

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Lyndon Johnson's news conference in Washington today was rather a contrast to Kennedy's yesterday. Where Kennedy spoke in general terms, Johnson was more the politician talking about practical problems. Kennedy mentioning names from history - Columbus, Napoleon, Alexander the Great. Johnson, talking about Cuba, Berlin, and Khrushchev's propaganda.

In announcing that he is - as we all assumed - a candidate for the Democratic nomination - Johnson took issue with Kennedy on key points. The primaries - for instance. Johnson, minimizing their importance. Insisting, as Democratic majority leader in the Senate that he for one had to remain in Washington. "Someone had to tend the store" was the way he put it. Adding, that he is now announcing his candidacy - because Congress is in recess.

The tall Texan declined to comment - on the question of a rigged convention. He simply said he'll have a lot of strength - when the Democrats gather in Los Angeles. How much strength? More than five hundred votes on the first ballot, <sup>is</sup> the Lyndon Johnson prediction. His prediction is that Kennedy will have less than six hundred - and Senator Johnson believes he and his colleague from Massachusetts will be neck and neck - on the first ballot. The Johnson strategy - to pick votes from there - and win on a later ballot.

Is Lyndon Johnson a conservative? Today he refused to accept - any label. Just wants his party to examine his qualifications carefully - at the convention. If nominated and elected, he promises effective leadership during the next four years - a period he is sure will be full of tremendous problems, foreign and domestic.

DEMOCRAT FOLLOW JOHNSON

Lyndon Johnson's rivals are saying that nothing has been changed - by the Senator's declaration. In Los Angeles, Kennedy backers are still looking for an experienced diplomat, who represented Cuba in Spain, before Castro's break with Madrid. Cardona, receiving the New Symington still claim - the two front runners will knock each other out, with a switch to a third candidate - on, the third or fourth ballot.

AMBASSADOR

In Havana, political asylum for the Cuba  
Ambassador <sup>assigned</sup> to Washington <sup>but</sup> who never got to Washington.

Jose Miro Cardona - a professor of law at Havana University,

~~An~~ experienced diplomat, who represented Cuba in Spain, before

Castro's ~~ga~~ break with Madrid. Cardona, receiving the <sup>all important</sup> ~~the~~

appointment \* to Washington.

But he never got away -from Havana. ~~reaching the~~

Breaking ~~point~~ with Castro, Cardona, <sup>went</sup> ~~going~~ to the Argentine

Embassy in Havana - asking for political asylum. One of the

oldest supporters of Castro, telling newsmen - his conscience

won't let him serve Castro any longer.

ADD AMBASSADOR

The news about the Ambassador had hardly come in - than along came word of another defection from Castro: An airliner, bound from Havana to Madrid. The two co-pilots at gun point forcing the pilot - to fly to Miami. The co-pilots - asking for asylum, saying they've had enough of Castro. The pilot, alone, flying the plane to Havana.

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PROTEST

America's formal protest over the seizure of American property in Cuba - <sup>evidently is</sup> ~~is not~~ <sup>no</sup> having ~~any~~ effect in Havana. Castro, driving ahead toward expropriation - of the last American ~~land~~ holdings in the island. The Cuban Dictator, enraged more than ever - because President Eisenhower has the sugar bill on his desk. The measure that allows the President - to regulate our importation of Cuban sugar.

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## CONGO

The Prime Minister of the new Congo Republic announces a policy - for future relations between his country and the West. Lumumba, calling for friendship with the nations of Europe - especially - with Belgium. Lumumba, promising to respect the rights of the white men - who have been in the Congo so long. Most of them doing much to build up that Equatorial land - lift it from tribal savagery - as it was in the days of Livingston and Stanley.

Today Prime Minister Lumumba pointed out that they still need western capital. He stated his policy in these words:- "no nationalization!- no brutal expropriation!" Meaning - the Congo wisely - for the moment - doesn't want to frighten off foreign investors.

