

L.T. - ~~Olds~~ Tues. Jan. 23 - '62,

The surprise witness today before the Senate ~~and~~ Armed Services Committee - former President Eisenhower, whose testimony was given in a letter to the Chairman. ~~General~~ Eisenhower, referring to censorship of speeches - by members of the Armed Forces. ~~Dwight Eisenhower~~ <sup>He</sup> thinks ~~that~~ officers should be allowed - to alert their commands to the danger of Communism. He's opposed to what he terms - "an American Iron Curtain." But he adds emphatically - that Admirals and Generals should be kept out of partisan politics.

Much the same opinion was expressed - by Admiral Arleigh Burke. A slightly different opinion - by Robert Lovett, who used to be Secretary of Defense. Lovett thinks ~~that~~ military men should keep their speeches - to a minimum. Said he today - "as a nation, we tend to talk too much."

## DUCHESS

How would you like to dance the twist - and the Spanish Flamenco - at the same time? Spain - and the Peppermint Lounge.

The Duchess of Windsor, in Madrid - with the Duke and last night went to - a Flamenco performance, where one of the dancers asked her - to be his partner. When she protested that only a Spaniard can dance Flamenco - he said: "Okay, we'll add the twist." Which - they did. The Duchess and the caballero whirling across the floor - in a torrid combination of Flamenco and the Twist.

Said the Duke - "too energetic for me."

## LATIN AMERICA

~~The situation in~~ Latin America seems to be ~~getting~~  
~~nearing~~  
~~closer to~~ a show-down - between democracy and Communism.

A show-down going beyond - Punta Del Este. ~~Many places in~~  
~~Latin America~~ ~~disturbed by demonstrations.~~ ~~Communists~~  
~~on the one side~~ ~~and partisans of democracy on the other.~~

Today  
~~Today~~ the Venezuelan government had to fly para-  
troopers into Caracas - to control the Reds. This, following  
several bombings - and an outbreak and arson and mayhem.

*Bolivia,*  
In La Paz, - the opposite reaction. A mass rally,  
demanding ~~that Bolivia~~ <sup>in</sup> break diplomatic relations with  
Castro. The anti-Communists, angry about the news - that  
the Bolivian delegation is sitting on the fence at Punta  
Del Este, ~~Refusing~~ to take a straight forward stand -  
against the Red dictator in Havana.

Meanwhile, at the conference - the American  
spokesman has changed his tactics. Secretary of State  
Rusk, dropping his campaign - for sanctions against Castro.

instead simply asking that Castro's regime be labeled what it is - a satellite of the Soviet Union. Tonight, the members of our delegation say - they are hopeful about this motion getting enough votes.

## NEW GUINEA

The story from New Guinea tonight - is a follow up to the one we had last night. We heard about the native Papuans asking the Dutch to give them arms - to fight off any invasion from Indonesia. The tribes of the island, saying they were determined - not to be ruled by Indonesians. Not to be ruled by people - with whom they are not related.

Now the Papuans are asking the Dutch to ask the U N - to send a fact-finding mission to New Guinea. Purpose of the request - to show an international committee that the Papuans are not waiting to be "liberated" by Sukarno. That they prefer their status under the Dutch system - and will fight to preserve it.

## NEPAL

Some weeks ago, we had the story - about Nepalese insurgents overrunning the Eastern part of that country; and boasting that as soon as they had consolidated their power in the foothills of the Himalayas - they would begin a drive on Kathmandu; a drive to overthrow - King Mahendra.

But King Mahendra Bir Bikrim Shah's army - stopped the drive, before it could get started; capturing the field headquarters of the rebels - causing them to flee into the mountains. Revolt - crushed.

However the rebels had another card to play - the card of assassination. And they decided to play it - when Mahendra left on his present tour of the provinces - the bomb was thrown last night - at Janakput.

The bomb - failing to explode. The would-be assassin - seized by the royal guards. He's under

interrogation tonight - in Kathmandu. King Mahendra,  
continuing his tour - of his kingdom. That  
interrogation will be something. Nepal is an  
oriental country.

