

EISENHOWER

L.T. - Olds. Wed. Aug. 17-60.

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower called Vice President Nixon - "an old campaigner". This, in reply to a question - about the coming election. Eisenhower, advising Nixon - not to become complacent. Then adding <sup>that</sup> the G O P candidate for President has been in politics quite a while, And doesn't take anything -for granted.

Mr. Eisenhower pledges to ~~■~~ help the Nixon-Lodge ticket - ~~and~~ all he can. But he describes himself as - "just a spectator, in a way."

The President also ran down the usual subjects.

Denying that the United States - is on trial in Moscow.

Supporting the U N - on the Congo. And the O.A.S. - on ~~■~~ the

Cuban crisis. ~~Saying he is like to achieve~~ <sup>He said he would like to bring about</sup> an atomic test

ban - but, ~~is sure~~ <sup>go along with that. He also</sup> the Russians won't ~~permit it~~ <sup>Expressing</sup>

<sup>expressed</sup> pleasure over our lead - in the exploration of outer space.

## POWERS

The first day of the trial of Francis Gary Powers -  
seems to have made one thing evident, <sup>that the</sup> ~~the~~ U-2 pilot was not

brain-washed -- during his three months in a Soviet prison.

<sup>That is in</sup> Testifying today - he spoke normally. Not like a mindless  
robot - as did the defendants in Stalin's notorious purge  
trials.

The elder Powers, present in the courtroom <sup>also</sup> denies  
<sup>And for that matter</sup> the notion of brain-washing. So does- President Eisenhower.

<sup>The U 2 pilot</sup>  
~~Most experts agreeing~~ Francis Powers was in control of his  
<sup>today</sup> faculties as he spoke from the witness stand.

Which doesn't mean - this Moscow trial is on the  
level. No one knows what the Russians told Powers - when they  
had him in solitary. No one knows what promises, or threats -  
they may have made. One part of his testimony seems too pat -  
to be entirely straight forward. That was the point when  
Powers mentioned the political consequences of his U-2 flight -  
and said, "I am sorry I had any part in it."

Which was just what Khrushchev - wanted him to say.

Would he have said that if he had ~~not~~ been allowed to have his own counsel, as international law provides?

In Washington, Senator McGee of Wyoming, called<sup>S</sup> the trial - "rigged". And Congressman Mahon, of Texas - says he doesn't accept the Powers confession, ~~and~~ that the U-2 pilot has been subjected to some very heavy pressure."

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The prosecutor is conducting his end of it as expected. Questioning Powers in such a way - as to make him confess that he was a spy working for aggressive circles in the United States. The prosecutor, repeating that America is on trial, along with Powers.

The pattern of defense - also emerged today. Russian lawyer, Mikhail Greniev, portraying Powers as a simple country boy - who somehow got mixed up in a military operation, he didn't quite understand.

The Russians, of course - are playing ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> this trial for propaganda, playing it - to the hilt. Making it as public - as possible. Even setting aside - the notorious Russian



censorship. ~~A~~llowing newsmen from the West to file their stories - as written. Something unheard of - in Moscow. Khrushchev, obviously feeling - he can get a lot of mileage out of the Powers confession.

I guess last night's prophecy was wrong.

Khrushchev apparently won't appear as a witness - after all. He's off - in the Crimea, sailing on the Black Sea, aboard a Soviet warship. Is he keeping in close touch - with the Moscow trial? What do you think?



O.A.S.

The President of Costa Rica today greeted the  
organization of American states - with a blunt statement.

Mario Echandi, calling on <sup>the OAS</sup> ~~at this conference~~ - to deal  
boldly with dictatorships and foreign ideologies. Meaning-  
the <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ Venezuela accusation against Trujillo of the Dominican  
Republic. And - the Cuban-American dispute.

The first speeches at this <sup>the</sup> ~~this~~ meeting in San Jose <sup>they</sup>  
were moderate, calling for a peaceful solution to all problems  
involving American states. But <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ battle behind the scenes -  
has begun. Subject- Venezuela's claim that Trujillo plotted  
to have her President Assassinated.

The nations of this hemisphere, <sup>will be called upon</sup> ~~being~~ to decide -  
whether they should take strong action against Trujillo.

