

L. T. OLDS. FISHER, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

**The National Geographic Society presents
"partners in discovery". Occasion - the Society's
seventy-fifth birthday. Place - New York's Museum
of Natural History.**

**"Partners in Discovery" great moments of
exploration backed by the Society and the Museum. With
the sole survivor of Peary's dash to the North Pole in
Nineteen Nine, as Guest of Honor, 88-year-old Admiral
Donald MacMillan.**

SPACE

Around the world in eighty orbits - for Valery the Hawk. Not eighty days - as in the Jules Verne novel. Valery Bykovsky did it in - just under five days. Coming down on his eighty-second orbit - after travelling nearly two million miles. The longest single journey ever made by man.

And what of his friend Valentina - the Seagull? She orbited forty-eight times before calling quits - on the forty-ninth. First on the line to congratulate her - Boss Nikita Khrushchev, who was elated to hear that everything on the trip was "splendid". A-okay - for both the Hawk and the Seagull.

American space experts, however, think that Nikita - may be a bit disappointed. They feel sure the original idea was to attempt - a space coupling between two craft. Or else a flight of - at least eight days.

POPE
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feat, with no indication of any revolutionary advances -
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As for President Kennedy's request for a truce on street demonstrations - while Congress considers the civil rights matter, one negro leader in the South - says no. Julian Bond of the student non-violent co-ordinating committee - which has staged sit-ins throughout the south - says no one can expect citizens who have been denied their rights for three hundred years to stop demonstrating. Other negro leaders are reserving comment - till they talk the matter over.

In Danville, Virginia, thirty negroes were arrested only two hours after the President's speech - for protest marching.

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CIVIL RIGHTS AFTER CIVIL RIGHTS

President Kennedy's call to Congress today might be put in three words:- "open the doors".

The President, as you may have heard, today tried to persuade the lawmakers that they should "open doors in every part of the country - which, as he put it, "never should have been closed". As a part of the "Emancipation Centennial" to end racial discrimination. Not just for the usual economic and diplomatic reasons but, as he said, "because it is right".

He was appealing for bi-partisan support to straighten out what has become - a national crisis.

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CONGRESS AFTER CIVIL RIGHTS

Free access to public places seems to be the most controversial part, and likely to meet most resistance. There are many members of Congress who feel that this would interfere - with small property owner's rights. The Southern Democrats are nearly all against it.

Nevertheless the prognostication in Washington is that a substantial part of the President's program - will pass.

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

**Last night my report from New Guinea office
promised a story about an Australian - a coffee planter.**

Here it is.

THE LEAHYS - NEW GUINEA - (8)

For two hundred years no one believed the Jan Carstensz report. However, fifty years ago an English expedition, plantation, near the foot of Mt. Hagen. Our host, Danny Leahy, just about the best known European in the Eastern half of New Guinea.

Our Stone Age friends here in the interior times tried to climb these mountains, and failed, are a little different today than they were three hundred years ago when the first European explorer approached of the highest is called Carstensz Pyramid. It's over sixteen thousand feet. Recently my friend of Tibetan fame, Hulsvick Haver, was the first to scale it. He was Commander of a ship that cruised along the New Guinea coast in Sixteen twenty-three. When he sent along with thirty other lofty New Guinea mountains, his co-captain and members of his crew ashore, they were all killed and eaten.

When Jan Carstensz returned to Holland with his stories he also told about seeing lofty mountains here in New Guinea - mountains on the Equator, crowned with snow and ice.

Well, in Holland they put him down as a liar.

For two hundred years no one believed the Jan Carstensz report. However, fifty years ago an English expedition penetrated deep into New Guinea and tried to climb one of the mountains that Carstensz had described. They failed. Over the past twenty-five years the Dutch many times tried to climb these mountains, and failed. Several New Zealand expeditions met that same fate. One of the highest is called Carstensz Pyramid. It's over sixteen thousand feet. Recently my friend of Tibetan fame, Heinrich Harrer, was the first to scale it - along with thirty other lofty New Guinea mountains. Don Leahy, whom we have been visiting today, here in these mountains, now has a coffee plantation way up in this high mountain country. Some years ago when he first ventured into this region he had to fight his way. The natives speared him a few times, but they didn't eat him, and eventually he won their good will.

And today he and his brothers, Michael and Jim, have three of the best coffee plantations in New Guinea; they are rich men. As for Danny, he's fifty years old, and looks at least sixty or seventy, wears a hearing aid and is half blind, married to a Stone Age woman and has a large family. We were here in time to help one little girl celebrate her seventh birthday.

Now all of these New Guinea plantation owners have been wondering for some months just what's going to happen to their plantations - what's going to happen to their part of New Guinea, now that the western end of the island has been handed to Sukarno - to Indonesia on a silver platter. The U.N. seems to be of the opinion that all people, everywhere should be given their independence whatever that is - and whether they are ready for it or not.

Tomorrow more about the future of New Guinea.

So long,

END OF TAPE

*But we'll hear you say a live s'long
again, in a moment, Lowell.*

PRINCE CHARLES

It seems that Prince Charles of Great Britain - did have that wee nip of brandy in Stornoway, Scotland.

Which Buckingham Palace said - he didn't have. Now

Palace authorities have had to climb down and apologize -

to the press. Blaming the Prince's bodyguard - for

trying to cover up. What about the pub-owner - who

served liquor to a minor? He's in for trouble too.

Not to mention Prince Charles himself - who has to face

his headmaster at Gordonstoun School. Also his royal

parents.

If you were a fourteen year old how would you

like to explain this to Mama? Especially if Mama were

Her Britannic Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second?