

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippmann is in South America. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

U. N. AND RED CHINA

Washington — An early necessity of the Kennedy administration will be to develop a new policy on admitting Red China to the U.N. or a new strategy to keep Red China out.

Already delegates to the General Assembly are talking about adjourning the present session to reconvene after the President-elect takes office. This means that the China issue, though temporarily shelved again last month, may well come up for re-consideration soon.

There are two reasons why Mr. Kennedy will have to take a new look at China policy. During the campaign he gave as his only reason for opposing Red China's admission the insistence of her leaders that war was an inevitable part of Communist struggle.

But last week a high Chinese Communist spokesman in Moscow said that the Chinese Communists are not advocating this view. Does this mean that, if Red China begins to use peaceful words, the new Administration should alter U.S. policy?

Secondly, even if Mr. Kennedy concludes that his campaign statement did not reflect his full view, it is not imperative that the U.S. find a better means of defending its position?

I REFER to the annual tactic of keeping Red China off the U.N. agenda. This tactic has worked for 14 years. But last month out of 99 members our don't-talk-about-it resolution got only 42 positive votes, 34 nays, and 22 abstentions.

The anti-consideration proposal won by only eight votes and I know of no informed correspondent at the U.N. who believes that the five votes needed to change the result will not be forthcoming soon.

This is why we must develop either a new policy or a new strategy. Ambassador Lodge, for example, has pointed out—and I think rightly—that there may well be a number of nations who will oppose Red China's admission but who want to debate the issue.

The fact is that our don't-debate-it position conceals the complex problems facing the U.N. in admitting mainland China. It is a tactic which brings us the least support, not the maximum support.

HERE are some of the substantive questions to be considered before deciding whether and how to admit Red China. If the question is settled wholly on the basis of credentials—that is, accepting the credentials of mainland China as the country originally put on the Security Council and rejecting the credentials of the Nationalist China delegate—then the U.N. is automatically expelling Formosa.

But if expelling Formosa is not to be the automatic result of seating Red China, then the whole transaction of retaining Formosa in the General Assembly and admitting mainland China to the U.N., including the Security Council, will have to be negotiated in advance and carried out in one simultaneous action. If not, then the U.N. runs the risk of putting Red China on the Security Council and thus enabling Red China to veto Formosa's membership.

There are other alternatives. The new African nations want to be permanently represented on the Security Council. So do the Latin American nations. Shouldn't India be on the Security Council in addition to or in place of Red China? Isn't it time to re-cast the Security Council?

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Freight Train Runs Wild Through Yards

Philadelphia—(UPI)—An unmanned 84-car freight train loaded with grain was nudged into motion by the derailment of another freight Monday night and sped for four miles through West Philadelphia before it was brought to a halt.

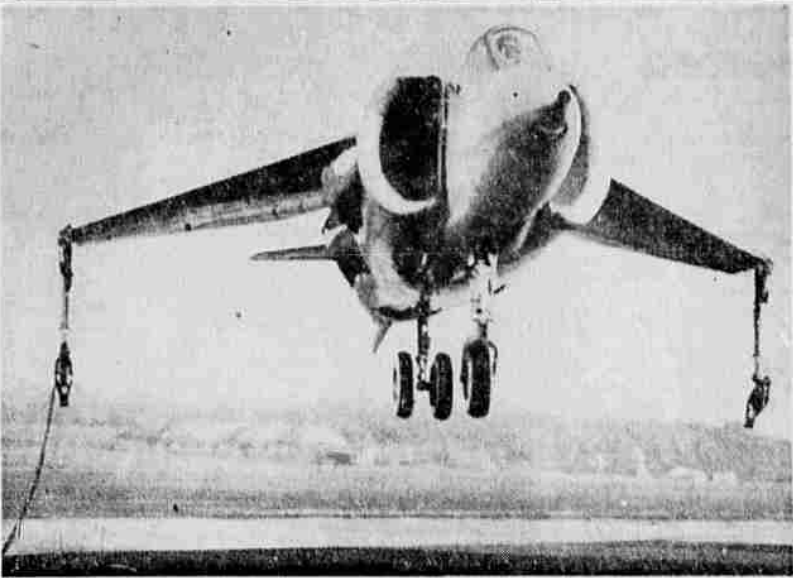
During the 19-minute free-wheeling ride along the Pennsylvania Railroad's tracks, the heavily laden cars slammed into a switch engine where the engineer and fireman were eating their lunch and pushed it along in front.

