

KENNEDY

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President Kennedy's address today <sup>which</sup> I hope you

heard ~~it~~ over CBS - was interrupted by applause eighteen

times. The joint session of Congress, reacting - to what

it heard the President say. Not ~~an~~ ecstatic <sup>e - - but far from</sup> - ~~but not~~ hostile.

~~either~~ <sup>today</sup> ~~which ties in with the~~ later reaction on Capitol

Hill? Most members of Congress <sup>seem to be</sup> backing President Kennedy.

*Albert*

~~Mixed~~ with - some loud dissent. For example, from

Representative Passman of Louisiana - who says ~~that~~ the <sup>part</sup>

*of the speech*

~~passage~~ on foreign aid leaves him "in a state of shock."

~~So let's take a look at this Presidential~~

~~document.~~ First, <sup>of all</sup> Mr. Kennedy described the nature -

of the challenge we face. Geographically - covering the

southern hemisphere, from Asia to Latin America. Time -

decades, probably.

What to do - about it? President Kennedy pointed

out - that we <sup>have</sup> already made progress at home and abroad.

At home - by halting the recession. Abroad - by acting

to save the free nations wherever possible.

Disarmament? Under this administration, every effort will be made - to get an atomic test ban. Space? We're going to put an additional five hundred million into our program - to land a man on the ~~man~~ Moon by Nineteen Seventy. <sup>Also</sup> ~~We will~~ spend more on rockets to Mars and Venus, ~~on~~ artificial satellites - and the rest of our space program.

The Army - to be modernized. The Information Agency, to get some of the funds - that Ed Murrow has asked for.

Alliances like Nato to be strengthened. Another <sup>two hundred</sup> ~~million~~ <sup>million</sup> for foreign aid. This is the Kennedy request that threw representative Passman - into a shock.

Here's an item - of special interest. The item called - Khrushchev. President Kennedy says he's meeting the Soviet boss -- to prevent Khrushchev from miscalculating our power, and our will to use it.

The Kennedy address adds up to - more danger, more hope, more effort, more money. Objective - to save America and the free world from Communist aggression.

## RIDERS

There's one surprising thing - about the "Freedom Riders" in Jackson, Mississippi. They're receiving a comparatively polite welcome - in that stronghold of segregation. The reason? - ~~well,~~ It's rather simple. Their bus - escorted by massed highway patrol cars and the National Guard. Result - no violence from white mobs. And the "freedom riders" who violated the Mississippi segregation laws today - were carted off to jail without any disturbance.

Meanwhile, the ~~Rx~~ Reverend Martin Luther King has returned to his office - in Atlanta. The Attorney General is pulling five hundred U.S. Marshals - out of Alabama.

~~One~~ <sup>One</sup> integration leader in Montgomery has been slightly wounded - by a shot fired from a passing car.

A great historian of the Civil War calls on the South - to liquidate the Civil War. Bruce Catton, telling the New Jersey Historical Society - that our great national conflict decided the race question once and for all, Decided it in favor of -- negro equality. But, according to this famous chronicler of the American Iliad - Dixie hasn't caught up with the rest of the country. Hence, the violence - surrounding the "freedom riders." Bruce Catton's verdict - here are his words - "there is no safe middle ground between Abraham Lincoln and Adolf Hitler."

## KHYBER PASS

Intense fighting is reported tonight between Pakistanis and Afghans along the historic Northwest Frontier - especially in the most strategic of all mountain defiles, the Khyber - the bleak pass that is the gateway to the sub-continent of Hindustan. The Khyber through which countless armies have made their way to victory or death in Northern India. Tamerlane, the ruthless. Baber - founder of the mogul empire. And Nadir Shah - the Persian King who helped to break up the empire. The early Aryans, the Macedonians, the Persians, the White Huns, the British under Lord Roberts of Kandahar. In fact the Khyber Pass, for over a century, and for all time will be remembered for the exploits of Tommy Atkins. The colorful story of soldiering during the reign of Queen Victoria. A story that captured the imagination of the world - when it was put into fiction by Rudyard Kipling. Remember

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those Kipling masterpieces - "Plain tales from the hills," "The Man Who Would Be King", and so on. More recently my friend Yeats Brown of the Bengal Lancers?

