

L.T.-OLDS. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

One of America's most controversial military men - is quitting the Army. General Edwin Walker, who not long ago was commander of - our Twenty-Fourth division in Germany, and then was relieved of his command, after charges - that he indoctrinated his troops with ultra-conservative political ideas.

General Walker today announced that he's - refusing another military assignment. He was being sent to Hawaii, a post generally regarded as a plum in Army circles. Instead General Walker says he wants to continue - his anti-Communist activities, and to do this he must give up his uniform and his career.

HONDURAS

The American aircraft carrier "Antietam" is racing toward British Honduras tonight - with three-hundred tons of emergency supplies. Enough to take care of Thirty-thousand people - flood beleaguered inhabitants of the city of Belize. The Honduran capital that was turned into a lake - when hurricane "Hattie" dumped ten feet of water on the city. Tonight, the water - is receding. Leaving behind - a sodden mass of debris.

The "Antietam" is due to arrive tomorrow morning when her twenty-three helicopters will begin shuttling food and medical equipment ashore. Meanwhile, in British Honduras - the tragic problem of counting the dead. The still unknown number of lives, taken by - the worst tropical storm ever to hit Belize. Hurricane "Hattie".

DEMOCRATS

President Kennedy's trip to New York and New Jersey ~~is~~ ^{was announced today as} strictly political. The President, setting out to help candidates of his party ~~is~~ for the first time since he entered the White House. Hoping to give a boost to the chances of - a Democratic candidate for Mayor in New York, and for Governor in New Jersey.

The internal difficulties of the party, most acute in New York - where the state Democratic chairman has come out against Mayor Wagner. This, just after the furious infighting - that marked the Democratic primary.

~~will~~ One thing that could keep Wagner the top Democrat in New York - ~~would be~~ an indorsement by the top Democrat in America. ^{And Mayor Bob Wagner today got} ~~getting~~ this endorsement from President Kennedy.

ATOMIC

The administration will decide whether to resume ~~and~~ nuclear testing in the atmosphere - after an evaluation of the Soviet series. ^{Pres.} ~~Mr.~~ Kennedy, telling this to newsmen at the White House - after meeting in a long session with the National Security Council.

The Kennedy statement points out that we still have a lead over the Russians - in atomic weapons. Then it goes on ^{to say:-} "the United States' does not intend to lose that lead."

Which doesn't mean that we'll imitate Khrushchev - by hurling masses of radioactive fallout into the atmosphere. For one thing - we're not interested in terrorizing other nations. And secondly, if we do go ahead - we'll explode ^{what are termed} "clean" bombs ^{with} A minimum - of fallout. This, in contrast to ^{those} ~~the "dirty" bombs~~ touched off by Soviet scientists.

VIET NAM

The Red guerrillas who ambushed a South Viet Nam paratroop battalion - were armed with what the battalion commander calls "~~very~~^{ultra} modern weapons:" - Automatic rifles, heavy machineguns, and grenades with a tremendous explosive impact - all made in Russia. Apparently obtained through the Soviet airlift - to the guerillas of Southeast Asia.

The greater fire power explaining - this Communist victory. The Reds, setting up an ambush - then cutting loose with their guns. Killing Two-Hundred of the paratroopers, ^{and} wounding many more - in a battle that lasted four hours. The survivors, finally bursting out of the enemy trap - managing to reach Saigon.

This ambush points up the question - of American aid for South Viet Nam. Will General Maxwell Taylor recommend - sending American troops? The General, on his way home from his fact finding tour - repeats that ~~he will have nothing to say~~ ^{he won't say anything} until he reports to the President.

CUBA

we have been told,

Fidel Castro, ~~as we know,~~ has been urging his

faithful followers - to spy on their families. Apparently

the advice didn't take with the Cuban Foreign Minister -

or else Raul Roa would have kept an eye on his sister-in-

law. *Castro's foreign minister was* ~~Roa,~~ astounded today - by the news that his wife's

sister had defected. Sara Barretto, leaving the Cuban

Embassy in Washington - asking for asylum. Saying, as

have so many other Cuban refugees - that she can't take

any more of Castro's Communism.

ALGERIA

There's some optimism in France and Algeria tonight - and oddly enough, its because of yesterday's violence. The argument - goes like this: * The Moslem FLN called out the massive demonstration - that ended with Eighty-four dead, almost Two-hundred injured. But, today, the rebel leaders [^] in Tunis - were making conciliatory statements, [^] calling for a negotiated settlement - instead of more terrorism. Hence, the belief in French circles - that yesterday may have been a single-shot [^] in a way a celebration of an affair, ~~almost mandatory on an~~ anniversary of the Algerian war. The anniversary - now over, ^{the} Rebel leaders - becoming more reasonable.

At least, Paris is hoping that's the right interpretation ^{of today's} ~~of the~~ comparative quiet in Algeria.

NOBEL

California seems to have a monopoly on - this year's Nobel Prizes in Science. Three winners, announced today - coming from institutions on the West Coast. Receiving the top honor in chemistry - Professor Melvin Calvin of the University of California, - for research on life processes of plants. In Physics - Professor Robert Hofstadter of Leland Stanford, - the structure of the atom; and Professor Rudolf Moessbauer of Caltech, for new ways to measure light and heat.

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Farther south on the Great Plains - rain and tornadoes. Three inches of rain - from Iowa to Oklahoma. At Cherokee, Kansas, a twister roared through the center of the city - leaving the business district in a shambles.

WEATHER

How long is this gorgeous Eastern Autumn weather going to last? It's already changing in the Mid-West, because of cold air from Canada, colliding with warm air from Mexico.

Montana and Wyoming - sub-zero temperatures. Highways coated with ice. At Boulder Pass, Montana - they're handing out tickets to all drivers who attempt to drive through without chains. In parts of Wyoming, it's impossible to make it - with or without chains. Rapid City, South Dakota, is blacked out - or, whited out - by a snow storm riding in on a wind at sixty miles an hour.

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The weather man says it looks like - a long hard winter for some sections of the country. They say this because animals that live out on the Plains and in the mountains; buffalo, deer, elk, long horned cattle - all have exceptionally thick fur this year. And the beavers are milding their homes - deeper than usual! Evidently, Dick, the four footed creatures of the wild know far more about forecasting weather than man.

CHURCHILL

The elder Statesman of the free world - is recuperating tonight. Recuperating - because he went to a dance. Not that Sir Winston Churchill was doing the new twist, the almost out of date rock 'n roll, or a quiet waltz. Not at Eighty-Six. But he still does get around. And he was at a dance in honor of his granddaughter, Cecilia Sandys. Sir Winston, had promised to look in - for a few minutes, found he liked it so much he stayed for an hour-and-a-half. Smoking cigars, and downing whiskeys - in the old Churchill manner.

Tonight - paying the piper after the dance.

Flat on his back. And s-l-u-t-m.