

KENNEDY

L.T. - Olds - Fisher. Monday, Nov. 18/64.

President Kennedy was in fine campaigning fettle today - in Tampa, Florida. The President spoke at ceremonies commemorating the first commercial airline flight - fifty years ago. Telling his cheering audience that prospects are bright - in this country. And that Communism has had many setbacks - in the last two years.

Mr. Kennedy then went on to address - the Florida Chamber of Commerce. Pointing out to his audience of businessmen - that corporate profits are at an all-time high. And that they have risen forty-three percent - since his election.

But the President saved his strongest statement - for the Inter-American Press Association tonight. Telling the convention in Bal Harbor that the United States is ready to help any government - that asks for aid to fight a Communist "takeover." Also, that all other American States - ought to be ready to do the same.

U.N.

In the U.N. today Cuban Ambassador Carlos Lechuga ~~was~~ rejected the proposal by ten Latin-American countries - to denuclearize Latin America. Lechuga argued that the plan would be a farce, unless the United States naval base at Guantanamo Bay - is handed over to Castro. He also demanded that Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal - be denuclearized too. Ambassador Charles Stelle lost no time in replying - for the United States. He pointed out that the United States prohibits the use of its territory - for launching attacks against Cuba. Whereas Castro's government - openly boasts of its successes in infiltrating and subverting other Latin American countries.

The Castro regime, said our / Ambassador - has betrayed the Cuban revolution. "He has replaced one tyranny - with another." - was the way he put it.

Meanwhile the Communist countries - who cannot

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RETAKE

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forced postponement of the vote till next week.

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The Yale Professor just back from a Russian jail - is going to give a detailed description of his experience. At least - to officials of the State Department. The rest of us may have to wait longer - to find out exactly what happened to Frederick Barghoorn during his last trip to the Soviet Union. And if some of the information happens to be classified - we may never know the details.

What about the proposed cultural exchanges - with the Soviets? President Kennedy ordered an end to the negotiations - at the time of Professor Barghoorn's arrest. And the President has not given the order to take the matter up again. The point being - that the release of the Professor does not clear up the main issue. Namely - the danger to other Americans who enter the Soviet Union.

Dr. Barghoorn has been a leader in the

**campaign for cultural ties with Moscow. If the Russians
threw him into jail and held him incommunicado - they
might do the same to anyone else.**

**Some Kremlinologists are pointing out - that this
could lead to a real impasse. The individual simply
does not have in the Soviet Union - the legal guarantees
that are basic in the West. So, to ask Khrushchev to
guarantee the security of American visitors would be
asking him to change the system by which he controls
the Soviet people.**

**Sounds like a good subject for an expert on
Russia - say, Professor Frederick Barghoorn of Yale.**

ALBANIA MONEY FOLLOW ALBANIA

The Western Allies may be having some difficulty in figuring out - just what the Barghoorn affair portends. But not the Chinese Communists. They are broadcasting - their opinion. Using Albania as a mouthpiece. Little Albania, a loyal satellite of Red China, and sworn enemy of Nikita Khrushchev - and all his work. Or Policies.

Tonight Albania's radio, reporting the Professor's release, announces that - "the Soviet leaders have made another retreat before the pressure of the American imperialists".

So, if the State Department still has any doubts about victory, it should listen to - Albania.

KHRUSHCHEV FOLLOW ALBANIA

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affair - are only a small part of the story. The
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titles he awards himself and how many medals he pins
on himself, Khrushchev cannot cover up his fawning
before imperialist nuclear blackmail

FIRE

That disastrous fire in Atlantic City began in the Surfside Hotel - burning it to the ground. And spreading like quicksilver - to neighboring hotels. Levelling them too. Flames whipped through the old wooden buildings before anybody realized - what was happening. Two policemen, on a routine assignment opened the lobby door of the hotel - and ran into sheets of flame and dense black smoke.

In the words of Captain James Dooney - "nothing appeared amiss until we opened that door". They gave the alarm - fire engines began to converge upon the area. But before the firemen could get the blaze under control the hotel was destroyed - and others with it. The death toll - possibly more than twenty.

IRAQ

No one can tell just yet - where the latest coup in Iraq will lead. For the moment the fate of that country seems to rest - in one man's hands. That man - President Abdel Salam Aref. President Aref is said to be in command tonight - after ousting the Baathist party Regime headed by Premier Ahmed Bakr. Premier Bakr had just succeeded in squashing an attempted rebellion - by his own Deputy Premier Saleh al Saadi.

Behind today's events lies the struggle for power between moderates of the Baathist party, and the same party's extremists. Former Premier Bakr a moderate - favoring union with Syria. Former Deputy Premier Saadi more radical - favoring closer ties with Egypt's United Arab Republic.

What does President Aref stand for? That's the question. So far, he hasn't committed himself. He's not a member of the Baathist Party - though closely associated with it. And in the past - has had strong

pro-Nasser tendencies.

*Tonight Cairo - is jubilant. Expecting the
coup to result in much closer ties between - Iraq and
CARACAS
Egypt. President Nasser is offering immediate support
to President Aref. Aref is calling for - Arab unity.
Where will it all end? Baghdad radio is saying that
Iraq is now back - in the Arab Nationalist camp. Side
by side with - the United Arab Republic.*