The British Tommies fought their dramatic Afghan wars - out there on that wild Northwest Frontier. Now, with the British gone - it's the Pakistanis against the Afghan. More history, being made - in a place that has seen a lot of history. The Khyber Pass.

## X-15

Even in an age of speed, when records are being set every day - this sounds phenomenal. Pilot Joe Walker revved up his X-15 to - a mile a second. More than three thousand miles an hour - or five times the speed of sound. Walker, zipping through the sky over the Mojave Desert so fast - the nose of the X-15 reached a temperature of seven hundred degrees. His plane, performing perfectly - carrying him back to Edwards Air Force base with a new speed record - a mile a second!

## HOLIDAY

As for the rest of us - let's slow down when we drive these next few days!

The National Safety Council issues its annual warning; asking all drivers to drive carefully - over the long Memorial Day weekend. The Council, knowing that this advice won't be taken seriously by everybody - also makes the grim prediction that four hundred and fifteen Americans, will die on our highways - between tomorrow and next Wednesday.



SINGAPORE

Today's catastrophe ~~at~~<sup>in</sup> Singapore - is one of the age-old stories of the orient. Fire, breaking out - in the squatter district. The teeming slum areas - that have been part of life in the Far East for thousands of years. A high wind, whipping the flames - ~~thru~~ through the shacks and lean-tos. Destroying - a square mile of them. Tonight - many dead. Many missing. Ten thousand - homeless. Almost *Fire - on the Equator - at* obliterated by the fire ~~in the squatter district~~<sup>at</sup> of Singapore.

## JORDAN

The King of Jordan - is a married man, tonight.  
King Hussein, going through with the ceremony - in spite  
of his advisors. They objected to the bride - Toni  
Gardiner, daughter of a British Colonel serving in  
Jordan. The royal advisors in Amman, insisting - that  
their monarch ought to marry an Arab girl - perhaps a  
daughter of a desert Sheik.

King Hussein's reply - that Toni is his personal  
choice. She has become a Moslem, but will not have  
the title - Queen of Jordan. She'll be known as Muna  
El Hussein - meaning "Hussein's desire." If she wins  
favor in the eyes of the Jordanians she probably will  
be proclaimed queen later on.

appearing on the balcony - with a gold crown on her  
head.

A "simple" wedding. With. Just a simple

wedding.

## SWEDEN FOLLOW JORDAN

And far to the North, across the middle east and Europe - there was another royal wedding. Sweden's Princess Birgitta, marrying - a German prince. Prince Johann, of the House of Hohenzollern - last reigning dynasty of Germany, until Kaiser Wilhelm took it on the lam at the end of World War One.

The wedding in Stockholm described as "simple," even though it took place - in the throne room of the palace; and was attended by seven hundred and fifty guests - including European royalty, Prime Ministers, and the Stockholm diplomatic corps. Outside the palace - cannons booming a twenty one gun salute. Bands - playing. Crowds - cheering. The bride, appearing on the balcony - with a gold crown on her head.

A "simple" wedding, Dick. Just a simple wedding.

## PRINCESS FOLLOW SWEDEN

Now let's follow the trail of royalty - over to London. Tonight crowds are gathered outside Kensington Palace - cheering Princess Margaret and her husband, Anthony Armstrong-Jones. Celebrating the news - of a coming addition to the Royal Family.

The British have always had a soft spot for their lovely Princess - because she always seemed out of luck. First - in the shadow of her sister, the heiress to the throne. Then - that unhappy love affair with Group Captain Peter Townsend. All this, forgotten tonight - in Britain's hoopla for the third member who will be joining the menage in Kensington Palace.