

KHRUSHCHEV. L.T.-Odds Mon. Aug. 7th '61.

The "fireside chat" that came out of the Kremlin today - was just about what ^{was} ~~we~~ expected. Khrushchev, attempting^s to shift the blame for the Berlin crisis - onto the shoulders of President Kennedy. The boss of the Kremlin, charging^{ss} that Mr. Kennedy - is trying to start a war. Beginning with, what Khrushchev calls - "an ultimatum to the Soviet Union."

Then the Soviet Dictator turned from distorted propaganda - to open threats. Warning of the military might - of the Soviet Union. Predicting a rain of Soviet rockets across the Western world in case of war. Meaning - an attack on us and our allies.

Nikita also posed before the Soviet people - as a man of moderation. Saying - he wants peace. All international problems to be settled - at the conference table. ^{TP} The only trouble - the old, old one in dealing with Khrushchev - is that he can't conceive any solution, except on his own terms.

PARIS

The Western Allies are going to increase their military forces - in Central Europe. So decided by the Foreign Ministers - at today's meeting in Paris. This - to meet any Soviet thrust into the West from East Germany. How real is this danger? "More than a theoretical chance" - to quote one French diplomat.

Secretary Rusk and his opposite numbers from London, Paris and Bonn - are not talking belligerently. They're deliberately following Teddy Roosevelt's famous advice - "speak softly, but carry a big stick." For the Democracies, "speak softly" means - no counter-challenges to Khrushchev. "Carry a big stick" means - letting Khrushchev know that we are in a position to defend ourselves from any attack.

HOUSE.

The House today withdrew a resolution - backing President Kennedy's firm stand on Berlin. ~~He~~ ^{Not} that the lawmakers are becoming timid in the face of Khrushchev's rocket rattling. ~~The truth~~ ^{It's} just the reverse. The men on Capitol Hill, agreeing that the present statement ought to be made tougher - before it goes to a vote. The language, to be strong enough - to prevent Khrushchev from missing the point.

At the same time, the House is backing a bill - that would give advance pay to service men abroad. Reason - to meet the cost of sending their families home. And in another step toward preparedness - the House would require a longer term of duty for graduates of our military academies. Their term of active service, to be increased - from four to five years.

COSMONAUT

Soviet What more is there to be said about "the flight of the Eagle?" I'm sure you followed it on radio. Maybe you stayed all night - listening in. Today - and yesterday - the subject of conversation all around the world - the space flight of Soviet's cosmonaut Gherman Titov; the twenty-six year old Siberian officer - who rode his space capsule around and 'round the earth seventeen times. Traveling more than - four-hundred-thousand miles - enough for a round trip - to the moon. You've been told that over and over - haven't you? How Titov went round and round?

Major Titov, we hear, behaved as if it were all routine; observing, eating, sleeping - and, guiding his spaceship. Also sending back ecstatic reports - about how it felt. Many of you no doubt heard his voice saying - he felt "just like an eagle."

The second Soviet cosmonaut landing in the

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Soviet Union - four-hundred miles southeast of Moscow.

Stepping out of his spaceship to find himself - a full-

fledged member of the Soviet Communist party - which

he wasn't. Now, of course, a hero - to the Soviet

people. Also he wins the admiration - of the world.

Titov - the Russian Eagle.

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REACTION

Tonight, congratulations like an avalanche are rolling into Moscow - addressed to Cosmonaut Titov and to Nikita Khrushchev. The West, agreeing with the Communist bloc - that this is one of the great moments in the history of science.

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CHEN FOLLOW REACTION.

One world statesman has - a stronger retort.

Premier Chen Cheng of Nationalist China, telling newsmen in Chicago - that ^{while} the Soviets are making good use of space, ~~but~~ they aren't so good - on the ground. Said Chen Cheng - "Major Titov had more freedom in outer space, than when he landed back in Russia."

SPACE

The congressional reply to Russia's space program - is a speedup in our own. House and Senate, moving to give President Kennedy - the money he needs. To be exact - one billion, seven-hundred million dollars. High on the list of space priorities - an American voyage to the moon.

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HOMER

"Homer" cover two poets? Professor Jim McDonogh of St. Josephs College in Philadelphia - claims that his electrical computer has come up with a solution. Testing vocabulary and style - throughout the poem. Proving - that one man wrote the whole thing.

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McDonogh and his mechanical brain have restored the
world's greatest epic poem - to one poet. Now we know
that "the Iliad" was written by Homer.

OPERA

The coming season will be a sad one - for opera fans. New York's great Metropolitan Opera - no performances. The management, facing a wage demand - by the orchestra. Deciding to keep the doors of the Opera House - closed.

Dick - New York won't seem the same - without the Met. Without Birgit Nielson singing - "The Rhinegold." And Renata Tebaldi - as "Tosca". And Siepi - as "Don Giovanni." Opera fans! Listen and weep!

CAPE COD

Two years ago a Senator from Massachusetts proposed - a national park on Cape Cod. Today the former senator - now President of the United States - signed a bill to set up just such a park. President Kennedy, setting aside twenty-six thousand acres of the Cape - only twenty-five miles from the Kennedy summer home at Hyannisport.

Purpose of the new national park - to prevent summer visitors from turning the area into a honky tonk ^{near} ~~has happened in so many parts of the U.S.A.~~ ~~parade.~~ Uncle Sam ~~will~~ keep the beach and the wooded area - as they are. Leave the Massachusetts peninsula - as it ought to look. Like - Cape Cod. The beautiful Cape Cod - we've always known.