Engineer Charles Campbell, 55, Camden, N.J., and fireman John Cooney, 38, Narberth, Pa., stayed with the onrushing engine for awhile, then jumped as it picked up speed. They were treated for minor injuries at Presbyterian hospital and released.

The railroad's traffic "nerve center," meanwhile, had been alerted and was planning an uphill route for the train which had increased its speed to about 40 miles an hour.

Movement director Frank W. Bartle, Lansdale, Pa.; and dispatcher Charles Johnson, Philadelphia, ordered control towers to throw certain switches. The switch throwing brought the runaway toward the 30th Street Station where it slammed into the switch engine.

At the next switching point, the train was directed southward over the four track train line to Washington, then west onto an uphill branch line where it slowed and then halted.



VERTICAL TAKEOFF — The Hawker P-1127 is shown as it takes off vertically. The single engine plane has two nozzles on each side of the fuselage that can be turned downward for vertical or aft for forward flight. The cable on the left wing is a telephone line to the test pilot. The plane was unveiled at Dunsfold, Surrey, England. (UPI Telephoto)

Columbia Bridge Financing Topic

Olympia, Wash. — (UPI) — Legislative Interim Highway Committees of Oregon and Washington will meet in Portland Dec. 12 to discuss financing of the proposed bridge over the Columbia river between Astoria, Ore., and Megler, Wash.

The two states have not yet agreed on financing the bridge.

The Oregon Legislature has authorized issuance of \$24 million in bonds for bridge construction with provision that each state pay half. But Washington's Highways Department proposed that Oregon pay the entire initial cost and Washington pay one-fourth of the bond retirement cost.

Average Veteran Pays \$221 Property Taxes

Salem—(UPI)—The average veteran with an Oregon veterans' farm and home loan paid \$221 in property taxes this year compared to \$194 in 1959 and \$168 in 1958.

Roy V. Bell, auditor for the State Veterans' Affairs Department, said total taxes on 20,236 properties was \$4,477,092 this year compared to \$3,626,343 a year ago.

GREATER WEALTH

Dublin — Erie, called the poorest of Europe in 1840, now has one of the highest per capita wealths in its history.

It's been interesting for us in pharmacy to watch the truly wonderful results of the new drugs coming on the market in the last 20 years. For instance, back in 1939 if you'd been confined with pneumonia, it easily could have cost you somewhere between \$250.00 to over \$1,000.00 in medical, hospital and drug fees...

Pharmacy Phacts

First Aid Supplies your present concern? From band aids to the largest rolled bandages, you can fill your First Aid Kit at McLean's Drug Centre, here at 8 No. Central, Medford, Oregon—adv.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

RESIDENTS of a certain community in the midwest awoke one morning some years ago to find posters plastered on every billboard, fence, and barn door in sight.

All of them contained a single sentence: HE IS COMING! Nobody could figure out who "HE" might be or who had posted the signs, but by noon the town was talking of nothing else. A week later to the day, a second poster replaced the first one. This one read, "He will be here Friday night in Town Hall at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission One Dollar."

By seven p.m., Friday night, the hall was packed to the rafters. The townsfolk had each forked over a buck for a ticket to a strange man in the box office who made change with great facility but could not be induced to speak a single word.

At 7:59 p.m., the house lights dimmed, the audience grew silent, and the curtain rose. On the stage was a third sign. This one read, HE HAS GONE!

A nervous bank teller fitted this card into his business window: "I can't read English. No notes, please." © 1960, by Bennett Cerf, Distributed by King Features Syndicate



GOP Contests Texas Election Results

Austin, Tex. — (UPI) — The Republican party formally contested the Nov. 8 general election in Texas today charging "gross error... coercion... and conspiracy."

