

X-15

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The plane that set a new speed record today - had some trouble during the flight. First of all - the engine didn't start on time. The x-15, dropping from its B-52 mother plane, ~~dropping~~ seven - thousand feet - before Major Bob White could get it going under its own power. Secondly - the pressurized cockpit developed a leak.

Sounds like trouble alright - but you'd never know it from the result. Major White felt the thrust of his rocket engine - fifty seven thousand pounds ^{of it -} ~~weight~~, at the ~~xxx~~ start. ^{Then} He revved it up - until he was flashing through the sky over the Mojave Desert, ^{setting a new} ~~the~~ speed record ^{of} ~~three thousand one hundred and forty~~ miles an hour. Fifty miles - a minute.

PRECEDE KENNEDY

The White House has announced that President Kennedy will confer tomorrow with ~~Dwight D.~~ ^{Gen.} Eisenhower.

The Democratic President and his Republican predecessor to cover major world problems facing America with emphasis on Cuba. →

KENNEDY

At one point during today's presidential news conference, President Kennedy sounded like - Nikita Khrushchev. Before there's any misunderstanding - let me explain. The boss of the Kremlin is fond of - proverbs, adages, old sayings. ~~Today~~ Today President Kennedy turned to traditional folk wisdom - when the problem of Cuba came up. He used the old saying - "victory has a hundred fathers, and defeat is an orphan."

Mr. Kennedy, refusing to go into details - about the abortive campaign to overthrow Castro. Promising his audience - that the information will come out in due time, *Cubans if* But wouldn't help ~~the country - by being~~ discussed today.

The rest of the news conference - covered the usual items. President Kennedy hopes we can beat the Russians to the moon - by developing a new rocket. He criticizes the controversial John Birch Society - for missing the ~~xx~~ real danger of Communism. *For attacking loyal Americans like*

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Dwight Eisenhower - instead of worrying about the real
Communist menace in Laos, Viet Nam, and elsewhere. ^P What
about the administration's economic program? President
Kennedy is prepared to meet tough opposition on Capitol
Hill.

LAOS

In Moscow - optimism about a cease-fire in Laos.

British and Soviet negotiators, indicating - that an end to the fighting could come quickly. The key man in this conference - is said to be the British Ambassador to Moscow. Sir Frank Robinson^{etc,}, credited with - a masterpiece of old-style diplomacy. Sir Frank, arguing his case according to the self-interest of both sides - and getting both sides to agree.

CUBA

Tonight Cuba is getting back - to normal. That is - as normal as it can be under a police state dictatorship. The reign of terror goes on - with the militia hunting down opponents of the regime. News stories to the free world are being held up. Some western newsmen - are still in jail.

But officially - the censorship is over. Havana has restored telephone communications - ~~with~~ with New York. And the life of the city - is going on as usual.

As you might expect - the Havana government is trumpeting its victory claims. Asserting that four-hundred of the invaders - have been captured, ^{with} The ~~rest~~ rest pushed into the sea, ^{or} - straggling in the swamps. Among the accusations - that American ~~destroyers~~ destroyers, jets and bombers covered the invasion. That some American planes were shot down - and an American tank captured.

The trouble is - that Havana's evidence doesn't

seem very reliable. For example, the social security number said to have been found on the body of one American pilot - actually belongs to a Connecticut cabinet maker.

Herbert O'Brian - who ^{has} never flown a plane. →

ADD CUBA

Moreover, one tank photographed on the beach -
is obviously not American. Ordnance experts identify it
as a Russian T-34.

BATTLE

The weapon that beat the anti-Castro invasion -
was a Czech machine gun. So admitted by - Castro's officers.
The gun is described as having a multiple barrel - that
fires hundreds of shots a minute. ^{Which} ~~That~~ was why the rebels
suffered - so many casualties.

But - Castro's men did not go unscathed. Newsmen
touring the beach - say it must have been a ferocious battle.
The invaders, heavily ~~■~~ outnumbered - but fighting back
with everything they had. Which wasn't enough - to match
Castro's Communist arms. Especially - that Czech machine
gun.

CARDONA

The anti-Castro exiles are cheered tonight - by their leader's promise that the fight for Cuban independence will go on. Doctor Jose Miro Cardona, holding his first news conference - since the defeat of the invasion attempt. Telling newsmen in New York - that there was no military aid from the United States. And that he doesn't want- any such aid. In his words - "this is a Cuban fight, by Cubans against Cubans."

But Dr. Miro Cardona expressed his gratitude - for American moral support, And called on the free nations of this ~~hamp~~ hemisphere - to back the revolutionary movement, Or else face the danger of being taken over by Red Imperialism.

Castro's former Prime Minister, vowing again - to see Castro overthrown. Cardona's courage, undimmed - even though his son is a prisoner of war in Havana.

As their leader was speaking in New York - ten thousand Cuban exiles massed at a rally on Miami's Biscayne Boulevard, ^{with} Their loudest cheers - for President Kennedy.

→ A reaction to the President's fighting speech yesterday - when he said that ~~we~~ we would not tolerate Soviet intervention in Cuba.

Cuba will not let its dispute with the United States - be judged by the organization of American States. So announced by Foreign Minister Raul Roa - at the U N. Roa, rejecting a Latin American Resolution - that we have accepted. The resolution would let the nations of this hemisphere - decide on a matter touching the security of them all. Cuba, saying "No" - ~~that~~ to this.

EICHMANN

In Jerusalem, the Israeli court today heard testimony - that could have been anticipated. A statement by defendant Adolf Eichmann - noting that he was not the only one guilty of brutality during World War Two. Asking why the Russian leaders should not be ~~punished~~ punished - for the deportation of entire peoples? A crime, that Khrushchev has admitted / took place under Stalin.

Inevitably, Eichmann brought up the case of Hiroshima. Charging that the Americans responsible for dropping the atomic bomb - ought to be tried as war criminals. Eichmann summed up his defense like this:- "as long as there are two standards of measurement, I do not consider myself guilty."

CORPS

The following sentence doesn't seem to call for
such comment - "Philip gets a kick out of hearing his wife
will go to Tanganyika. President Kennedy announced this
- at his news conference. He identified the members
of the group by profession - twenty surveyors, four
geologists, and four civil engineers. Why these? The
President noted that one hurry up job in Tanganyika is
the building of roads - to speed up development of that
large new African state.

Tanganyika sound alluring to you, Dick?

QUEEN

The following sentence doesn't seem to call for much comment - "Philip gets a kick out of hearing his wife called a glamour girl." No, there wouldn't be much of a story here - except that Philip is the Duke of Edinburgh. His wife - Her Majesty the Queen.

What's the story? Simply that staid old London is agog - over the Queen's appearance. The new wardrobe - that is bringing glamour to royalty. For example - the sequined evening gown, with a white fur stole. And her-dazzling hairdo.

No wonder the British people - are talking. What's more - they're delighted. Said one London housewife - "The Queen is no frump." As for Prince Philip - he smiles -- and says nothing. After all, what do you have to say when your wife is a glamour girl - who happens to be Her Britannic Majesty?