

CONFERENCE

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The stage is set in Vienna - for the June Second conference between Nikita Khrushchev and John Kennedy.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, winding up the preliminary work - taking off for Washington. ~~He~~ says that he and his Russian opposite number - had a series of cordial meetings, ~~ending in~~ ^{ending in} ~~finding up with~~ complete agreement on all ~~the~~ major points.

Salinger and Sacharov - ending their talks, leaving the rest - to Khrushchev and Kennedy.

What about the fifteen hundred newsmen - assigned to this conference? They'll stay - at an Austrian Army barracks. Today Pierre Salinger inspected the barracks - and put his okay on the arrangements.

The Vice President's report on his tour of the Far East is optimistic. Sober optimism - because Lyndon Johnson says he doesn't want us to under-estimate the problems across the Pacific. The question of putting a stop to - creeping Communist aggression. Saving Laos, Viet Nam - and the other nations that are too close to Red China for safety.

~~But the point is that~~ ^{says he} Lyndon Johnson found a lot of pro-American sentiment among the Asians. He saw - many thousands, ^{and} ~~He~~ shook - hundreds of hands. ~~and~~ ~~He~~ spoke personally to scores of ^{them -} ~~Asians~~ - from Premiers to peasants. Today the tall Texan remarked - "I never heard a hostile voice, or shook a hostile hand."

Besides, he found a determination among the Asians - to protect their freedom, ~~save~~ themselves - from a Communist occupation. ~~All they want~~ ~~the American help they need.~~ ~~Lyndon Johnson's verdict~~ ~~He~~ says he left Washington with confidence, and returned with greater confidence.

CONGO

Tonight, out in the equatorial rain forest, ~~the Congo~~
~~is aflame with~~ more fighting - between the Balubas and the
- in the Congo.
Lulus. The age-old tribal feud, sparking violence once more -
in Kasai Province. Refugees arriving in Leopoldville - tell of
primitive battles with spears, stone daggers, and war clubs.
Many villages - on fire. The Balubas and the Lulus, struggling
for control of *that rich* ~~the~~ territory - just as they did for centuries
before the Belgians ~~in~~ drew Kasai Province on the map.

INFORMATION

Our Information Agency needs - more men, and more money. So says its boss - Edward R. Murrow. The former CBS newsman and TV personality points out - that the Voice of America ranks fourth in the world. Behind - Russia, Red China, and even behind the United Arab Republic. He says that's one big reason - why the American image is so distorted abroad. Ed Murrow puts the basic problem like this: - "The budget of the Information Agency is less than the cost of a Polaris sub." He intends to do something about it - if Congress will cooperate.

TRACTORS

If you're interested in contributing to the "tractors for men fund" - for one thing, Washington doesn't object - is putting up no obstacles to the deal. In fact, President Kennedy has announced that export licenses will be routine. Washington, setting aside red tape - in spite of our trade embargo with Cuba; helping the liberation of - twelve hundred Cuban freedom fighters, in Castro's prisons. In fact President Kennedy is even suggesting that we contribute - to the fund being raised by Mrs. Roosevelt, Walter Reuther, and Milton Eisenhower.

RIDERS

The "freedom riders" who left Montgomery today - knew they were heading into the stronghold of segregation. ^{They say} ~~In fact,~~ that's why they chose - Mississippi. One state where white supremacy - is a fact of social and political life. Where Governor Barnett ^{who} ~~is~~ claims to be - Dixie's most outspoken foe of integration, ~~he~~ campaigned on a strict segregationist ticket - and says he'll make good every campaign promise. At least, the promises concerned with - the relation of the two races in Mississippi.

Governor Barnett wired the Attorney General in Washington - asking him to stop the "freedom riders" from entering Mississippi. Robert Kennedy's reply - "I have no authority to prevent any Americans from traveling around their own country."

~~So~~ The big double-decker bus ^{today} crossed the state line from Alabama - ~~passed~~ ^{passing} a sign reading "Welcome to Mississippi". There were no federal marshals with them - because the Attorney General felt that the Mississippi authorities could and would

SPACE FUNDS

The House today authorized a boost of \$126 million in what the nation will spend in the coming year for exploring space.

