

RECORD

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About today's record-breaking flight - perhaps we should begin in the Supreme Court building in Washington. How come? It's that question of planes - rattling windows, and causing damage. Our highest tribunal, ruling - that local governments can be held responsible.

Which means that there could be some suits - along the flight path of those two B-58 bombers. As they steaked back and forth across the country ~~they broke~~ <sup>breaking</sup> the sound barrier, ~~their sonic boom~~ <sup>and</sup> rattling windows from California to New York.

The Air Force - isn't a bit angry with its aviators. Not when they brought back - that new record. The first of the B-58's flashing from the Pacific to the Atlantic, <sup>twice across the continent</sup> and return, in four hours, - forty-two minutes - and - twenty-two seconds.

## ASTRONAUT

Colonel John Glenn is just discovering one of the hazards - of orbiting the earth. Fan mail - eight sacks of it, waiting for him ~~at~~ at Cape Canaveral when he reported back today. Letters from just about ~~xxx~~ everywhere - Europe, Australia, Africa, even Russia. And, from an American town called - New Concord, Ohio. Glenn's neighbors, writing to him - just like everybody else. The Cape, putting six secretaries - to sorting out the Glenn fan mail. The Colonel, buckling down to the job - of answering it.

Also, to the job - of helping our space program. Working on the space flight of our next astronaut - Major Deke Slayton of the Air Force, <sup>who is</sup> ~~Major Slayton,~~ due to ride a rocket into orbit - in May or June.

## KHRUSHCHEV

In Moscow, the theme is - failure, Doesn't sound like a lively theme - for a six hour speech. But Khrushchev made the <sup>Party</sup> members ~~of the Communist party~~, - listen that long. Listen, as he described - the debacle on the Soviet farms. The Boss of the Kremlin, ticking off the list of Soviet provinces - one by one. Pausing at each, to mention how far it fell short last ~~year~~ year - in its agricultural quotas.

Let's take a look at Kazakhstan - the Soviet province where Khrushchev launched his scheme for great new collective farms. <sup>Where</sup> He promised a quick build-up of agriculture. ~~well~~, something seems to have hit a snag - in Kazakhstan. Grain production - falling short by twenty-five percent, ~~Meat~~ - by twenty percent, ~~Milk~~ - by ten percent.

Who is to blame? Khrushchev says - Soviet leadership. <sup>Could he</sup> ~~You might think~~ that <sup>be</sup> a reference ~~to~~ to himself? After all, he put his prestige on the line - in Kazakhstan. But no - Khrushchev wasn't doing any breast beating today. He was accusing the leadership - in Kazakhstan, ~~And~~ - in the

other Soviet provinces.

What to do about it? Once again the Soviet Premier is - hammering Leninism into line with reality. The Communist myth used to be - that the farmers would work hard enough for the state. Since they obviously ~~■~~ don't, in the Soviet Union - Khrushchev is appropriating a capitalistic idea.

~~Suggesting~~ - more incentives for the farmers.

Now all he has to do is give Soviet farmers the incentives that American farmers have - and maybe he can clear up the mess in Soviet agriculture.

## DISARMAMENT

Khrushchev's decision to send his foreign minister to Geneva - apparently means that the boss himself won't be going. This, the end of his proposal - that eighteen heads of government convene in the Swiss city. Western observers in Moscow believe that Khrushchev was put off - by the cool reaction in the free world. Even ■■ neutrals like Nehru of India, agreeing with the western allies - that the Khrushchev plan seemed more like a three-ring propaganda circus, than a genuine political conference.

Anyway, Gromyko will be on his way to Geneva. There, to confer with Secretary of State Rusk - and the British Foreign Secretary. Will a fool proof disarmament agreement be reached in Geneva? Will President Kennedy be able to call off - our atomic testing in the Pacific? The President has said that nothing would please him more, - but, he's taking a cautious attitude. ~~Waiting~~ to see whether Gromyko arrives in Geneva - to confer in good faith. ~~or~~ - whether this is *to be* another Soviet propaganda performance.

## ALGERIA

The violence in Algeria is beginning to look like - civil war. The magnitude of the outbreaks - exceeding mere murder and mayhem. The terrorists, attacking at dawn - in Algiers. Hurling plastic bombs - a-hundred-thirty-five of these bombs that are their trade mark. As much destructive power - as the average artillery barrage. Blowing up stores, houses, apartments, cars; along with people in them.

Bombings, shootings and stabbings - in most of the cities of Algeria. Oran and Bone - both rocked repeatedly. In these cities they are so used to bloodshed - that pedestrians hurry past, as if they didn't notice anything. The toll throughout Algeria - mounting by the hour; almost - by the minute. Since New Year's Day - fifteen hundred killed, thirty-five hundred wounded. You could call that civil war.

But Paris and Tunis - are not deterred by the

right wing underground. DeGaulle and the Moslem rebels,  
setting their last cease-fire talk - for Wednesday.

The conference that will end in an Algerian Algeria -  
no matter what General Salan and his cohorts think  
about it.

WEATHER

The late winter storm now raging - is putting a blanket of snow across the states, from Montana to Alabama. The passes of the Rockies, clogged tonight - by drifts up to ten feet deep. Hundreds of cars - abandoned along the highways. Motels - jammed. Schools - closed. Towns isolated. In the Dakotas, hundreds of snow plows have been requisitioned for hospital duty. Assigned around the clock - to keep the roads clear for ambulances. Many hospital cases - in weather like this.

Farther south - floods. At Grayville, Illinois - the Wabash river went over its banks today. ~~■~~ Bedeviling repair work - on a broken water main. Seven hundred school <sup>children</sup> ~~went~~ - sent home. Their parents driving to nearby towns - for drinking water.

And then, in Alabama - three inches of snow. ~~Maybe~~ <sup>as West.</sup> ~~that's~~ Not much <sup>if</sup> in New England or the mid-west, <sup>But, it's</sup> ~~an awful~~ lot - for Dixie, ~~Especially~~ for Alabama, ~~this close~~ ~~to spring~~

## BOSTON

President Kennedy and Speaker McCormack, as you know - are old rivals in the home of the bean and cod, and now, their rivalry passes on - to members of their families.

At stake - a seat in the Senate. The seat once held by John Fitzgerald Kennedy. The idea in Kennedy circles is to have brother Ted - run in the coming congressional election. But today State Attorney General Edward McCormack - threw his hat in the ring. He is the nephew of Speaker McCormack.

If Ted Kennedy goes ahead with his own candidacy - the campaign should be a real donnybrook - Dick - the McCormacks versus the Kennedys - a Boston Irish donnybrook.

## DOG

Do you own a dog? How much would you say he's worth? Mrs. Norman Sugarman of Pittsburgh says hers was worth fifteen dollars - last year; and six - this year. That much - to have the company of Timmy, a boxer.

The story? Timmy likes - the dog catcher and the dog pound. He's been that way ever since he was picked up - wandering around loose; and returns whenever he can. All of which costs his owner a buck each time to bail him out; fifteen times - last year; six - this year. Why? Says the dog catcher - "I think Timmy just likes our Menu."