

L.T. OLDS. THURSDAY. APRIL 25, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

When a man of sixty nine talks about retirement - it's generally not news. When his name is Nikita Khrushchev - it's big news indeed. Not that the current boss of the Kremlin - has announced that he's stepping out. But he did tell a Moscow audience - that he can't hold all of his present jobs forever. Which could mean that he's ready to give up his job as Premier, but stay on - as boss of the Communist party.

As you would imagine, there's a frenzy of guessing - in the West, on who will succeed Khrushchev.

## IDEOLOGY

The latest Red Chinese attack on Khrushchev - is taken from the writings of Lenin. And amounts to as neat an example of irony - as the ideological struggle has produced.

Mao Tse Tung quoting the founder of the Soviet Union *as follows:-* ~~to this effect,~~ "The leadership of Communism will one day be centered in China" - said Lenin. *Says* Mao's ~~commentary~~ *commentary* - that day has already arrived. Red China, already - the ideological center of Communism, ~~And soon to be~~ - the political center.

Where does that leave - Nikita Khrushchev? *Why, the* boss of the Kremlin is "a servant of imperialist ideology" - according to Peking.

HARRIMAN

The remarks made by Averell Harriman in London and Moscow - indicate that President Kennedy is taking a hard line with Khrushchev. Consider the Soviet allegation - that America is responsible for the fighting in Laos. Harriman's *reply to that:* ~~verdict on the charge~~ "insulting and incorrect." Then the American trouble - shooter added - "I think the Russians are trying to curry favor with Red China." Strong talk - from a diplomat headed for Moscow.

Direct responsibility - for the Laotian crisis?

Harriman placed <sup>3</sup> it on - the Communist guerrillas known as the Pathet Lao. What to do - about these belligerent Reds? We want Khrushchev to stop them - if he can. ~~Naturally,~~ Harriman said today - that he hopes to leave Moscow with a Soviet promise to honor the Nineteen Sixty One agreement on Laos.

But the feeling is gaining ground - that Khrushchev can't do anything *about it — that* ~~to stop the crisis~~ *Because* the Chinese Reds have taken over in Laos, and are determined - to have a crisis. *If so, what will Harriman accomplish in Moscow?*

## LAOS

It is believed tonight that the "neutralists" of Laos are learning about Communism the hard way. When the coalition government was formed - the neutralists tended to ally themselves with the Reds against the right wing. But we in the West know that such coalitions have a somber history. The Reds, joining with one faction - to destroy a third, then turning on their allies, and establishing an out-and-out Communist regime.

That was the classical pattern - in eastern Europe. And it seems to be the pattern - in Laos. The Reds, confident that the right wing - couldn't stop them. So they attacked their old allies, the neutralists. Tonight, the Red radio is using the epithet that we've heard so often just before the destruction of a free government. The word - "reactionary". The Laos Reds speaking about "Neutralist Reactionary".

The Reds co-operate with you when it's to their advantage - then destroy you.

## JORDAN

East and West meet in Amman. The street scene in the capital of Jordan:- western military trucks roaring into the city, carrying desert fighters in flowing robes, Bedouin brought in to defend - young King Hussein. Rallying to the Royal standard - as the Bedouin have, from time immemorial.

The enemy - those pro-Nasser students, who were at it again today, throwing sticks and stones.

Followed by more of that not unusual spectacle in Amman - students, fleeing, with the lean, hawk-faced men of the desert in pursuit.

## ESPIONAGE

The London report concerning espionage at the admiralty - is a model of British reticence. Who was responsible for placing William Vassell - in an Admiralty job? ~~The job~~ where he gathered information - for the Russians?

Not - the First Lord of the Admiralty. In fact, Lord Carrington ~~comes in for a good share of~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~praised~~ <sup>for</sup> this report. Nor is the blame pinned on - the spy's departmental superior. The whole Admiralty hierarchy is absolved, until the report reaches - the civil assistant to the Director of Naval Intelligence. The civil assistant - <sup>But he's</sup> responsible. ~~Also~~ <sup>So -</sup> - dead. ~~Case~~ <sup>Case</sup> closed.

