

MEMORIAL DAY

L.T. - OLDS. WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1963

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L.T. on New Guinea trip)

As always on this particular day of the year -

the center of attention today was Arlington ^{NATIONAL} Cemetery.

President Kennedy made the ^{TRADITIONAL} ~~usual~~ pilgrimage to the

Tomb of the Unknowns - where he laid a wreath.

Afterward, our Chief Executive stopped at an
unpretentious tombstone - bearing the name of James
Forrestal, America's first Secretary of Defense.

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The ~~major speech~~ at Arlington was delivered by -
General Maxwell Taylor. The General's theme, ~~a favorite~~
~~with him~~ - how to beat the Communists in an age of
nuclear stalemate. He told his audience that our
assistance has helped to turn the tide - in South Viet
Nam. And he mentioned - other military successes
around the world.

But for his most significant example, General
Taylor went back to - the Korean War. He pointed out
that this was the first time - we challenged the Red

bloc in a direct military confrontation. And that, as
a result - the Reds are not anxious for another showdown.

Proof - Cuba, where Khrushchev pulled out his rockets
when we told him to.

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CIVIL RIGHTS

Two top figures of the Administration used Memorial Day - to discuss Civil Rights.

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INTEGRATION

One demonstration in Jackson, Mississippi - was noisy, and very unviolent. Some five hundred Negro students - taking twenty minutes from their lunch hour. Milling around the school, clapping their hands - and chanting, "We want freedom!" When the school bell rang - they tramped quietly back to their classes.

Demonstration - over.

Their elders refused to leave - downtown Jackson. And that was when the paddy wagon - swung into action. The demonstrators - carted off to jail.

Meanwhile, Memphis, Tennessee, has desegregated a whole series of recreational facilities - parks, libraries, tennis courts, golf courses, community centers. And - the Memphis zoo.

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INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

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Taj Mahal.

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do you think of the mogul emperor Shah Jehan and
young queen, Mumtaz Mahal? Do you think of
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TAJ - NASHVILLE

Lowell Thomas:

Hello Everybody:

When you hear someone mention the Taj Mahal do you think of a glorious dream-like building of white marble and alabaster, do you think of the mogul emperor Shah Jehan and his lovely young queen, Mumtaz Mahal? Do you think of fountains, lilly pools and moonlight? I do. But, I know

an American who from now on when anyone speaks of the Taj Mahal - he'll be thinking of a personal experience just about as terrifying as you can imagine. For he was bitten by a cobra at the Taj. And his life probably was saved by a pocket knife - and his wife.

Russ Speights is the Vice President and Treasurer of The Nashville Tennessean, a famous newspaper. Each year that southern newspaper takes a group of Nashville people - subscribers - on a rather long journey, somewhere. This year the party of twenty four set out together. And from Japan

twelve swung north to see the wonders of Alaska. The other twelve continued on around the world - Hongkong, Bangkok, India. And they have just come from the Taj Mahal. There at Agra, Russ Speights wanted one more picture of the Taj. He turned into a doorway near the arch at the entrance, intending to climb up to the balcony above and as he entered the door a six foot snake raised its head and struck - struck without warning, hit his right hand.

Mrs. Speights, with her husband's pocket knife - luckily he had one - slashed his hand and sucked out the venom. Ten minutes later they had the Nashville newspaperman at the government hospital in Agra. And that also turned out to be quite an adventure. Luckily they had anti-venom serum there and they shot a six inch syringe full of it into him. A little later on the Indian doctors told him that more people died at Agra from the shock of that heavy injection than from the snake bite.

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hovering over him, watching his reactions, watching him
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POPE

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"I believe in the recovery of the Pope." Then the
Pontiff's physician added - "The fact that I am returning
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BERLIN

The latest speech by the leader of Communist East Germany - proves that the Russians have backed down on Berlin. Ulbricht, declaring that a German peace treaty is impossible - until a disarmament agreement has been signed. Which contradicts the line that Khrushchev was peddling - not so long ago. The Boss of the Kremlin HAS said repeatedly - that the Berlin issue must be settled WITHOUT DELAY.

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No one believes for a minute - that Ulbricht is defying Khrushchev. So the inference seems to be - that Khrushchev is not ready to sign a peace treaty with his East German puppet. Another retreat in Berlin - despite all the Soviet bluster.

EXPLORE

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I wonder if you can identify - Juan Bautista de Anza. Anyone from San Francisco ~~will~~^{SHOULD} find it easy - since he was the Spanish explorer who founded ~~the~~^{THE} city. Juan Bautista de Anza marched up from Mexico - in a year that was becoming famous on the East Coast of North America. The year - seventeen seventy-six. He established the Presidio and the Mission Dolores - from which the city of San Francisco grew.

Interesting history - with a news peg. Recently the bones of the explorer were found - beneath the Cathedral in Arizpe, Mexico. Today, they were entombed in a sarcophagus - with solemn rites. A final resting place for Juan Bautista de Anza - founder of San Francisco.