days ago - no back-down on the question of on-site inspection. Today, Senator Tower of Texas charged that the latest Western plan - is precisely such a back-down.

The Democrats who favor the plan - especially Gore of Tennessee, Church of Idaho, and Humphrey of Minnesota - term the plan "realistic; helpful; a way out of the impasse."

DISARMAMENT FOLLOW REACTION

What's causing - the difference of opinion in Congress?

Answer - the agreement of Britain and the United States to drop

one condition. The Western powers, now telling Khrushchev -

that "We are willing to eliminate on-site inspection in the

atmosphere, under water, and in outer space." ~~Cheat through~~

Cheat-proof inspection, to apply only to - underground atomic

explosions. The kind that are undetectable at a distance -

because they often resemble earthquakes.

This concession - an alternate offer to the Kremlin.

The previous offer still stands. ~~xx~~ Namely, that we ^{are} ready

to sign a test-ban -- with a full inspection system for all

atomic explosions, everywhere.

CHINA FOLLOW DISARMAMENT

The British-American offer on nuclear disarmament, is partly due to - a sinister development in international relations. We are told that an atomic explosion could take place almost ^{in a year or so} ~~any time now~~ in Red China. Mao Tse Tung has had his scientists working on the problem - for many years. And they seem to be - approaching success. A fact that is sending shudders through ■■ the West, the Far East - and probably the Soviet Union too.

When Mao started out - he had enthusiastic Soviet support. As animosity began to divide the two giants of Communism - the Russians gradually left for home. Now, we'd like to have Khrushchev agree to - no assistance to anyone in the manufacture of nuclear weapons. Which would mean - no Soviet assistance to Red China.

BERLIN

The latest American note to Moscow - asks Khrushchev to put an end to the barbarism in East Berlin. Specifically - to make the East German border guards stop shooting refugees at the wall. Our government, pointing to ~~the~~ ^{a recent} ~~outrageous~~ incident - when ~~the~~ eighteen year old East German was cut down by the Reds, and then left lying at the wall for almost an hour - before they carried his body away.

The victim was buried today in East Berlin - with a crowd of some three hundred on hand. Among them, five western newsmen - who were promptly rounded up by the Red police ~~and~~ some of their film ~~was~~ confiscated. The East ^{Berliners} ~~Germans~~ not anxious to have the rest of the world see - what goes on ~~in Berlin~~ East of the wall. A police lieutenant gave the five newsmen a threatening lecture - before releasing them.

Meanwhile, refugees continue - to ~~get out of~~ ^{flee} the Red paradise. ~~One~~ East German border guard ~~made it~~ today - to the French sector of West Berlin. Slipping through the barbed wire in uniform - carrying his machine pistol with him.

JOHNSON

This was a red-letter day - for the Vice President of the United States. It was his birthday, Lyndon Johnson - forty four years old today - and he was in Ankara, Turkey, where he was in the center of a much activity; conferring with - President Gursel and Prime Minister Inonu; discussing everything from American aid for the Turkish Army - to more taxes for the Turkish people. He also signed an agreement for a peace corps contingent - and laid a wreath at the tomb of Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic.

As usual the tall Texan was out meeting the people. Lyndon Johnson, just as Vice President Nixon did on his trips abroad, striding through the streets. For this he was acclaimed by great crowds. While, Ladybird Johnson, sipped Turkish coffee with a group of Turkish women - at our Embassy. And her daughter Lynda visited a center that turns out socks for the Turkish army - and knitting a pair herself - to the delight of the other volunteers.

STEFANSSON

The death of Vilhjalmur Stefansson - removes one of the last of the old-time explorers. "Stef" who was out on the Arctic ice pack, behind a dog sled, more than half a ^{century} ~~ERREX~~ ago. "Stef" - who retired back in Nineteen Nineteen, and then became the world's foremost expert on the North Pole region, former President of the Explorers Club of New York, meeting place of explorers from everywhere. Author of - dozens of books and hundreds of articles. Discoverer of the Blond Eskimo tribe; protagonist of the all meat diet, Vermont rancher who raised Arctic musk ox; and, Sir Hubert Wilkins, perhaps the foremost explorer of our era, was Stef's protege. ^{Stefansson -} Theorist of Arctic travel by plane and submarine, both of which he lived to see.

His greatest legacy, apart from the legend he created - the magnificent Stefansson collection of writings on the Arctic. Some twenty five thousand books- and about twice that number of pamphlets, manuscripts, lectures, and so n. The Stefansson collection, now at Dartmouth - draws hundreds of scholars, scientists and explorers every year. A chat with


the famous curator - used to be the high spot for any visitor.
The curator, Stefansson himself.

Now at Hanover, New Hampshire, the polar explorer
passes on to some far off realm of a cosmic aurora, at the
age of eighty two. The old master of Arctic lore - and a
living legend up there near the ~~North~~ North Pole. Vilhjalmur
Stefansson, one of the most impressive men I ever knew, *Dick.*

POLL TAX

~~The present~~ Congress ~~has~~ passed ~~4~~ a piece of civil rights legislation. The House, following the lead ~~is~~ of the Senate - in an ~~at~~tack on the Poll Tax, ~~Agreeing~~ that no citizen should have to pay - for the right to vote in presidential or congressional elections.

This doesn't mean - that the poll tax is about to disappear. The action on Capitol Hill ^{simply} concerns an amendment to the Constitution. And that requires the support of - thirty-eight states. If the people of that many states go along - we'll have a twenty-fourth amendment, an anti-poll tax amendment.



ADD POLL TAX

Anyway, the House vote was a victory for President Kennedy, as was the later House vote in favor of the Communication Satellite Bill backed by the Administration.