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Periscoping the Nation

Congress Beats the Heat?
JFK vs. DAR
Gagarin's Next Voyage
Missiles for Germany

Ahead of the News

STATE DEPARTMENT — Despite all the tension over Cuba and Laos, insiders here are convinced that the real showdown with the Russians will come over Berlin and Iran. A flurry of reports reaching State of sudden troop movements in East Germany has roused fears that a fresh squeeze on Berlin may already be in the works.

SENATE CLOAKROOM — Sen. Estes Kefauver's next target on the trust-busting trail: The export business. He wants to know whether price-fixing deals by export executives—and not higher costs—are inflating prices of U.S. exports. The probe gets under way as soon as Kefauver's antitrust subcommittee finishes looking into domestic price-rigging by the big electric companies.

CAPITOL HILL — Congress may finally escape Washington's simmering summers. A drive by Wyoming's Democratic Sen. Gale Magee for summer adjournments is making headway. Majority Leader Mike Mansfield has promised quick—and friendly—hearings.

The Inside Story

PENTAGON — A tightly guarded Navy secret is now out. It involves Project Caesar—underwater listening devices set in the ocean floor. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Vice Adm. R.B. Pirie (in a ceremonial speech) let word slip out on this hush-hush system for long-range tracking of Soviet subs.

VANDENBERG AFB — The Air Force still isn't satisfied that the Atlas, our only operational ICBM, is really combat-ready. Missileers here are starting a new series of shots to test the big missile's accuracy. Coded "Golden Ram," the tests will use TNT instead of nuclear warheads.

WHITE HOUSE — No heads will roll immediately at CIA after the abortive anti-Castro landings in Cuba. But one thing is sure: Deputy director Richard Bissell (see page 26), formerly considered a good bet to succeed CIA chief Allen Dulles, is now out of the running. Then who will replace 68-year-old Dulles, due to retire this year? JFK has no idea yet, but wistfully wishes he had another trusted brother like Attorney General Bobby to fill the vital post.

Behind the Headlines

CONSTITUTION HALL — The Daughters of the American Revolution are ready to start another one—aimed straight at President Kennedy. During their just-ended convention in the Capital, they complain, they got the back of his hand—no White House reception, not even a speech. Worst of all, JFK staged a fete at the Executive Mansion for members of Congress and their wives on the very night the DAR had planned a similar soiree for the legislators.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT — Full protection for any Negro trying to register for voting. That's what Attorney General Robert Kennedy promised the Rev. Martin Luther King at a private meeting in Washington last week. The Negro leader is about to launch a new campaign throughout the South to add 250,000 Negro voters to the rolls.

WHITE HOUSE — Delighted by the TV documentaries on which he has starred, JFK is thinking of putting on his own—unsponsored. The series—filmed, with the President as narrator—would do two things: Provide another way of talking directly to the people on issues like Cuba and schools, and squelch criticisms for appearing on shows bought by advertisers.

Where Are They Now?

MIAMI BEACH — Marcos Pérez Jiménez, one-time chief of staff of the Venezuelan Army, who seized control of the government in 1952 and ruled ruthlessly (and expensively) until his overthrow in 1958, now leads a life of wealthy ease here. "P.J." lives with his wife and four young

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