But President Kennedy is expected to overshadow the house action tomorrow by asking a far bigger boost of about \$600 million in the space program when he addresses a joint session of Congress.

keep order. Instead, the "freedom fighters" found they had an escort - of National Guard and highway patrol cars. With these they drove to Meridian - which city they passed through without stopping. From Meridian, heading toward their objective - Jackson, capital of Mississippi.

The situation in Jackson, so explosive tonight - that the Attorney General has issued a statement. Robert Kennedy, asking an end - to unnecessary travel in Alabama and Mississippi. Noting - that innocent persons may be injured if rioting breaks out. Asking for - a cooling off period.

As for Governor Barnett - he says other "freedom riders" will get the same treatment. Unless - they keep riding right on through Mississippi.

RECORD

The U.S. Navy ^{racks up} ~~owns~~ another record - for cross-country air travel. A "phantom" jet - zipping from California to New York in less than three hours. Pilot - Dick Gordon of Seattle. Radar Officer - Bob Young of Modesto, California. Officers Gordon and Young took their **P**hantom up - at Ontario, California. Heading - east, ~~covering~~ - twenty-four hundred miles, ~~landing~~ - at Floyd Bennett Field, New York. Time - two hours and forty-seven minutes. A new record.

WEATHER

From Kansas, a few statistics - on what the Spring floods have done to the sunflower state. The two worst rivers this year - the Cottonwood and the Neosho. Between them, they've accounted for - some fifty thousand acres of farmland. The rest of the Kansas rivers, racking up a total of - a hundred and seventy-five thousand acres. Damage - over two million dollars.

^{We}~~They~~ don't often think of Kansas - out there ~~on~~ the ~~dusty~~ plain^s - as a state where it rains ^{so much} ~~very often~~. But it ~~certainly~~ ^{in Kansas} rained ^{in the plain,} this Spring. In Kansas as in Spain, its

HAMMERSTEIN

In London today, a concert - featuring the musicals of Oscar Hammerstein the Second. ~~Doesn't sound~~ ^{Is that} ~~very~~ unusual?

The British have always applauded Hammerstein's songs - from hits like "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific."

But the place ^{does} make this concert something special.

Staid old Southwark Cathedral - where high Anglican rites are performed amid the ~~pageant~~ ^{colorful} pageantry of the church. The point is - that Southwark Cathedral has a traditional association with the theatre. Frequented by actors and actresses - who happen to be Anglicans. Every year, the Bishop of Southwark presides over a Shakespeare memorial service.

So there was nothing out of order today - when Mrs. Hammarstein unveiled a plaque of her late husband, ^{with} his musical coroborator, Richard Rodgers - looking on. The Chorus, giving a rousing rendition - of Hammerstein's songs, topped by "Oklahoma" - echoing from the vaulted ceiling of Southwark Cathedral.

COLLEGE

At Wake Forest College, in North Carolina - Ray Rollins must be a bright student. Phi Beta Kappa - to judge from the way he solved his automobile problem.

Ray suffers from a common complaint among college students - not enough cash to finance his operations. He decided - to sell his car. Highest bid - ten bucks. No sale.

So Ray had - a bright idea. He painted the names of the Wake Forest professors - on his jalopy. Then he offered to let any student hit any prof - with a sledge hammer. Fee - one quarter.

Response - enthusiastic. So many undergraduates having a go at the profs - that the car ended up as a ^{mass} ~~heap~~ of junk. Ray Rollins ending up - with a hundred bucks, ~~in his pocket~~.

DIVORCEES

Here's the story of - the divorcees of Jackson, Michigan. Fourteen aggrieved ladies - who say they haven't been getting their alimony on time. All fourteen, taking it out on Herbert Heuman - the member of the court who handles divorce cases. Throwing a picket line - in front of Heuman's office. Carrying placards claiming that he hasn't been tough enough - with their delinquent husbands.

The harrassment, so nerve-racking -- ~~the~~ Heuman got a court order, forbidding the picket line. ^{When reason} The ladies - defied the order. Result - a night in jail. Today they apologized - and the "contempt of court" charge was lifted.

~~The~~ ^{pick -} defendants, no longer contemptuous, ^{say they are} ~~but~~ still mad at their husbands. ^{and still mad} ~~Also~~ ^{the state divorce expert.} at Herbert Heuman, ^{Those} aggravated divorcees ~~from Michigan.~~