

KENNEDY

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At President Kennedy's news conference today, - was his first in six weeks, ~~So naturally~~ there was ^{quite a} strong turnout - of newsmen, All of them, anxious to hear the President - on the problems that have been simmering for those six weeks. Above all - the problem of ~~East~~ Berlin.

Actually, ^{Pres.} ~~the~~ Kennedy had no statement on Berlin, but ~~he~~ did have one - on South Viet Nam, Revealing that General Maxwell Taylor will be off to Saigon - for an on the spot investigation. General Taylor, to look at the situation with a cold military eye - then report back to the President.

^{did} Berlin come up - in the question period. The President, indicating - no change. The talks with Gromyko, bringing out the difficulties - but offering no solution.

President Kennedy responded ~~quickly and skillfully~~ - to questions on everything from Foreign Aid to Soviet nuclear tests. ~~The upshot being - that~~ The problems are still there! And - The administration is trying to cope with ~~them~~ them.

VAN FLEET

The latest military man recalled to service as
advisor to the Administration - General James Van Fleet.
The commander of our Eighth Army during the Korean war -
assigned to the Pentagon. His first job - to see that the
new National Guard Divisions are ready for ~~some~~ combat. After
that, he'll be assigned to - training for special types of
warfare. Especially - guerrilla warfare in the jungle. *at*
about which subject ~~that~~ General Van Fleet *already knows a good deal.*
~~mastered the hard way in~~

Rovsa.

TROOPS

The G I's who landed in Cherbourg today - were the first since Nineteen Forty Five. Some of them, remembering the big French port - from their experiences during World War Two. Said Sergeant Ed Okupsi - of Beaver Falls,

Pennsylvania: "Cherbourg looks the same to me, but I ^{don't} ~~imagine~~

Look the same!"
~~older now~~

Sergeant Okupsi, ^{has} ~~landed~~ with the advance guard - of forty thousand men, ~~the troops~~, ordered to Europe by President Kennedy - as part of our build-up in the face of Khrushchev's aggression. Most of the advance guard - in communications and supply ^{to} ~~preparing~~ for the arrival of - the rest of the forty thousand, who are following on transports.

The build-up will continue - in view of today's action by the Defense Department. The Pentagon, asking selective service - to induct twenty thousand draftees for the Army - next month.

MIKOYAN

Those speeches today in East Berlin were ^{of special interest} ~~remarkable~~
for - what was said; And - not said.

Occasion - Mikoyan leaving for Moscow. Accompanied
to the airport by the Red ^{leaders} ~~big shots~~ of East Germany - led by
Premier Ulbricht. The bearded puppet - speaking first;
Pointedly mentioning - the peace treaty that Khrushchev has
been talking about for so long. Ulbricht, thanking the Soviet
Dictator for setting ^{as} a time limit - the end of this year.
Adding that Mikoyan has now seen for himself - how anxious
the East Germans are to have the treaty.

In reply, Mikoyan mentioned the treaty - ^{at all} ~~not once!~~
He skipped the entire subject - in favor of Communist
platitudes about peace and socialism. Then he shook hands
with Ulbricht - and took off for Moscow.

~~I guess~~ ^{If} you ^{are} wondering where that leaves - the
Soviet East German peace treaty, ^{maybe} Comrade Ulbricht is wondering
too.

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Sir John Glubb.

SYRIA

The new Syrian government today is reported to be so stable that it is talking of putting Syria into a new Pan-Arab Federation! Premier Kuzbari today unveiled a fourteen point program -- in Damascus. The most important proposal - a union of Arab Nations with greater unity than the Arab League.

DEFECTOR

In Amsterdam, the "case of the defecting scientist" - is erupting into an international incident. Holland and Russia colliding over - chemist Alexei Golub.

As ^{have heard,} ~~you know~~ Golub defected from Communism - and asked for asylum in the Netherlands. His wife, preferring - to return to Moscow, doing so, after that ~~period of time~~ ^{strange brawl at} the airport - ~~was~~ when the Soviet Ambassador was punched - in the nose by a Dutch policeman.

Today, Moscow and the ~~Hague~~ - traded epithets. Moscow, charging that Golub - was kidnapped, ~~is~~ being held - against his will. And - that the utterance^s attributed to him are the result of Dutch pressure.

The Hague, retorting - that Golub was on the point of being kidnapped by the Russians, The Dutch, intervening - to save him, Allowing him - to make up his own mind. Golub - choosing ~~free~~ freedom over Communism.

The man whose status is most doubtful tonight - Soviet Ambassador Ponamarenko. The Dutch government, thinking

of giving the boot - to the pugilist diplomat from Moscow.

TEAMSTERS

~~Today's~~ ^{The latest} offer by the A F L - C I O could mean - the break-up of the Teamsters Union. George Meany, Walter Reuther, and their colleagues - challenging Jimmy Hoffa inside his own organization. Telling his locals that if they want to quit the teamsters - they'll ~~will~~ be welcomed into the AFL-C I O.

The reaction? Meany says that several applications from Teamster locals - are being studied, ^{and} that more - will be coming in. ^{So} - is it the skids for Hoffa? Union experts are saying - "maybe". ^{"Yes" -} Adding - "in the long run"! ^{But} ~~None~~ of them ^{are} expecting the hard driving Jimmy Hoffa - to go down without a fight, ^{- if and when he ever does go down.} ~~in a hurry down at all~~

In any case, Hoffa is also having trouble with - the law. The head of the teamsters, again indicted - on charges of mail fraud. A grand jury in Orlando, Florida -- returning a sixteen count indictment. Hoffa, accused of misusing union funds - during a real estate transaction near Cape Canaveral.

RAYBURN

The crisis for Speaker Sam Rayburn came today with an attack of - pneumonia. "Mr. Sam" already fatally stricken with cancer - lapsing into a coma, when his lungs were attacked. Then he rallied with the help of - oxygen. Astonishing the doctors at Baylor Medical Center - by the tenacity with which he clings to life. But he may not live through the night.

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ISLAND

It looks as if the "lonliest island in the world" may never be inhabited again. Tristan DaCunha, in the South Atlantic between Africa and South America. Last night, we had the story of - the violent eruption. Today, two more craters appeared - poking up beside the big one. And tonight Tristan DaCunha is - buried under rivers and mountains of lava. With the sea around it boiling and hissing - as the streams of molten rock pour into the Atlantic.

All of the inhabitants - two hundred and sixty-six of them did manage to get off in their long boats. Rowing to a nearby desolate rock - called Nightingale Island. There, after a rugged night, they were rescued today by a Dutch freighter - now carrying them to Capetown. All of them wondering, will they ever see Tristan DaCunha again. Some of them say they are glad to be sailing away from the "loneliest island in world", Dick. Willing to leave the island and its new

fire mountain to Vulcan, the God of Fire.

When the word - Miraculous - Referring to Speaker Sam Rayburn's - tenacious fight for life. Mr. Sam went into a coma yesterday - after contracting pneumonia. They thought he might not survive - last night. But the tough old Texan - is still very much alive. In fact, out of his coma. Talking with his doctors and nurses - who now believe he may be able to go home. Back to the Rayburn ranch - near Bonham, Texas. The last consolation for the Speaker of the House - who is -