ROCKET

The latest Soviet rocket launching - is *alleged to be*  
connected with future space flights. Russian scientists,  
trying to find a method - of retrieving nose cones intact.  
Today they sent a rocket soaring out over the Pacific - *they say*  
hitting a target area ~~right~~ eight thousand miles away.



MISSILE

America's missile train - on a run <sup>across</sup> ~~along the~~  
~~tracks of~~ six states. The train, armed with minuteman  
missiles - <sup>on a</sup> ~~in a test of~~ mobility <sup>test.</sup> Starting from Hill Air  
Force base in Utah - ~~thundering along~~ along a route that will  
take it as far east as Milwaukee and Chicago.

The Air Force, hoping to prove on this trial run -  
that our missile bases can be saved from a sneak attack -  
if we keep them moving on the railroads.

CRIME

~~Tonight we have~~ a bizarre story from - the Illinois State Reformatory for Women. ~~Telling us that~~ Mrs. Blanch Dunkel and Mrs. Evelyn Smith - ~~have been~~ placed in solitary for the twenty-fifth time.

The point of the story:- twenty-five years ago Mrs. Dunkel and Mrs. Smith were convicted of murder. Each, sentenced to life. The Judge, adding <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ provision <sup>that the</sup> ~~two~~ ~~women~~ to be placed in solitary confinement - on each anniversary of their crime. Forced to think about - their victim, *And repent their crime,*

Today, ~~it is exactly~~ twenty-five years <sup>after</sup> ~~since~~ the murder, <sup>for</sup> ~~For~~ Mrs. Dunkel and Mrs. Smith, the twenty-fifth time in solitary. ~~A strange and sombre story - from the annals of American crime.~~

HOLIDAY

Today's report by the National Safety Council uses the phrase - "appalling and shocking". Referring to the toll on ~~our~~ <sup>the</sup> highways - over the July Fourth weekend. Americans, killing one another with their automobiles - at the rate of five an hour. The total <sup>something</sup> ~~number of fatalities~~ - over four-hundred-and-twenty-five. An all time high.

## FLYER

The flying grandfather - has just set another new record. Max Conrad, zooming along a triangular course - Minneapolis to ~~at~~ Chicago to Des Moines - and back to Minneapolis. Pushing his light plane farther than anyone ever has, on a closed ~~air~~ circuit. Conrad, going round and round - Minneapolis, Chicago, Des Moines, Minneapolis - and so on, indefinitely. Or at least, better than three thousand miles - and a new record.

## ROYALTY

The King and Queen of Thailand took the ticker tape ride through the canyons of Broadway today. King Rama wearing a tan, western style suit. Queen Sirikit, in the national dress of Thailand - a pink silk gown - as a Kilkenny Castle Irish friend of mine used to say: "smothered with diamonds." In an open car, acknowledging the cheers of the crowds lining Broadway. Bewildered by the deluge of ticker tape? Not at all. Their ~~Siamese~~ oriental Majesties seemed to be enjoying our flamboyant occidental extravaganza.

KHRUSHCHEV

That must have been quite a sight - in the  
Austrian Alps today. The Russian party, riding up the  
mountains - in a cable car, with Khrushchev - in jovial  
mood - leading a song fest. The boss of the Kremlin -  
roaring the old Cossack marching song, "Volga, Volga".  
Everybody joining in - with the boss, including Gromyko.  
Dick, that must have <sup>been</sup> something - Dead Pan Gromyko singing  
along with his ruddy boss, Nikita.

## ICE

In Brookville, Indiana, a customer walked up to an ice vending machine - and dropped in his coin. Sounds ordinary enough. But what happened - wasn't ordinary at all.

The door to the ice machine - swinging open; revealing - not a block of ice, but an arm. At the end of the arm one Alvin Corley, who services ice machines.

To fill this king size machine, he climbed - inside. Whereupon the door - slammed shut behind him; and he had no "open sesame" to open it. Locked in his own machine; shivering amid the blocks of ice he himself had stored. There for an hour; emerging half frozen when a customer finally released him when the customer dropped a coin in the slot.