

KHRUSHCHEV L.T.-Old. Fri, Mar. 16 - '62.

The Soviet Union ^{still} has no set date - for that
much ^{heralded} ~~talked about~~ peace treaty with East Germany.
At least so said Khrushchev today, in his campaign
speech. Actually, it was the only notable part of
his speech - apart from his announcement of a new
Soviet space shot. ^{H.} He did his usual rocket rattling
but that's old stuff. And, his gibes at the
American election system as ^{cockeyed} ~~far out of line~~ as ever.
The boss of the Kremlin still prefers - of course
the Soviet type election where there are no doubts
about the outcome.

SPACE FOLLOW KHRUSHCHEV

As for the new Soviet satellite - this time, it's a man-made ~~mm~~ moon, carrying an instrument package. The kind we've been sending ~~upx~~ up almost on a milk-run schedule for the past few years. American scientists surmise that Khrushchev ~~is~~ now is trying to catch up in a vital department of space science. He still has the bigger rockets - but, we have had far more sophisticated rockets careening around in outer space. The Russians now trying to get some of the scientific data - we already have.

ROCKET

As if in direct answer to Khrushchev -
our rocketeers^{people} today fired Titan Two; A giant
missile - with^{both} peace time and war time capabilities.
In peace time, Titan Two is scheduled to become -
the work horse of our space program, Carrying the
two-man space ship of project Gemini & through orbit
around the earth; by Nineteen Sixty Four. In war-
time, the big rocket could hit targets around the
globe - with nuclear explosives.

Today's flight, completely successful.
Titan Two, thundering down the Atlantic Range -
between South America and Africa, landing in the
target area five thousand miles away.

ASTRONAUT

The good news about Major Donald Slayton - is -
that he is staying in the astronaut program. The
melancholy news, as you probably know that Deke Slayton
will not make that next orbital flight. Reason - minor
heart trouble; enough to rule him out of - the next one.
But he stays on in the Air Force - in the astronaut
program. And maybe will get a crack at orbiting the
earth - some day!

Meanwhile, his back-up man - moves up. Scott
Carpenter, to be the next astronaut - to ride a rocket
into space.

BERLIN

Today
There ~~was~~ ^{were} more allied planes than ever in the air corridors to West Berlin. Britain, France and America, ordering the flights - because of new Russian threats. This, one more move in the international chess game with West Berlin as the prize. The Russians, filing more flight plans - *hoping* ~~intended to~~ ~~disrupt~~ ^{to} disrupt the allied life-line across East Germany. The allies, meeting the challenge - by putting more planes along the access routes.

London, Paris and Washington still believe - ~~that~~ ^{think they may} the Russians ~~are trying to~~ win by bluffing. ^{of course} But the danger remains that some Soviet pilot - might make a mistake, might cause an allied crack-up. Which ~~undoubtedly~~ ^{could} touch off - a major crisis of the cold war.

ALGERIA

In Evian the deadlock, broken, apparently in favor of the Moslems. Their troops to be used in policing Algeria - during the transition period ^{while} ~~during which~~ French Algeria ^{is being} ~~will be~~ transformed into Algerian Algeria.

As expected this is having repercussions, ~~across the Mediterranean~~ More violence. ⁱⁿ Algiers, Oran, Constantine, all rocked by plastic bombs today.

GUATEMALA

Although the Army is in control of Guatemala City tonight this is not called a military coup. President Ydigoras asked his Generals - to put an end to the left wing violence - of the past three days. An orgy of murder and mayhem - sparked by Reds and Castroites.

So the Army - now patrolling the capital city. Breaking up crowds, forbidding strikes and arresting ring leaders. The Reds and Castroites - in jail, or on the run. Guatemala, tense tonight.

PLANE

From the far Pacific, grim word of what probably is - one of the worst disasters in the history of aviation. ^{Still} No word tonight, of that Flying Tiger airliner with a hundred-and-seven on board, including - ninety three soldiers, ~~who were~~ being ferried to South Viet Nam. The big plane, enroute from Guam to the Philippines - ran out of gas more than twenty-four hours ago, which means - that it ^{must be} down somewhere in the Pacific. ^{So far the} ~~But a massive~~ air and sea search has turned up not a single clue to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~rate of this plane.~~

ROCKEFELLER

The Governor of New York is a divorced man tonight - and ~~Republicans~~ ^{some} are wondering what that means in terms of national politics. ~~Mrs. Rockefeller's~~ *The charge in the Reno court -* ~~got the divorce, charging~~ *mental cruelty. ** ~~decision in her favor handed down by the Reno court.~~ The Rockefeller marriage dissolved - after thirty-one years.

(So - what does it mean for Nineteen Sixty Four?) One of the axioms of American politics - is that a divorced man doesn't become President. Still, notable candidates have been in that class. For instance, Adlai Stevenson, who twice won the Democratic nomination.

Can Nelson Rockefeller achieve that much - success? Will he do even better - and become President? ~~The C O P wonders. The nation wonders.~~

FIRST LADY

The First Lady was in Benares - today.

Benares - holiest city of Hindustan; on the sacred

river Ganges - where Hindu pilgrims by the millions

by the scores of millions -
from time immemorial, have come for ritual bathing

- to have their sins washed away. Benares with its
hundreds of temples and shrines.

A fantastic sight - Benares, with its
merchants, mystics, mendicants, Brahmin priests,
philosophers, snake charmers, swarms of pilgrims -
and tourists. Of whom Mrs. Kennedy - is one.

America's First Lady - center of attraction
in Benares today - where they often see beautiful
women but seldom one quite like her. Beautiful
Jackie floating down the Ganges aboard a white
launch. "Amriki Rani" - America's Queen - in a
sleeveless dress of bright pink, sitting on a green
chair - piled high with silk cushions. An attendant
shielding her from that hot sun of Central India -
with a brilliantly colored parasol. The attendant
himself quite ornamental in his own garb of India.

White turban, white tunic, and scarlet sash.

What the First Lady thought about that ritual
bathing scene at Benares we don't know. ^{Dick-} I wonder
what the pilgrims, priests, fakirs and sadhus
thought of Jackie?

VATICAN

Have you ever heard of a state with all one way traffic - and no traffic lights? Where the speed limit is eighteen miles an hour - and they've had just two traffic accidents since the second World War?

At the Vatican, the main streets of the Papap state right now are considered so "congested" the Pope has issued an ordinance ordering one way traffic - all one way at the Vatican.