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Good Evening Everybody:

"As a free man", said President Kennedy today in Berlin - and he said it in German - "I am a Berliner". Because all free men, wherever they live - are citizens of Berlin. The President, again underlining a dominant theme of all his speeches in Germany - that America does not intend to back out of its commitments in Europe. Mr. Kennedy indirectly telling De Gaulle that the American commitment to Europe is absolute, and - will be honored to the limit.

The Berliners - loved it. Almost a quarter of a million of them - jammed into the square below the city hall, to give President Kennedy the greatest ovation - he has ever had.

Perhaps the atmosphere on both sides of the wall dividing Berlin is summed up by two newspaper

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headlines. One in West Berlin reading - "Berlin welcomes John F. Kennedy". One in East Berlin reading - "Berlin awaits Khrushchev". West Berlin welcoming Kennedy. East Berlin - awaiting Khrushchev. The East German editor, apparently a bit apprehensive - about the kind of reception the boss of the Kremlin is going to get. Will it come anywhere near West Germany's enthusiasm for the American President?

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KENNEDY - DUBLIN FOLLOW BERLIN

In Ireland, where he arrived tonight,

Mr. Kennedy - who has some Irish blood I guess - may have an equally busy time. A festive time.

Dublin, decorated to the nines - to receive its famous son of son of son. Welcome home signs everywhere. The Irish, cheering, waving flags - and generally making merry, as the Irish can do!

The President to receive the freedom of five cities, visit the home from whence his people came. He also will address the Irish Parliament - before he leaves - with no Irish brogue - just that flat Hahvad accept.

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KHRUSHCHEV

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Premier Khrushchev turned up today in
forty-seven billion dollars. That such - for defense.
Moscow - in spite of repeated rumors that he had
But not including - the controversial B2-Seventy bomber
already left for Berlin. At a commencement meeting
Secretary McNamara has repeatedly said - we don't need
of military Academies.

Surrounded by his top naval, air and military
brass, he told his audience that resolute action is
needed - to prevent another war. That Russia wouldn't
Four hundred and ten - to one. The loss "No" - cast by
even need an army - if it weren't for the existence of
Curtis of Missouri.
foreign imperialism. In particular the United States,
which, he says, is beating its war drums - with a loud
thump.

Is this a preliminary to his campaign - when
he goes to Berlin on Friday?

The Red boss is expected to make a big
effort - to counteract the Kennedy triumph. Maybe
he'll make a major cold war speech, and demand once
more - that the Allies leave West Berlin.

DEFENSE

The bill that passed the House today - calls for forty-seven billion dollars. That much - for defense. But not including - the controversial RS-Seventy bomber. Secretary McNamara has repeatedly said - we don't need the super-sonic warplane. And the House - appears to agree.

Incidentally, the vote was - rather lopsided. Four hundred and ten - to one. The lone "No" - cast by Curtis of Missouri.

ECUADOR

The Quito police were quietly congratulating themselves tonight on having quickly smashed - a widespread Communist plot in Ecuador.

Last night, acting on a tip, they captured four Castroites - trying to hijack a plane. They also uncovered a plot for a series of terrorist bombings - throughout Quito, bombings timed to coincide - with the hijacking. Object - to force the government to release anti-government guerrillas from prison. The plane - to be flown to Havana. Its passengers - to be held as hostages.

The leader of the plot - ex-Army Lieutenant Lenin Torres - a guerrilla who has been in jail since nineteen sixty-two. In his cell the police discovered a list of conspirators, including - a former cabinet minister.

PLANE CRASH

The nine men who escaped from the Belgian transport plane that exploded in the air today, then crashed into a hillside - were paratroopers. They used their know-how to jump - before the plane hit the ground. Coming down - by parachute.

The plane - crashing near the village of Augustdorf, Germany. While taking part in - Nato exercises. On board - forty-seven paratroopers and crew. All lost - except those nine paratroopers. The police surmise that the tragedy was caused by explosives aboard the plane. Not sabotage.

WOMEN'S CONGRESS

Red Premier Nikita Khrushchev may rule the Soviet Union - and its satellites - with an iron hand. But - he can't quite control the ladies. Witness the scene today - at the International Women's Conference in Moscow. What a scene!

When the Indian delegate told the Chinese delegate that her country's proposals for the Sino-Indian border dispute just wouldn't do then pandemonium broke loose. The Chinese delegate tried to take over the podium. Was ruled - out of order. Soon two thousand women delegates - from every corner of the globe - were milling around in the conference hall. Pushing and shoving , maybe scratching and tugging. The ladies taking sides - in no uncertain terms. And vocally too.

EDINBURGH

When Scotland regains her independence from England - as all good Scottish Nationalists say she will - there may be three versions of the Stone of Scone.

The famous red sandstone Stone of Scone, which at the moment lies under the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey - was put there by the English; when they stole it from the Scots in twelve-ninety-six - after an English victory. It was there till nineteen-fifty - when it was stolen back again by some Scottish Nationalists, from whom it was later recovered - and returned to Westminster Abbey.

Now a group of Scottish Nationalists say the stone returned to the Abbey in nineteen-fifty-one - is false. The real stone, hidden till that happy day when it will travel to Edinburgh - capital of an independent Scotland.

But the Scots, as you know - are rugged individualists. Not content with one Nationalist Party - they must have two. This second party says - it has the stone. Which is not - red sandstone. But - basalt;

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now hidden in - the Scottish hills.

Three coronation stones - waiting for a
Scottish coronation, when a new Black Douglas or
Robert the Bruce comes out of the Highlands.