Hardy Hollers, a lawyer representing the GOP, filed the contest with Texas Secretary of State Zollie Steakley, a member of the Board of Election Canvassers.

He said that if the vote were recounted in Texas, Vice President Richard M. Nixon would get the state's 24 electoral votes instead of Sen. John F. Kennedy.

The official canvass gave Kennedy 1,167,932 votes and Nixon 1,121,699.

The Republicans complained especially of alleged irregularities in Starr and Duval counties.

Jackie Kennedy Strolls in Room

Washington—(UPI)—Mrs. John F. Kennedy, recovering rapidly from the birth of her second child, is now able to walk around her room and sees John Fitzgerald Kennedy Jr. daily, one of her doctors reported today.

Both Mrs. Kennedy and her 6-pound 3-ounce son were reported doing fine at Georgetown University Hospital, where the Kennedy's first son was born last Friday morning. However, the infant, although reported "breathing normally and eating nicely," still is being kept in an incubator.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

On April 1 of this year, according to the bureau of the census, the population of the United States stood at 179,323,175.

At 2 a.m., Pacific Standard Time, on the morning before Thanksgiving day, the figure sharp of the census bureau tell us, it reached the round total of 182,000,000.

That's a gain of 2,676,825 in eight months.

HOW did we get that way? Well... still quoting the census bureau experts... it worked out like this: During this eight-month period, there was a birth every 7 1/2 seconds and a death every 20 seconds. An immigrant arrived in the United States every 1 1/2 minutes. An emigrant departed every 23 minutes.

Which is to say: In the U.S.A. people are getting born about three times as fast as they are dying.

AND—Immigrants are arriving in the United States of America about 15 times as fast as emigrants are departing.

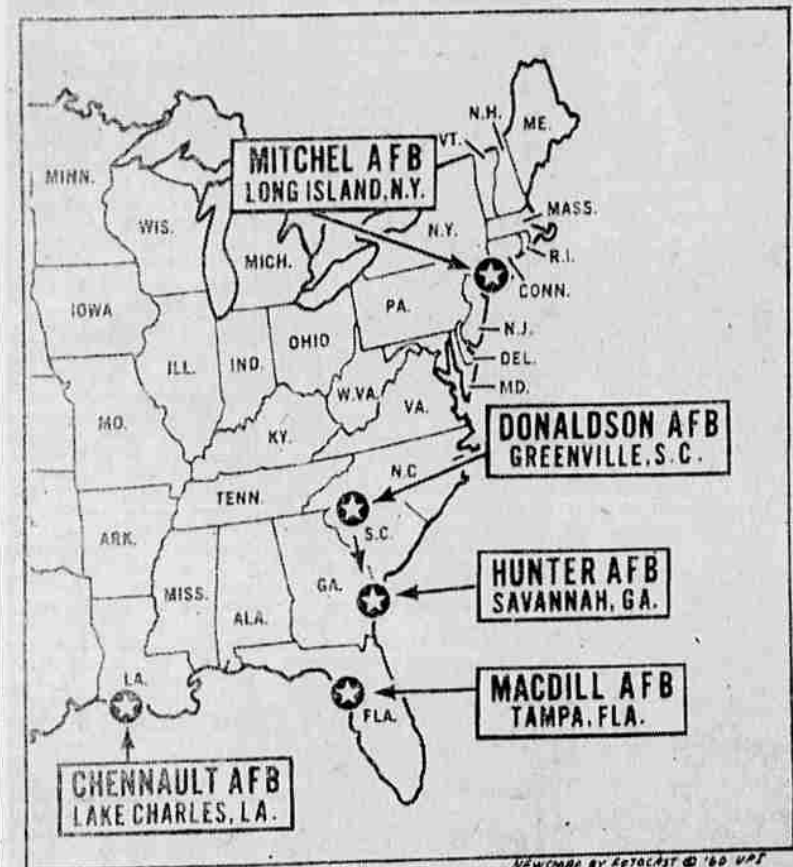
Tell that to the communist Big Shots in the Kremlin—who claim that the United States is a TERRIBLE place to live.

