

L.T.-OLDS. WEDNESDAY. FEBRUARY 8. 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

That's a dramatic espionage case unfolding - in London. The Chief witnesses - British counter intelligence agents who have been describing how they gathered evidence - against three men and two women; in particular, against Gordon Lonsdale - who once posed as an officer in the U S Navy; and now is being called - a master spy of the Kremlin.

The British agents gave Lonsdale's apartment a thorough going over. Also they gave the other four defendants - the same treatment. Result - enough material for an old fashioned spy thriller. Among the evidence, a belt with a secret compartment - full of twenty dollar bills; a cigarette with a false bottom - full of microfilm; a leather bag - containing photographic equipment; two short wave radios; a Bible

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with certain words underlined, this for a code message when put together.

The crown claims that the five defendants gathered top secret information - at the Portland Naval Base, and passed it on to Moscow - by radio.

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Secondly - when asked about the yacht assigned to the White House, he got a Hugh Iron answer; what he said - "I'm not going to use the yacht at the moment." The Potomac is full of 'em. So, he'll do no yachting.

## KENNEDY

Many of you - perhaps most of you, know what President Kennedy said - at today's news conference. That - he will use the moral power of the presidency in behalf of civil rights; that - he doesn't know yet whether there is a missile gap; that - he hopes to achieve something in negotiations with Moscow concerning Laos, and the Congo; that - there won't be any anti-recession tax cut just now. And so on.

Let's take a look at a couple of minor items. First - President Kennedy won't change the name of Camp David. President Eisenhower named the Maryland cottage - after his grandson and President Kennedy intends to keep the name.

Secondly - when asked about the yacht assigned to the White House, he got a laugh from newsmen when he said: - "I'm not going to use the yacht at the moment." The Potomac is full of ice. No, he'll do no yachting.

WEAVER

One witness before the Senate Banking Committee -- wasn't scheduled to testify at all. Jay Creswell of Orlando, Florida, jumped from his seat in the audience - and asked to be allowed to speak in defense of Robert Weaver.

Creswell said he's traveled all through the ~~South~~ South - investigating the housing situation. His finding -

*that* negroes ~~are~~ usually <sup>are</sup> prevented from getting F H A loans.

So Creswell is in favor of Weaver's appointment- as head of the F H A.

The committee - also favorable. Vote - eleven to four. Now the motion goes - to the floor of the Senate. And if Robert Weaver is approved - he'll become the negro with the highest ranking federal job.

## ALGERIA

The word around Paris is that the President of Tunisia will meet the President of France - next week. Bourguiba to break his Swiss vacation - for a side journey to Paris; to consult with DeGaulle about the problem of peace in Algeria.

Tunisia's President is a Moslem - favoring the Moslem rebels; but also an admirer - of French culture. He considers himself the obvious go-between - for an Algerian settlement.

LAOS

Today the Premier of Laos told newsmen - "we are ready for a drive into the Plain of Jars." Prince Boun Oum, announcing the capture of - Ta Vieng. The last rebel stronghold barring the way into the Plain of Jars -- where the Communists are in control of the air field, *and the terminus of* ~~still holding the terminus of~~ the Soviet airlift. That's why the Premier ordered his troops - to capture Ta Vieng. ~~And~~ now is ordering them to ~~REGROUP~~ regroup for an invasion - of the Plain of Jars.

CONGO

A dispatch from Leopoldville sounds like ~~xxxxxx~~  
something - from an earlier period of the Congo. ~~The~~  
~~It~~ ~~dispatch~~, ~~telling us that~~ a major general, ~~is being paddled~~ *on his way*  
up the Congo river - ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~into the equatorial rain~~  
~~forest.~~ With him a detachment of soldiers - on a punitive  
expedition. The general's purpose - to offer a show of  
strength to the African tribes.

Fifty years ago, this would have meant - a  
~~xxxx~~ European, bringing civilization to the jungle. But  
in the year Nineteen Sixty One, the general is - a native  
Congolese. His name - Joseph Mobutu. His men - armed  
with the latest weapons. His enemy -- ~~the~~ pro-Lumumba  
tribes. ~~rioting in the jungle.~~

The Congo river may not be as *d*ark as it was -  
when Livingstone and Stanley were using it as a highway  
into the interior. But - it's still dangerous.

## POTALA

The Chinese Communists have closed - one of the world's most remarkable buildings. So we learn from the New York Herald Tribune. The building - the Potala in Lhasa. It was Tibet's Vatican - when the Dalai Lama used it as his winter palace. A miracle of architecture - built against and all the way to the summit of a hill, on the edge of Lhasa. A skyscraper, rising story upon story - with the golden tombs of the Dalai Lamas at the top. From afar you can see the sun gleaming from the gold atop the Potala.

Inside, a thousand rooms - full of priceless art objects from all over the Orient; and - the West too. At least, that's how Lowell Jr. and I saw the Potala when we were there eleven years ago. Since then, as you know the Chinese Reds have overrun Tibet; turning Lhasa into - a Chinese city. Chinese occupied - anyway. The Dalai Lama - in exile, in India. His winter palace,



pilaged - of its religious and artistic ornaments.

Now the final indignity - to the Tibetans. This sacred building - closed to them. No longer are they allowed to make their customary pious pilgrimage - to the Potala.

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If you are interested in Tibet - and everybody seems to be, you will want to read a most unusual book to be published in a few days. It is written by the Dalai Lama's older brother, Taktser Rimpoche - Mr. Norbu - . Actually he tells his fabulous story to his friend Henry Harrer who wrote that glorious book, "Seven years in Tibet." If you read that - and nearly everybody did - you will want to read Tibet Is My Country - by the Dalai Lamas brother.

MARDI GRAS

In New Orleans, the God and Goddess of fire -  
*without*  
~~don't have~~ any fire. Sounds like a contradiction - but  
then strange things happen during the Mardi Gras parade.

The trouble this time- a strike by the torch bearers.

They want - higher wages. Five bucks - instead of two.

Presenting their wage demand to the mythical dieties -

who protest they just don't have the extra three bucks.

Hence - no torch bearers this time. The God and Goddess

of fire - minus their fire.

*Now - here's Dick -  
- on fire!*