The admiralty - back on even keel again. ~~The~~ ~~First Lord of the Admiralty~~ ~~is~~ ~~less~~ ~~seasick~~ ~~than~~ ~~he's~~ ~~been~~ ~~during~~ ~~the~~ ~~past~~ ~~few~~ ~~months.~~

TRAPEZE

There's a growing demand tonight - for an end to the trapeze artist and the high wire acrobat. That is - under the existing conditions. ~~Don't have to tell you why~~  
Last week, Yetta Grotefont fell to her death - during a performance in Omaha. Yetta, one of the "Great Wallendas" - and the troupe's third fatality in two years.

Last night, Ely Albaracen of Bogota, Colombia - missed his footing in Duluth. Ely, plunging thirty feet - to the sawdust floor of the Big Top. He got up, waved to the crowd - and collapsed. Tonight, he's in the hospital. His condition - fair.

The critics are now insisting - that a net be required for all acts involving a trapeze or a high wire.

Their argument - that a performance is just as skillful whether there's a net or not. So ~~there's~~ <sup>Why</sup> no sense in

taking chances? ~~even the circus~~ <sup>to that</sup> opposition comes from -  
the circus <sup>high wire people</sup> ~~carried~~ themselves. As one <sup>of them</sup> high wire stunt-  
man put ~~it~~ <sup>today:-</sup> "risking my neck is <sup>all</sup> part of my ~~act~~ act."

LEND BEES

~~Now~~ <sup>may</sup> If I use the phrase "lend-bees for Britain" - you'll ~~probably~~ think I'm mispronouncing ~~a famous wartime~~ ~~is~~ transaction. ~~Remember~~ lend-lease, for Britain; ~~America,~~ <sup>those</sup> ~~making~~ supplies ~~available~~ to the British - before we entered the war?

~~But~~ <sup>But</sup> "lend-bees for Britain" - is not a mispronunciation. ~~And does not go back to the Second~~ ~~World War. Here's what it means.~~ During the past winter - one of the worst in British history - British bees died by the million<sup>s</sup> - a catastrophic blow to British bee keepers - as well as to that idyllic British country side.

Answer to the problem - the useful insects, to be replaced by their cousins from across the Atlantic. One million - arriving today. Seven million more - on the way.

American bee keepers <sup>to the rescue</sup> ~~rising to the occasion~~ with

"lend-bees for Britain."



POLICE

The business of law enforcement appears to be taking some queer turns - in the midwest.

Consider - Chicago. Joe Johnson opened a school for policemen - in the Windy City. His classes, going full blast - until Joe received a visit from a raiding party of Chicago police. The charge - Joe doesn't have a real police department for his pupils. They're supposed to graduate into - the police station in Leesville, Illinois. But Leesville turns out to be a town - that ~~was~~ <sup>had</sup> thirty-one votes <sup>no</sup> in the last election. And - doesn't have a police station.

In Cleveland, five men who helped capture a bank robber - are under indictment. Accused of impersonating - F B I agents, ~~and using that impersonation~~ to force vital information from one witness. <sup>Dick -</sup> The five <sup>were</sup> astounded to find themselves in court. - <sup>They think they</sup> ~~when they~~ should get a medal for running down that ~~bank~~ robber.

SENATE

The Senate voted today - ~~in~~ in favor of itself.

Subject - the right to decide on the officers of the new communication satellite corporation. Senator Morse of Oregon said "no" - on the ground that only government officials come under the jurisdiction of the Senate. But his colleagues decided - against him. Declaring themselves to possess the disputed authority - by a vote of seventy-five to fifteen.

Then the Senate proceeded to okay President Kennedy's fourteen nominations - for the communication satellite corporation.