

RAYBURN

L.T. Olds. Thurs. Oct 12 - '61.

~~Today~~ The doctors at the Baylor Medical centre  
used the word - Miraculous, "<sup>today.</sup>" 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~~  
~~fatally stricken.~~

KENNEDY

~~Today~~ President Kennedy offered<sup>S</sup> a new slogan to  
the American people - and to the free world. The slogan -  
"neither Red nor dead." This, the President's reply to the  
Pacifist line - "better Red than dead." Mr. Kennedy, telling  
his audience at the University of North Carolina - that we are  
not trapped between surrender and nuclear holocaust, ~~That~~  
the democracies can survive; - their free institutions can  
survive - as long as we remain both strong and flexible.  
Strong - to prevent Khrushchev from starting a war. Flexible  
- to take advantage of our diplomatic opportunities. Strength  
and flexibility, adding up to President Kennedy's prediction -  
"neither Red nor dead."

## BERLIN

The nine hundred American soldiers who arrived in West Germany today - came ready for action. Disembarking at Bremerhaven - with their equipment. All set - to take part in Nato maneuvers. Part of the European build-up -- to let Khrushchev know that we mean business.

Meanwhile, in Berlin - more border crossing by the East German guards. Today ten of the Red bully-boys entered West Berlin - to search for one of their companions, who had fled to freedom. They continued the hunt until West Berlin police came up - and forced them to retreat.

At another point along the barrier - the East German<sup>s</sup> kidnapped a West German newsman, shooting him as he was covering a story, then crossing over - and dragging him into their sector. Disappearing - with him.

More incidents of the type - that could touch off a shooting war. The type that we have been warning Khrushchev to consider - before he allows his East German puppets freedom of action.

## ATOMIC

The level of radioactivity in the atmosphere of America - is not dangerous. So reported <sup>S</sup>by Surgeon General Luther Perry - referring to the effect of those atomic ~~explosions~~ explosions in Russia. Explosions ~~that~~ have raised the iodine content - in our milk. But General Perry points out - that the increase is too small to be a hazard. So there's no need to worry - about handing the baby his milk bottle.

Some other countries - aren't so fortunate. Above all, Japan - which is close to the Soviet Union. And depends on rice, a grain especially vulnerable to fall out. The Japanese government, <sup>much</sup> ~~very~~ concerned by what the Soviet tests are doing - to the Japanese food supply. A feeling, shared by other nations of the Far East - including Red China.

Khrushchev doesn't seem to care, - ~~what anybody~~ ~~thinks~~. Today he ~~has~~ touched off - another nuclear blast. The twentieth, announced by - the Atomic Energy Commission. But President Kennedy said at yesterday's news conference "that there have been more than twenty in this series of Soviet tests."

## DEFECTORS

Quite a few defectors from Communism - are in the news tonight. Led by Soviet chemist, Alexoi Golub - who wants to stay in Holland. The latest on Golub is that he was a key figure - in the top echelon of Russian scientists. And that he brought classified information from the Kremlin files - when he chose freedom. Which would explain the violence of the Soviet Ambassador to Amsterdam - who started that furious battle at the airport. Ponamarenko, evidently afraid of the consequences - should he return to Moscow without Golob.

In Vienna - five defectors. Hungarian sport fans, in the Viennese capital - to watch their team play. The first time since the revolt of Nineteen Fifty Six - that they've been allowed to leave Hungary. Five of them, making the most of today's opportunity. Asking Austria - for ~~xxx~~ asylum.

And there's another defector - in Paris. Eduardo Aroca, resigning as Cuban Consul-General. Aroca, a strong supporter of Castro - and the ideals of the revolution. That is - until recent events convinced him that the Dictator has

betrayed those ideals. In the words of the former Cuban  
Consul General - "Castro is nothing more than a Communist  
figurehead."

## ARABS

Egypt ~~is going~~ to ignore Syria's proposal - for a Pan-Arab federation. So stated in Cairo - where Nasser is still fuming over the independence of Syria. Nasser's press and radio, asking how Arab unity can be suggested in good faith - by the men who broke up the United Arab Republic? The idea of a federation of the Middle East - "an imperialist plot", according to one Cairo newspaper.

REUTHER

You don't often hear members of the United Auto Workers - jeering Walter Reuther. It happened today - in Detroit. Workers at the Ford<sup>d</sup> plant - protesting against the terms of the new contract. Booing Reuther - calling him "a stooge". The head of the U.A.W. -- brushing past the picketers. Asking the union council -- to okay the Ford contract. Which - they did.



## HOFFA

The head of the A F L - C I O is shrugging off - the latest threat by the head of the Teamsters Union. George Meany, calling himself "amused" at the thought of - Jimmy Hoffa suing for defamation of character. Hoffa asking - how much? A cool million dollars. The head of the Teamsters, evidently feeling that his good name can't be protected from George Meany - for anything less.

## WRECK

A California pilot spent four agonizing days and nights on a Utah mountain - because his passenger became panicky. Joel Honey, of Needles, California - flying a Cessna across Utah with William Royal next to him. Honey, forced to fly low - because of a snowstorm. Suddenly Royal shouted that they were going to hit the mountains - and grabbed at the controls. The plane, nosing downward - smashing into <sup>left</sup> Mt. Timpanagos, near Provo, Utah.

Royal was killed - in the crack-up. Honey, alive - but suffering from several broken bones. He managed to crawl back into the Cessna - and bundle himself up. Then he waited - and waited. The hours, moving by so slowly - he says it seemed like an eternity. He ate snowballs - and drank melted snow. When the pain eased - he fired signal flares.

Today a rescue party - found him. Pilot Honey, carried out in pretty good shape - after four October nights on Mt. Timpanagos, in Utah.

## ARTIST

The latest picture by Willem Dekooning ought to be called - "a self portrait of the artist," as a bar room brawler. Dekooning is considered a great master of - abstract art. But there was nothing abstract about his performance - when he took a swing at Raymond Maurel, an engineer for Air France.

Maurel, telling a New York court - that he was minding his own business in the bar, when a complete stranger hauled off and punched him. The effect, rather catastrophic - because Maurel was smoking a pipe at the time. The French engineer had to stagger to his dentist - for some quick repairs.

The pugilist in the case - artist Dekooning. Who evidently has gone abstract again - not noticing such vulgar things as policemen and courts. His absence today, explained by his <sup>S</sup> lawyer in these words - "when Dekooning starts to paint, he cuts himself off from society for months."

Whereupon, <sup>Dick</sup> the Judge ordered the lawyer - to bring the defendant back to reality. Said His Honor "if Dekooning

can take <sup>time</sup> ~~time~~ out from his art for a bar room brawl, he  
can appear in court and answer ~~some~~ questions."

No end piece