

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

On Capitol Hill more cries of "politics!"

Republicans and Democrats accusing each other.

Today it follows the defeat - of the President's civil rights bill in the Senate. Dirksen of Illinois - introducing it - called on the Democrats to live up to their own civil rights plank - by passing it.

The Democrats - saying "No", terming the bill - a Republican maneuver. Voting to table it. The vote - fifty-four to twenty-eight.

So the Democrats say the Republicans were "playing politics" - by proposing the civil rights bill. The GOP, throwing the charge back at the Democrats - for killing the bill.

The confession of Francis Powers - if we can believe it, in the form given out by the Russians - explains why the U-2 pilot didn't destroy his plane. Powers, testifying - he was shot down at sixty-eight thousand feet. The plane, falling like a stone - pinning the pilot against the instrument panel. Powers - unable to reach the ejection device. Which would have thrown him clear - and blown up the plane. All he managed to do - was to jump with his chute. Coming down near Sverdlovsk - where he was captured.

The Powers confession says - just about what Khrushchev wanted him to say. Which raises the suspicion - of brain-washing. Our government ~~refusing to deny the possibility~~ Pointing out - that the Russians have not let anyone from the free world talk to Powe. .

NOTE

Tues. Aug. 9-'60.

Another tough note - from Washington to Moscow.

Subject - Polaris missiles for Nato. Khrushchev, calling this - a threat to world peace. Demanding that we hold up - the shipment of the missiles across the Atlantic.

Our State Department, retorting - that the Soviet army is equipped with the latest ~~g~~ weapons. The Soviet dictator ^{is} making constant threats. And, we can't leave our allies weak - in the face of Communist power. ^{It's so} Nato, to be armed with Polaris missiles - from America.

ATLAS

America's "Atlas" missile - making its second longest flight. The Air Force, firing the missile seven thousand miles down the Atlantic range. The only longer flight - nine thousand miles, last May. ^{This time the} ~~Today's~~ "Atlas" carried - a thousand pounds of scientific equipment. The missile, rising smoothly - in a blast of smoke and flame; Arching into the sky under a rocket thrust of almost four hundred thousand pounds. Zooming seven thousand miles - hitting a target area in the South Atlantic.

CONGO

Tonight the news from the Congo tells of troops on the march; or - ready to march, ready to go into Katanga Province - with or without the assent of Premier Tshombe.

In Leopoldville - a state of emergency. Premier Lumumba, marshalling his military forces - threatening to have them batter their way into Katanga Province - if the U.N. doesn't act quickly. Meanwhile the U.N. - is acting as quickly as it can. The Security Council, giving Dag Hammarskjold the authority he needs - to order U.N. troops into Katanga. Hammarskjold moving to use his authority - get his men there before ambitions, high strung Lumumba starts a shooting war.

Tshombe today seems - a bit more conciliatory. Agreeing to accept U.N. soldiers - as long as they are not from Communist countries. But Tshombe repeats, that Katanga will fight Lumumba's men - to the death.

LAOS

The rebels in Laos - call themselves "neutralists".

Following their successful coup, they are promising to stabilize their country. Not only do they say all

foreign bases will have to go - but they add that no

Communist penetration of Laos will be permitted. A

paratrooper named Vong Lee - seems to be in control

tonight, a paratrooper/~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ said to be a Rightist - not a

Red.

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DEFECTORS

The latest Cuban officials to desert Castro ^{all} were top figures in the revolution. ^{Felipe} ~~Victor~~ Pazos headed the Cuban National Bank - until he became dissatisfied with Castro's economic policies; ^{of} later, accepting a job as Cuba's roving ambassador - in Europe. Now, breaking with the dictator - saying he won't go back to Cuba, as long as Castro is in power.

The other defector - Ramon Barquin Lopez. A leader in - the anti-Batista revolt. After the Castro victory - he became head of the Cuban Military Mission to Europe. *Then* ^{became} progressively disillusioned - because democracy has not yet come to Cuba. Today, denouncing Castro - as a stooge of Red imperialism.

ALASKA

The election in Alaska has overtones of - some of the most colorful history ever made on this continent. How? Well, Alaskans are deciding - whether to keep their state capital at Juneau. Or move it far to the West to Anchorage, or near there.

History comes in - when you consider how Juneau got to be the capital in the first place. Juneau, in Southeastern Alaska, at the head of picturesque Gastineau Channel and within a walk of some of the worlds most spectacular glaciers - Mendenhall, Talsy, and so on. It was in the 90's that gold was discovered right at Juneau. In no time the rush was on; the city - mushrooming Gold seekers pouring in. Then came the rush beyond Juneau to Skagway, over the range and down the Yukon to the Klondike. Later Fairbanks and Nome. The days of Robert Service, Rex Beach, and Jack London. They all thought - Juneau would prosper forever.

So when Alaska's first territorial legislature was convened in Nineteen Thirteen - Juneau was the choice, to be Alaska's capital.

Ah, but sea filled the great Treadwell Mine at Juneau. The gold - petered out or partially so, elsewhere. But Juneau has remained an important Alaskan metropolis - territorial and now state capital. Today the population is around ten thousand. That's a lot of people up North. A real city in those parts.

Only forty years ago a new metropolis emerged nearly a thousand miles farther west, at the head of Cook Inlet with its double row of snow capped mountains. Anchorage, now with a population of nearly a 100,000.

Anchorage on Turnagain Arm, famed for its high tide, wants to be the capital. In Alaska they were voting on this today. Will Juneau remain the seat of government? Or will it shift way out to the West? And

since Alaska stretches over an area as far as from New York to San Francisco, how soon will we know the outcome of today's vote? Will we, in this electronic age, know the decision tomorrow? How is the vote going in Ketchikan, in Circle City; at Seward on Resurrection Bay; at Dutch Harbor in the far off Aleutians; at Barrow on the Arctic Coast, at Nome on Bering Sea; and at Anchorage, in what up there they facetiously call their Banana "Belt".

CROCODILE

A dispatch from Port Moresby, New Guinea - tells of a man-eating crocodile, at least thirty feet long. It lives in a stretch of back water known as Marshall Lagoon, where it hunts the New Guinea natives - paddling their canoes. The giant croc, smashing into their canoes - overturning them, then dragging its victims - to the bottom of the lagoon.

The whole area is reported terrorized by this giant croc. The natives, calling off all other pursuits to pursue this beady-eyed evil throwback to the age of reptiles. White expert croc hunters are also joining them in their quest.

Crocodiles once swarmed in New Guinea waters. Natives and white hunters have, in the past 30 or 40 years greatly reduced their numbers - killing them for their valuable hides from which M'Lady's shoes and all-engulfing handbags are made.

Think what could be made from the skin of a crocodile 30 ft. long!