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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

On this hot day - let's start with a baseball item: Back in Nineteen Thirteen, a baseball slugger - hit twelve home runs. Nothing much - by later standards Completely eclipsed of course by Babe Ruth's sixty in Nineteen Twenty Seven. But the point is - that the Bambino was hitting what has been called the "jazzed up lively ball." Frank Baker was hitting - the "dead ball" used 50 years - 1/2 a century ago. And no one ever knocked a round dozen of them "out of the park" - until "home run" Baker did it in Nineteen Thirteen.

He played third base for the celebrated "Million Dollar Infield" - that Connie Mack put together when he managed the old Philadelphia Athletics. Frank Baker, the first great long ball hitter - forerunner of Ruth, Gehrig, Foxx, Mangle, Mays; of course Maris and

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others. Mebbe Home Run Baker was the greatest of them all - considering the difference between the two eras.

Now dead in Trappe, Maryland - at the age of seventy-seven. "Home Run" Baker, who brought a new thrill to our national past time - when he hit all those "dead balls" over the fence.

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KENNEDY

The slogan in Ire and today "anything Dublin can do, Cork can do better." No Irishman has to have that - explained to him. The rivalry between the two Irish cities - is traditional. Something like - Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Anyway - Cork proved it today. Giving John Kennedy the most enthusiastic reception - of his visit to the and of his ancestors. At one point, they crowded his car so they pushed him into the rear seat, and then - pushed a secret service man - into his lap. But the American President took it good naturedly - and finally managed to get through the howling throng of "Micks." He returned to Dublin - as a Corkonian. Honorary citizen - of the city of Cork.

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Irish, fighting to throw off their chains - and finally succeeding after the Easter Rebellion of Nineteen Sixteen.

This part of Irish history, said Mr. Kennedy - is relevant today. This as a pledge to the captive peoples of the Soviet empire - that they too will one day be free.

KHRUSHCHEV

It isn't hard to imagine - what Khrushchev thinks of the Kennedy address. "The Boss of the Kremlin must have been in a sullen mood - before he read the text. His trip to East Berlin - a complete flop. His reception was supposed to be Communism's reply - to the wild ovations for Kennedy on the free side of the wall. But the East Germans were not cooperating.

The crowds - not turning out. Only factory workers - who were ordered to be there. Plus school children - let out for the day, and - bureaucrats of the party. Most in evidence along the route of the motorcade - masses of Red police. The whole thing - apathetic from the start. Breaking up - when rain began to fall. The bystanders - drifting away. Khrushchev thoroughly drenched - by the time he reached the East German city hall. So we wonder how happy the Soviet Premier was - when he dried out; and when he took a look at today's Kennedy speech - about freedom behind the Iron Curtain.

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Also, Khrushchev's temper can't have been sweetened - by the behavior of four East German soldiers - who escaped - to freedom today - with three of them, ramming an armored car right through that Iron Curtain barbed wire. Smashing, crashing into West Germany - before the Red border guards woke up to what was happening.

SPY

The most notorious spy in Swedish history - is exactly that by his own admission. Colonel Stig Wennerstroem, pleading "guilty" - in a Stockholm court. Admitting that he has been collecting classified information for the Russians - ever since Nineteen Forty Eight. Fifteen years of espionage - during which time, he had access to Swedish and American Defense plans. The Colonel's career as a spy was so successful - that the Stockholm government still isn't sure ^{just} of how much damage he did.

BRITAIN

The decision of MacMillan to lead Britain's Conservatives in the next election - comes as something of a surprise. For weeks, the British have been talking about - the Prime Minister resigning, stepping out - because of the Profumo scandal that has so shaken his government. The only question being - who would succeed him.

MacMillan now calls that speculation - premature.

The party leader is still Harold MacMillan. Which means MacMillan must feel pretty sure - he has the basic facts about the Profumo affair and that no other members of his cabinet will be compromised by the hearing that opened in London today, the investigation of Dr. Stephen Ward - who introduced the former Minister of War to Christine Keeler. Christine, a key witness at the pre-trial formalities - where two famous names have come up. Young Lord Astor - and Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

VIET NAM

That explosion in Saigon is being called - a "bicycle offensive". Meaning - the explosives were rigged on three bicycles. One - parked at the curb in front of an American residential area. The other two leaning against a wall - behind the American Aid Mission.

The home made plastic bombs erupted - like a chain reaction rocking both buildings. Doors - blown off. Windows = shattered. Plaster shaken from the ceilings.

Three Americans - injured. But the worst casualties - are Viet Nameese. Eleven killed. Thirty-nine pedestrians - injured. Typical of - the Communist terrorists who don't care how many of their own people get hurt - when the anti-American bombs go off.

THRESHER

The symbol of the U.S. Navy tonight - is a slipper. Sounds incongruous - but that slipper may be the key to the fate of the "Thresher". It was photographed at the bottom of the Atlantic - by the Bathyscaph "Trieste." The kind of plastic slipper that men wear - aboard our nuclear submarines. ~~That is they wear the Slippers~~ ^{worn} ~~for protection~~ in the nuclear reactor ~~room~~ compartment, and put them in a bag for decontamination - on leaving.

Says Captain Frank Andrews, in charge of the search "that slipper could have come from the Thresher." So the examination of the floor of the Atlantic at that point - is being pushed. The hope being that the Navy at last - is nearing the wreckage of the nuclear submarine.

DRIVER

In Hereford, England, driving instructor Henry Field was worried about - two forms, one in his hand, the other - beside him in the front seat.

The printed form identified the beginner - as a young man named Leslie Locke. But the more Henry Field looked at the form behind the steering wheel - the more he felt that something was wrong. So he told his pupil to head back - to the garage.

You've probably guessed - the rest. "Leslie Locke" turning out to be - not a young man - but a young lady, the candidate's sister, Betty. She cut her hair, put on his suit - and went out to take the test for him. That's sisterly love.

The printed form was all in order, Dick. But Betty's form failed to pass that test.

PIONEERS

While most of the nation is suffering from the protracted dry spell - some Americans are getting more rain than they want. In fact, they don't want any.

The two hundred tarheels who are following the pioneer trail of Daniel Boone - through North Carolina, in the ox-carts of the colonial period, an authentic retracing of the footsteps - of the great frontiersman on the way toward the Cumberland Gap - like Daniel Boone! For them too much rain - their ox-carts mired in the mud, in the Great Smokies.