

KENNEDY

L-1.- *Olds. Thurs. Aug. 31st '61.*

President Kennedy has decided not to pick up Khrushchev's atomic challenge. ^{*That is, not*} ~~immediately~~. The President prefers to let the world see clearly - who is ~~more~~ responsible for this new crisis. Not complicate the issue - by going ahead with our own atomic explosions.

This strategy was talked over today - when the President conferred with Congressional leaders at the White House. It's based on an added fact - that Mr. Kennedy is emphasizing. ^{*That*} ~~Our~~ ~~our~~ atomic striking force is more powerful than Russia's so we can afford to wait a little. ^{*R*} One American move that is in the cards; - ^{*R*} ~~taking~~ the issue to the U N. Have the world forum debate - Khrushchev's unilateral action.

^{*What*} Eventually? Around Washington it's taken for granted that we can't sit back indefinitely - while Khrushchev stock-piles his nuclear arsenal. We'll have to keep pace with him. ^{*R*} The loudest voices in favor of building more atomic bombs - are on Capitol Hill; ^{*and*} The Atomic Energy

Commission is waiting for - the green light.

But - for a while if Khrushchev wants to be the center of attention - we're going to let him have the stage all to himself. Let him face the world wide criticism that already is being aimed at him.

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Of course, Tonight, in the chancelleries of the free world, the question is "why?" Why did Khrushchev choose to flout public opinion - by ordering a resumption of atomic testing at this time? Why did he intensify the tension by saying that he intends to build - those terrifying super bombs?

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~~I suppose you've~~ been listening all day - to the outraged reaction around the globe. Khrushchev, condemned all the way from Washington to Belgrade - where the neutralist conference opens tomorrow. Khrushchev, ~~was~~ defended - inside the Soviet camp, *And - nowhere else. The loudest in* ~~the biggest part of~~ his cheering section, the leaders of Red China - who have been demanding a more warlike attitude on the part of the Russians.

Here's what may eventually prove - the most significant reaction. The Russian people are said to be *disturbed* ~~very unhappy~~ - by the conduct of their government. U P I correspondent Bob Korngold reports from Moscow - that the man in the street is simply bewildered. The Russians have

been indoctrinated for so long about every threat to peace originating in the West - that Khrushchev's announcement has staggered them.

Korngold quotes one student at Moscow University to this effect - "I can't believe that I've just heard a Soviet government announcement." And one Moscow housewife said quite frankly: - "this is terrible, because now everyone will start testing."

Because of all this will Khrushchev suffer a major propaganda defeat? What will all this mean inside Russia?

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As to Khrushchev's possible motives: - Some diplomats believe - Khrushchev may have lost all sense of proportion. Does he believe he can intimidate - the free world? Is he going all out to do so - no matter what anyone thinks. If so, is he suffering from a common delusion - of dictators? Could that explain his belligerent talk about - super-bombs? The kind that our experts have called useless because the smaller ones are already devastating enough.

Or is the boss of the Kremlin - trying to save himself; trying to get off the Berlin hot seat - by distracting attention with his atomic explosions? Is Khrushchev merely talking for home consumption; attempting to cover up his Berlin dilemma - by stressing Soviet power?

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have been requesting authority - to resume testing.

Khrushchev has admitted that some Soviet scientists - are putting the same kind of pressure on him. Perhaps they finally persuaded him that the results would be so important - as to be worth a propaganda defeat.

Or did he do this to forestall the heads of the Neutralist countries who are now Tito's guests in Belgrade. Had they agreed to denounce all nuclear testing that could have complicated matters for Russia.

BERLIN

That the East German regime is having its troubles
- is clear from ^{today's} ~~its~~ announcement. The Reds, declaring
that swift and summary justice will be meted out to - enemies
of the state. A phrase we've heard so often in the past,
and which means - the people opposing their Red bosses. The
crimes mentioned 'today' - reading western newspapers, watching
West German television and so on, The penalty for this - work
in a labor camp. For repeaters - jail. For ringleaders -
the firing squad.

BRAZIL

The crisis in Brazil is centered squarely on-
Rio Grande Do Sul. The question of who controls - that
big province in the south. It's the stronghold of Vice
President Goulart - who evidently intends to start an
insurrection. That is - if he is not allowed to take office.

But the anti-Goulart Generals are vowing to take
the province from - the pro-Communist Vice President. Tonight
everything ~~has~~ points to - the beginning of a Brazilian Civil
War.

HOUSE

Now it's official - the House opposes U N membership for Red China. The resolution, passed today by a unanimous vote. Three hundred and ninety-five to none. The basic reason, given by Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota - "Red China is the world's number one outlaw."

Since the Senate had already passed this resolution - Congress is now on record. No U N seat for Mao Tse Tung -- if we can help it.

AID

The aid bill passed on Capitol Hill today - carries the basic request of President Kennedy. Authority for - long term commitments abroad. Assurances to other nations of the free world - that we will make good on our promises. The administration will have to go back to Congress - for annual appropriations but President Kennedy says that this four billion dollar aid bill - is completely acceptable to him.

PILOT

Tonight the world of aviation is saluting - Ernie Hall of Warren, Ohio. Why, ~~the salutation?~~ ^{OK,} Just a little matter of fifty consecutive years ^{of} piloting planes. Ernie, the only pilot in the world - who can say that.

He began flying - back in the neanderthal days of aviation. His first solo - on August thirty-first, Nineteen Eleven. His ~~an~~ plane - a crate put together with glue and baling wire. He's been soloing - ever since. Between the wars - barnstorming across the country. One of our top - stunt pilots. Putting on air shows at country fairs - from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon.

Today, still a familiar sight at our airports - despite the fact that he's over seventy. Ernie Hall, who hasn't been grounded ^{Picky} - since he began to fly back in Nineteen Eleven. *He's still flying.*

RAYBURN

Speaker Sam Rayburn, has always prided himself - on never being sick. Likes to say:- "I'm as tough as a Texas horned frog." But the Speaker of the House, at seventy-nine, is suffering from an attack of - lumbago. And has decided to fly home to Bonham, Texas - without waiting for the adjournment of Congress. Still on his feet he promises to be back in Washington next term, where he has been in the House since Nineteen Thirteen.