

KENNEDY

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President Kennedy's address before the Canadian  
*today turned out to be*  
Parliament ~~his~~ a major declaration of policy. And, a call  
for closer cooperation between the two ~~good~~ neighbors. ~~of~~  
~~North America.~~

The major clauses in the Kennedy speech - can be  
put geographically. Turning to the free world - President  
Kennedy pledged more American military aid. Including our  
latest weapons - like Polaris submarines. Five of which,  
we are making available - to Nato.

Closer ~~to~~ home, President Kennedy asked Canada  
to join more closely with us - in defending this hemisphere.  
Noting that this would be an added responsibility for  
Ottawa, President Kennedy added - "yours is not a nation  
that shrinks from responsibility."

What kind of cooperation? President Kennedy  
singled out - the farm surpluses. Canada and the United  
States, both producing - more food than they need. The

Kennedy suggestion is that the two nations - pool their  
surpluses. Make the food available to the hungry people  
of our planet.

## FIRST LADY

~~A couple of minor notes but colorful on the Kennedy visit to Canada.~~

When the First Lady of the <sup>H. S. A.</sup>~~United States~~ is a guest of the Canadian Parliament - you <sup>might</sup>~~could~~ imagine everything would be luxurious down to the last door mat. And Canada is ~~sure~~ certainly playing the perfect host to Mrs. Kennedy. ~~But~~ But today she rode up to the gallery of the Ottawa House of Commons - in a battered old freight elevator. So did her guide, Mrs. Roland Michener - wife of the Speaker of the Canadian House. The reason - ~~is~~ rather simple. A short-cut to the gallery - where the two ladies looked on during President Kennedy's address.

The elevator, hastily painted last night - to make it more presentable. But it was still the freight lift - that carried Jacqueline Kennedy. She and Mrs. Michener, getting a few chuckles - out of the incident.

And there's the question of - those American



flags. A Canadian M P counted the stars on one flag - and was staggered to find forty-eight. Obviously - pre-Alaska, pre-Hawaii. Quickly he counted the stars - on another flag. This time, forty-nine. Just as if - Hawaii had never come into the union.

~~was~~ The M P made a prompt complaint - to his colleagues. Saying it wasn't quite the thing to have those old banners waving - in front of the President of the United States. Minister David Walker's answer - <sup>that</sup> it was <sup>all</sup> a matter of enthusiasm. The Canadians, breaking out every American flag - they could find. And <sup>finding some</sup> ~~they found a lot~~ not quite up to date. <sup>However</sup> ~~Anyway~~, it seems that all three flags - are official. Those with forty-eight and forty nine stars, recognized by our government - along with the <sup>new one</sup> ~~flag~~ that has enough stars to symbolize all fifty states.



## GENEVA

The deadlock in Geneva is being caused by - an old familiar obstacle. The Soviet veto. ~~The Russians,~~  
~~insisting that they be allowed the right to stop common,~~  
~~action in its tracks.~~

At the morning session ~~in Geneva~~ Secretary of State Rusk presented our proposals on Laos, ~~calling for~~  
the international commission - to be strengthened, ~~and~~  
protected - from any veto by any individual member. The kind of intransigence ~~that~~ the Communists have used so often - to prevent action in a crisis.

At the afternoon session - Gromyko flatly rejected the Rusk plan. The Soviet Foreign Minister, demanding - that the veto be written into any agreement. And moreover - that Seato back down on its pledge to defend Laos.

In other words, Gromyko wants Laos left - without any help from its allies, ~~and~~ left at the mercy of the Veto - that would prevent any inspection of Communist activities in Laos. It doesn't take much imagination

to figure out what would happen to Laos - under those conditions.

## LAOS

In Laos, still no agreement - on a common delegation to the Geneva conference. The pro-western and pro-Communist factions -- each backing its own group. Calling the other - illegal. But there was some progress on the question of - a new government for Laos. Agreement that the next regime has to be - a coalition. Including Communists - as well as Democrats. And today agreement was reached on a Laotian summit conference - to work out the details.



## KOREA

Official Washington has just about decided - to accept the coup in South Korea. Acting Secretary of State Chester Bowles, telling Congress - that he's hopeful about the military junta. Hopeful that General Chang <sup>Yahung</sup> Do Yung is really trying to clean up corruption in Seoul - not to establish a dictatorship.

In any case, we're <sup>a</sup> up against <sup>quite</sup> a problem - in Korea. Our civilian and military officials have dissociated themselves ~~xx~~ from the junta - to prove to the people of South Korea that we didn't instigate the uprising. With the obvious result <sup>that</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>now is regarded as</sup> ~~that~~ America, ~~blamed for taking sides~~ against the junta.

The real question tonight - how strong is the new regime? Is there any chance of ex-Premier John Chang - returning to power? Washington is marking time - before we formulate a new policy on South Korea.

## KENYA

In Kenya, the fear of another Mau-Mau outbreak - has subsided. A bit - anyway. They<sup>a</sup>re still pushing "operation tight-squeeze" - the jungle dragnet for terrorists. But the point is that the dragnet has already caught ~~4~~ one suspected terrorist, who ~~turns~~ turns out to be - ~~an~~ a member of the Kikuyu tribe. The kikuyus, traditional enemies of - the Mau-Mau.

If you're a victim of terrorism in Kenya - ~~I guess~~ it doesn't make much <sup>difference</sup> ~~different~~ which tribe they come from. Still, it makes a lot of difference - in Nairobi. Kikuyu terrorism is generally sporadic - more a matter of the ~~int~~ individual criminal. While Mau Mau terrorism is an elaborate conspiracy - motivated by the age-old pagan savagery of the African jungle.

## CONGO

The Congo has been comparatively quiet for so long - it's easy to forget that this particular problem is still with us. The reason for mentioning the Congo tonight - a dispatch from Coquil-Matville, on the Equator, ~~That's~~ where the Congolese leaders have been trying to hammer out - a new constitution. The dispatch says they will ~~will~~ announce success - soon.

*In all this*  
~~The key point~~ President Kasavubu is emerging *the* as a powerful Congo leader. Kasavubu, so strong now - he was able to intern his main rival, Tshombe of Katanga. And - Kasavubu is calling the Leopoldville Parliament back into session. He says he'll submit the new plan - for a revised ~~at~~ political system. Secessionist provinces like Katanga and Kivu - to be brought into the union. Subject to the central government - in Leopoldville. In short, this plan calls for the Congo to become a unified state - not a loose federation of semi-independent provinces.



Kasavubu claims that he's following the lead  
of the Eighteenth Century statesmen who turned a federation  
of thirteen colonies - into the United States of America.

*Will there soon*  
~~So now there's going to~~ be a United States of the Congo? -  
maybe! *Kasavubu thinks so, Dick.*

## AIR FORCE

The battle between the U.S. Air Force and New Albany, Indiana, ends in a truce. The city, dropping its charges against - those two Air Force N.C.O's. The Air Force, offering to pay up - on the streets of New Albany.

The battle started when Sergeants Calvin Beeson and Lloyd Arthur arrived - to recruit for the Air Force. The two sergeants, ignoring the parking meters - during their official rounds, claiming immunity - as military personnel using a government vehicle.

The New Albany officials turned down the plea - and hauled them into court. The judge, waving twenty-eight parking tickets - under their noses. About to ~~fine~~ fine both defendants - until it was pointed out that the sergeants couldn't get the money back ~~from~~ from the Air Force. The judge has a heart - and a touch of patriotism, too. Besides, he received a pledge from Air Force authorities that parking meters won't be ignored in the future. Not

after what happened to - those two recruiting sergeants.

Sentence - suspended.