## CONGO

The Premier of the Congo Republic - threatens to start a civil war. Lumumba, asserting - he's ready to order his army into Katanga Province. Insisting - he won't wait much longer for the U N to bring Katanga to heel. He thinks he can settle the problem - "in a week". Which is doubted by - Premier Tshombe of Katanga.

At U N headquarters - Dag Hammarskjold is working around the clock to head off Lumumba. The Secretary-General, who is still the object of hostile statements in Leopoldville - realizing that time is running out for the Congo. Hammarskjold trying to line up the Security Council for United Nations action - when the Congolese delegation arrives.

INDIA

In New Delhi, the <sup>Prime Min.</sup> Jawaharlal Nehru acc~~u~~ses - Chou En-Lai. Nehru, referring to the latest border incident, ~~A~~ communist Chinese patrol - driving across India's Himalayan frontier, ~~Probing~~ the area - before pulling back.

Nehru today told the New Delhi Parliament - this is a violation of Chou En-Lai's pledged word. The Premier of Red China, accepting a Nehru proposal - that all military operations in the border area be held up -- pending a solution of ~~the~~ border dispute<sup>s</sup> between China and India.



## INCOME

The Commerce Department announces - ~~this country,~~  
~~setting~~ a new record for personal income. Americans, receiving  
four hundred and seven billion dollars last month. An  
increase of one billion - over June. Partly due to more  
employment \* in the construction industry. The rest, coming  
from the increase in government salaries \* that Congress  
passed over a presidential veto.

## JERSEY CITY

Tonight there are a lot of red faces ~~over~~ in Jersey City. ~~New Jersey~~. Reason - the city father<sup>s</sup> forgot all about the city's birthday. And after they had planned - a rousing celebration.

Jersey City - three hundred years old. Founded by the Dutch - in Sixteen Sixty. Called Bergen at the time - in honor of the Dutch City - Bergen-op-Zoom.

So Jersey City decided - a real celebration was in order. The city - raising fifty thousand dollars. Gathering an organization committee - of a hundred. Hiring - a promotion team. Sending a delegate to Bergen Op Zoom in Holland - to carry the felicitations of the daughter city.

*Then* What happened? ~~when~~ when the preparations were over - the city ~~the~~ fathers sat back and waited for Jersey City's birthday. Waited so long - they ~~just~~ forgot all about it. *At the 11th hr. and 59th min.*

*did*  
Someone reminding Mayor Charles Witkowski. - ~~at the~~  
*Mayor Witkowski*  
~~last moment~~. His Honor, frantically trying to get the

Tercentenary Committee - to do something. But the head of  
the committee - was in Holland. The ~~present~~ promotion man,  
on vacation - and couldn't be reached. ~~in time~~ <sup>So</sup> Jersey City's  
three hundredth birthday passing uncommemorated, in Jersey  
City. Ah, but they <sup>did</sup> remembered it -- over in Bergen-Op-Zoom,  
in Holland.

And now Op Zoom to you, Dick.



## CAB

In Rome, Giovanni Spina took a taxi today. Result -- he's in a Naples hospital. How he got there <sup>it</sup> ~~well, that's~~ the story.

Giovanni Spina, telling the cab driver to take him to a Rome address - about ten blocks away. The driver - finding the address all right. But he zoomed right past <sup>it-on</sup> through Rome -- on out into the country, <sup>and on</sup> ~~Heading the cab~~ south - at sixty miles an hour.

Giovanni, shouting to him - to stop. The driver - stepping on the gas. Whirling through lanes - and across fields. Giovanni, bouncing up and down. Hitting the floor - climbing back onto the seat - trying to signal out the window, as they whizzed past cottages and shepherds.

<sup>must have thought it was an</sup>  
The passenger, ~~thinking it must have been an~~

eternity - since he stepped into that cab. Suddenly, near Naples - a roadblock ahead. The driver, wrenching the wheel - missing the roadblock - but the cab turned over four times.

The driver and his passenger - climbing out. The driver -  
under mental observation tonight. His passenger - in the  
hospital. Giovanni Spina, who hailed a taxi in Rome -  
found himself riding with a demon cab driver - and ending  
way south in Naples.