

L. T. OLDS, FISHER. TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1964

*Good Evening Everybody:*

*Among those saluting Ireland's Patron Saint today was President Lyndon Johnson - an adopted Irishman, for the day. In New York - to address the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, an organization that goes back to the days when Irish officers and men served in the Continental Army under George Washington. In San Francisco Bay. It was celebrated in the snow here in Utah, with two lovely girls named Ryan - Nancy and Charlotte Ryan - and my fellow named Jim McCoukey*

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

President Johnson saw three-hundred thousand Irishmen marching (some with names like Jones, Calomma and Lopez) up Fifth Avenue, bugles blaring, drums beating - flags, green ties and - shamrocks waving.

Cardinal Spellman took the salute - from the steps of Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

But there<sup>were</sup> celebrations - right across the country. Everywhere that two Irishmen - or two colleens - got together, from Massachusetts Bay - to San Francisco Bay.

I celebrated in the snow, here in Utah, with two lovely girls named Ryan - Nancy and Charlotte Ryan - and a gay fellow named Jim McConkey.

## VIETNAM

*The meeting of the Security Council this morning - concentrated on South Vietnam. President Johnson and advisors - considering ways of saving that nation of Southeast Asia. The decision - to send more American aid. With emphasis on new equipment - for the Vietnamese Army.*

*Secretary of Defense McNamara gave a favorable report - on the war out there, and - the news from Saigon has taken an optimistic turn. Two Vietnamese victories in Mekong Delta. Troops, ferried to the battle field - by American helicopters. Hitting the Red Guerrillas - from the rear.*

## SALARIES

*I wonder how they feel on Capital Hill - about the President's latest proposal - that Congress vote a pay raise for government workers. Even if they don't include - themselves.*

*The bill was rejected by the House - last week. The lawmakers, evidently fearing the effects of increasing their own salaries - in an election year.*

*Now President Johnson is saying, in effect - okay, forget about yourselves, but boost the pay for everybody else.*

**DE GAULLE**

The Mexicans who surrounded DeGaulle today -  
were unable to restrain themselves. Reason - the  
emotion that everyone felt when the President of France  
was at their war monument. The crowd broke through  
the police cordon. Thousands of people - pushing around  
De Gaulle's car.

It continues to be a triumphal tour.

WEATHER

I wish I really had time to talk about  
**Along the Canadian Border winter is far  
from over. A cold wave out of the prairies to  
the north, sending the mercury - tumbling. At  
International Falls, Minnesota - fifteen below. At  
Bemidji, Minnesota - twelve below. Snow from the  
Great Lakes to the Rockies.**

experienced member of the Jackson Hole Ski Patrol  
**Spring officially only a few days away, but  
you can't prove it e verywhere.**

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powder snow for which Alta is famous. Tom says later  
it more packed fell, and down roared an avalanche.

## ALTA - AVALANCHE

*I wish I really had time to talk about avalanches. This is the time of the year when they are a major problem in our mountains and in the Alps. Over the past weekend came the story from France - from D'Isere, of an avalanche that caught eight skiers. Five killed. In Wyoming an experienced member of the Jackson Hole Ski Patrol was killed by one.*

*I've been in the mountains at Alta, Utah, the number one place in this country for the study of the avalanche and its devastating power.*

*When I arrived 55 inches of new powder snow had fallen, enough to create an avalanche hazard. So Ed La Chapelle and his Alta avalanche crew, with their 75 MM recoilless gun shot down a half a dozen that threatened. Then, what a time we had in the dry powder snow for which Alta is famous. Two days later 21 more inches fell, and down roared an avalanche,*

closing the canyon.

Shut off from the world, skiers at Alta had a spectacular time watching La Chapelle and his experts, shooting down more of them to make the slopes safe for the crowd that would come pouring into the canyon as soon as the great snow plows cut through the heavy masses that had cascaded down from these steep mountains -- like plastic rivers. Over a period of five days with that 75 MM gun, some 15 or 20 more avalanches were brought down, before they could do any damage. Take anyone by surprise. During the same period, two major ones came down on their own, one blocking another section of the canyon. But now the road is open, and although 12 more inches fell at Alta on Friday and another 8 inches Saturday night and Sunday, these men who devote their life to studying the behaviour of snow, have made this glorious mountain area safe for skiers. And into the canyon we went



behind the snowplows. Today was another day long to remember.

The old system of giving skiers a warning wasn't enough. Nowadays thousands of winter sports enthusiasts come up to this Salt Lake area, bringing more wealth into these canyons that was ever taken out in the days of the Great Utah silver boom. So the avalanche experts have to make these mountains safe, and they do.

## FIRES

Those two forest fires raging in the Verdugo Mountains of California have turned twelve-thousand square acres of timber - into smoke and ashes. The flames, leaping from bush to bush - from tree to tree. Consuming - everything. Including more than thirty fine homes - in the area above Burbank and Glendale.

The outlook tonight - hopeful. The wind, dropping to thirty miles an hour. Giving fire fighters a chance to cut control belts - through the woods.

## AVIATRIX

When Joan Smith took off from Oakland, California - she had a number of good luck charms. One, a four-leaf clover. America's nearest equivalent of the shamrock. Joan sure hopes - it will bring her luck. Which - she can use, on her solo flight around the world. The same route that Amelia Earhart hoped to follow in nineteen-thirty-seven. Amelia Earhart disappeared in the Pacific - with her navigator, Fred Noonan.

Joan Smith hopes to make it, all the way - be the first woman. Tonight she's out over the Pacific alone - Dick - in her Piper Apache.

AMAZON

A pilot just back from the Upper Amazon says he actually saw a thousand Indians with spears and poisoned arrows, in battle with sixty-five men of a Peruvian army battalion, with rifles and machine guns. He says only modern weapons so far have saved the Peruvians from being massacred, and Lima is now flying another battalion - to the rescue.

And Welfare Secretary Anthony C. ...