## TROTSKY

The death of Trotsky's widow removes her chances - of seeing her late husband vindicated by the Soviet Union. Natalia Trotsky had hoped that Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin - would lead to the rehabilitation of Stalin's rival. She even ~~was~~ wrote to the boss of the Kremlin - pointing out that it would only be logical. She was still waiting - for Khrushchev to reply.

An ironic twist of fate for a woman - who lived through the storm and stress of the Stalin-Trotsky feud. Who followed her husband into exile - while Stalin's henchmen denounced him as a spy and a traitor. Her two sons - ~~disappeared~~ disappeared during Stalin's purges. In Nineteen Forty - Trotsky was murdered in Mexico City, apparently by one of Stalin's agents.

It looked as if Trotsky would be the <sup>symbolic</sup> devil of the Soviet Union - for all time. <sup>But</sup> Then - Stalin died, and Khrushchev exposed his crimes. So - where does that leave



Trotsky in Soviet history? The party line is still out -  
on that. Mrs. Trotsky, ~~never~~ never to hear the verdict. ~~Re~~  
Passing in Paris - at the age of seventy-nine.

## TAX

The House Ways and Means Committee has taken the first step - to correcting abuses of what some critics call - the expense account ~~krake~~ racket. President Kennedy asked Congress - to close the ~~me~~ loopholes in the tax law. Prevent, in the President's phrase - "widespread abuses." That's what the committee has in mind when it proposes barring anyone from including more than half the cost of business entertainment. This law, to cover such familiar items as - theater tickets, night club tabs, yacht trips, and so on.

The applause for President Kennedy at the White House today - comes under the heading of reflex actions. After all, how do you expect representatives of the dairy industry to react - when the President extolls the virtues of milk? President Kennedy did more than that. He revealed that he's ordered milk - with every meal served in the White House. "We'll be better off for it," said he - downing a glassful. And there wasn't a dissenting voice - in that audience from the dairy states.

## ROYALTY

The staid old British Parliament - is off to a most undignified start in Nineteen Sixty Two. Rather heated argument has been heard before - on the banks of the Thames. But when the row is over royalty - ~~well, you know~~ *You'll suspect* it has to do with the Earl and Countess of Snowden.

Subject today - home repairs. And that involves a tidy sum - when the building happens to be the royal residence in Kensington. In fact - seventy thousand pounds sterling - *over 200,000.*

When the Minister of Works mentioned that figure in the Commons - the storm erupted. The Laborites, demanding to know - why the royal occupants can't foot the bill

themselves? The opposition, pointing out that Princess Margaret receives - fifteen thousand *quid - beg pardon, pounds* a year from the State.

And the former Tony Armstrong Jones brings in another nine thousand *quid* from his job with the Sunday Times.

→ The Tories, hearing royalty attacked - reacted as

they always do. They rushed to the rescue, shouting -  
"shame! Sit down! Shut up!" And, Dick, they added a  
few British epithets like "bounder! Cad!"

Excitement when he took up the question of -  
the Earl and Countess of Snowdon - Margaret and Tony -  
the Joneses.

Entering an office, stealing a costume in fur - carrying  
them back the way he had come. Seemingly incredible - taking  
a bag of furs along a ledge sixteen stories up. But - he  
made it. Descending the fire-escape to the sixth floor -  
climbing across to the adjoining building. Then down, and on  
out - into the traffic of the loop.

## ROBBER

The robber who got away with a twenty thousand  
dollar haul in Chicago - ~~sure~~ *in a way. That is, he* earned it, ~~At least~~ *he*  
risked his life for ~~the loot~~ *it. First* He climbed up a fire-escape -  
to the sixteenth floor of an office building. And from there  
he did a human fly act, ~~Inching~~ *Inching* his way along the ledge  
~~between~~ between two windows - sixteen stories above the street.  
Entering an office, stealing a fortune in furs - carrying  
them back the way he had come. Seems incredible - toting  
a bag of furs along a ledge sixteen stories up. But - he  
made it. Descending the fire-escape to the ninth floor -  
climbing across to the adjoining building. Then down, and on  
out - into the traffic *snarl Chicago* of the Loop.