

L.T. -DELCO. FRIDAY, JAN. 2, 1969.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There's an irony about that Soviet rocket to the moon. Just before word of the launching came from Moscow - the House Space Committee held a session in Washington. The members, calling for - more moon shots. Congressman Fulton of Pennsylvania declaring - "this is a race with Russia."

Well, it looks as tho' Russia, has won the race. Maybe. If their rocket - reaches the moon! Which the Kremlin says will be the day after tomorrow. Sunday.

Any consolation for us? Our scientists say they will soon put one on the moon!

CUBA

Tonight, Havana is still in a turmoil. Paralyzed by a general strike. Public buildings and stores, closed. Crowds - surging through the streets, shouting and singing. Looting still going on. And sporadic fighting, between army and rebels.

So far Castro hasn't made his entry. His victory march into Havana is expected tomorrow, along with Manuel Urrutia his ~~main~~ choice for a new President.

Throughout Cuba, crowds are sacking - pro-Batista headquarters. Beating up - pro-Batista policemen and shouting "viva Castro". As always happens when a dictator goes down.

WASHINGTON

So far Washington has remained silent regarding the Cuban revolution. It's a little soon to honor Castro with formal diplomatic recognition, and then, we want to see - how Americans are treated by the rebels.

Today a ship evacuating students and tourists - was held up for two hours. And the rebels have shut down on any more newsmen coming in from the United States.

CONGRESS

A communique from Capitol Hill in Washington reads: "Rayburn and Johnson are back - and have the situation well in hand." ^{This} Referring ~~to~~ to ^{those two} ~~a couple of~~ old ~~men~~ political pros - Speaker Sam Rayburn and Senate Democrat Leader Lyndon Johnson.

They spent today struggling to prevent ^g that split in the Democratic party. Holding conferences with their colleagues, then telling newsmen, - the Democrats will be united in the Eighty-Sixth Congress. Meaning - the liberal and conservative wings of the party - are ready to drop most of their differences.

One example - the case of Congressman Dale Alford, of Arkansas. House Liberals, dropping their demand - that Alford's ^{write-} ~~right-~~ in vote be investigated. It was the ~~xx~~ write-in ballots that ^{enabled Dale} ~~permitted~~ Alford to ~~xxx~~ beat liberal Democrat Brooks Hayes.

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What about - ⁵ ~~the~~ filibuster? So far -
no agreement on that. Liberal Democrats - still

holding out against it. Conservative Democrats -
still for it.

BLOCKADE

We are told that the Communists can interfere with our radio and radar communications in and out of Berlin. But a dispatch from there says our people are not worried about this. Just for Berlin the Russians have an elaborate jamming system - only recently uncovered by American military intelligence.

While it's admitted that Soviet jamming might cripple control power signals, and might even ground any new air lift, the dispatch adds that the West is not likely to depend on another air lift *anyhow* for the reason that planes alone couldn't handle another Berlin blockade, couldn't keep that great city going ~ as they did in Nineteen Forty-Eight. Berlin in population ranks fourth in the world. New York, London, Tokyo, Berlin.

Our military experts say they don't think the Reds will ever again push us that far. But, if they do, we'll stick to the ground.

BRITAIN

British politicians are suffering from - "election fever". This, following a newspaper story - that Prime Minister MacMillan has set an election date - for next May. Under British law, the Prime Minister could wait - until Nineteen Sixty. But according to the London express, MacMillan wants the British people to go to the polls this year. The reason - a big jump in popularity for the Conservatives. ~~■~~ According to *all* *taken lately,* the polls, MacMillan would win, if he put his record on the line right now. So ~~obviously he~~ *he must* *feel* ~~he could~~ *that his party can* win in May. And *daily* the Express believes he ~~is~~ *has* already ~~set~~ the date fixed with his Cabinet.

SUB

The British Navy to build - the world's biggest atomic submarine. So announced by The Admiralty in London.

In fact the keel for the undersea dreadnaught - has just been laid at the Portsmouth dockyard. Her Majesty's ship will weigh four-thousand-five-hundred tons - almost a thousand tons more than our Nautilus. As for speed she'll travel at better than twenty-three knots - the cruising speed of the Nautilus.

The cost of the big British atomic sub? Around eighteen million pounds - \$60,000,000. She'll be in operation by Nineteen Sixty One. The first of a British underwater fleet - powered by nuclear energy.

BOMB

From Arnsberg, Germany, what sounds like the first of a two part story. It's the story of - "the tall boy of Arnsberg." A six ton blockbuster - that the R A F dropped on the city during the war. The largest unexploded bomb - ever found in Germany.

Today the city fathers of Arnsberg called in - a British expert from a near-by R A F base. Lieutenant James Waters - who has defused almost four hundred bombs during his career. Lieutenant Waters says - he's going to defuse this one - by hand. Will he succeed? Will he dismantle - "the tall boy of Arnsberg" or will the British Lieutenant - be blown ^{to Kingdom Come} ~~sky high~~ ^{Sign?} ~~Listen again~~ ^{We'll be waiting} for the ^{next installment} ~~end~~ of the story!

ALASKA

Here's a question you'd think almost any American could answer - "what does our flag look like?" Ah, but tonight only a few - know the answer. Because, beginning tomorrow, - Old Glory will have forty-nine stars. The forty-ninth - representing Alaska. The public still hasn't been told - what will be the new pattern of stars. At present there are 6 rows of 8 - as you all know. So will it now be 7 rows of 7?

At Gettysburg, President Eisenhower today looked over several designs, and selected one. The design he chose, is set for - tomorrow's ceremony in Washington. The President, to proclaim Alaska - officially a member of the Union. With the new American flag - flying from the White House staff.

But don't worry - about the change in the Stars and Stripes. It will still look about as it does now. Still - Red, white and blue. Still - thirteen stripes. And that one new star - for Alaska.