The figures don't seem to bear out the communist claims.

MORE figures: The U.S. department of agriculture reports that 82 million turkeys were available in the U.S.A. this year for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have now in our country 182 million people, plus the new Kennedy baby and the other new babies that have been born since 2 a.m. on the day before Thanksgiving, minus those who have died at the rate of three every hour.

That's a little less than half a turkey for each American listed by the census bureau—or nearly two turkeys for each theoretical American family of four.

TELL THAT to the Ruskies. And—You might add that a couple of generations ago all our politicians could think of to promise the people was two CHICKENS in every pot. We've already achieved two TURKEYS in every pot and we're looking forward to the not too distant day when there will be two cars in every garage.



TO CLOSE AIR BASES—The closing of three major air bases was one of the chief features of a far-reaching Air Force shake-up announced in Washington Monday. The bases scheduled for closing are Mitchell AFB, Long Island, N.Y., to be closed by June, 1961; and Chennault AFB, Lake Charles, La., and MacDill AFB, Tampa, Fla., both to be closed by June, 1962. The Air Force said it would move its 63rd Troop Carrier Wing from Donaldson AFB, Greenville, S.C., to Hunter AFB, Savannah, Ga., by June, 1962, leaving Donaldson as a reserve base with about 550 instead of 5,000 personnel. (UPI Telephoto)

Air Force To Junk Bombers, Close Bases in Preparation For Missiles, Space Vehicles

Washington—(UPI)—The Air Force, gearing itself for the big shift to missiles and space vehicles, plans to junk almost 200 of its older jet bombers and put three major air bases on the auction block.

The base closing and the bomber cuts were the chief features of a far-reaching Air Force shakeup announced Monday that will affect units and facilities in 15 states.

More than 2,000 civilians were expected to lose their jobs in the shakeup.

The moves are to be carried out over the next 19 months and probably will be followed quickly by other similar cutbacks in aircraft units.

The Air Force looks for a very rapid drop-off in the number of bombers by about 1964 when there will have been a big buildup in missiles and satellites. Toward the end of the 1960s it expects to be deep in development of manned spacecraft.

The Air Force said the moves announced Monday were made necessary by the "transition from manned aircraft to a mixed force of missiles and manned systems."

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Detective Chief In Portland Quits

Portland—(UPI)—Capt. O. K. Robinson, 58, chief of detectives in the Portland Police Department, announced his retirement Monday afternoon effective Dec. 31.

Robinson said he has "put in 35 years and that's enough." He went to work as a patrolman in 1926 and has served in his present capacity since 1957 when he was appointed detective chief by the late Police Chief William J. Hillbruner.

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DRUG SOURCE

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Abject apology to the citizens of Medford, "Jefferson"

Tsk, Tsk, PT/N

In a light-hearted and informative ad appearing in this and other newspapers this week, Pacific Telephone/Northwest spoofs some of the untrue "facts" supposedly believed about Oregon by denizens of less enlightened areas.

"Other than home town pride," the ad asks, "why should you care if the rest of the world has the wrong 'facts' about Oregon?"

And it goes on to answer the question. We're glad PT/N brought up "home town pride" itself. We have a small complaint to register. The ad mentions Portland, Salem, Eugene, Bend, Pendleton, Corvallis, Ashland, Albany, Rogue River and Jacksonville. All other cities are referred to only as "Trading Posts."

Tsk, Tsk, PT/N. Medford is Oregon's fourth city in size, and its first almost everything else. Not even a mention!—E.A.

The above editorial appeared in the November 17th issue of the Mail-Tribune. Perhaps you read it. Our thanks to observant editor Allen for the large praise and the "small complaint." Our technical advisor, a grizzled prospector named Gus, advised us that Medford is the capital of a state called "Jefferson" and seceded from Oregon in 1935. Or was it 1941? Anyway, we're sorry to have seceded you from our ad. Medford is one of our favorite places and we find the new-state concept as refreshing as your spectacular river canyons and lush green orchards. Don't change—we like you, whatever state you're in.