

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Have you been following the Piracy story today? What a wild one that is! And it all happened in the most appropriate place; the Caribbean - once the Spanish Main, with its memories of Sir Ken. Morgan, Sir Francis Drake, and some of history's most notorious buccaneers. Captain Kidd, who sailed under the Jolly Roger, and so on and so on. Blackbeard - the most sinister of the lot. Two centuries ago, it was a common thing for vessels to be seized and pillaged by pirates of The Spanish Main; in those days when ships were loaded with gold and silver from Central and South America.

But even in the hey day of Caribbean piracy there was no slicker job than this. Even the name of the ship has the right ring! The "SANTA MARIA",! This one a Portugese luxury liner - on a Caribbean cruise.

Concealed among the six hundred passengers when she left the coast of Venezuela - Sir Hen. Morgan, a group of Portugese Rebels, bided their time. The band led by a real swashbuckler too - Captain Enrique Galvao - long-time enemy of Salazar, dictator - president of Portugal.

A short time out Caracas, Galvao and his confederates - seized the ship with tommy guns and grenades. How much shooting there was isn't clear. All sorts of wild stories have been coming in today from all around the Spanish Main. One report is that these twentieth century pirates even hoisted the Jolly Roger. At any rate they did broadcast the word that they were in control of the "SANTA MARIA".

What's it all about? For one thing its a dramatic demonstration against Salazar. Galvao, former follower of Salazar, - Galvao and his associates demand

greater freedom in their country. Aside from threats to scuttle the liner, if they are attacked, we still have no further word on where they are going, what they intend to do and what is happening aboard. Right now the "Santa Maria" seems to be eluding all the naval vessels scowing the Caribbean forte! And as Sir Hen. Morgan and Sir Francis Drake look down and laugh and laugh - and say: - "you see, the world hasn't really changed since we were there. Skyscrapers - of glass and aluminum they have. But Piracy, ha! ha! they have that too!

# SALAZAR follow PIRACY

As for The man at whom today's piracy is directed <sup>he</sup> is  
one of the most successful <sup>heads of state</sup> ~~statesmen~~ of our time. Antonio  
Oliveira Salazar - in power for thirty-two years. Known  
for - his paternalistic rule. Building factories and  
schools - giving Portugal one of the strongest economies  
in the world. But - repressing political opposition.  
Rumormongering off - every attempt to unseat him. Now  
facing one of the strangest uprisings - on record. What  
will be the next chapter of this story of  
Salazar - and the Pirates.



## KENNEDY

President Kennedy today started work on - his disarmament program. Putting into shape - the ideas he's had for a long time. Beginning with the thought - that disarmament offers the best hope of getting somewhere with the Russians. The President called in his chief advisers - led by Secretary of State Musk. And they went over the problem - hoping fairly soon to have a disarmament plan that will get us somewhere with Moscow.

## HOFFA

The head of the Teamsters' Union <sup>today was</sup> ~~is~~ accused of -  
bad faith. ~~James~~ Hoffa <sup>accused of</sup> - promising to clean up his  
Union. <sup>and</sup> ~~then~~ doing nothing. The charge, made on  
Capitol Hill - by Martin O'Donoghue, who used to be a  
monitor with the Teamsters. O'Donoghue claims that Hoffa  
has condoned irregularities from rigged elections to the  
mis-use of government funds.

<sup>today</sup> Later, Hoffa took the stand - and challenged the  
authority of the Senate Investigators. The <sup>Teamster Boss</sup> ~~Teamster~~  
insisting - that they have no right to question him about  
corruption in his Union.

## CUBA

A familiar sound is again heard - in Cuba. The sound - of the firing squad at work. Castro, stepping up the summary execution <sup>of those who oppose him.</sup> ~~of accursed counterrevolutionaries.~~ Two more, shot today - bringing Castro's toll of judicial murders to an even dozen for the month. The bearded Dictator, shouting - that more of his opponents will be cut down by the bullets of his militia.

The outlook for Cuba - ~~very~~ grim. Castro, ~~seemingly~~ worried because of mounting opposition - furiously demanding more death penalties from his Courts.



## REFUGEE

At the Cuban Refugee Center in Miami - there was consternation today - when one name was read off. The name - Raoul Castro. The other refugees - craning their necks to see if it really was Fidel Castro's brother. The notorious Raoul Castro - who helps the Cuban Dictator run a Police State

In Miami - Raoul Castro came forward. Turning out to be - just another refugee. The same name, but no other resemblance to - the Raoul Castro now lording it over Havana.



## MOROCCO

The UN received another blow today - when the King of Morocco announced *that he intends to* ~~he's going to~~ pull his troops out of the Congo. King Mohammed the Fifth has the biggest contingent - which makes his defection all the more critical. This - just when Lumumba's followers are said to be on the rampage again, spreading terror through *parts of the Congo.* ~~the Equatorial African Republic.~~

## LAOS

A major battle is shaping up in Laos. ~~--- The~~ The Red drive south ~~attempts~~ to encircle Luang Prabang <sup>with the</sup> ~~The~~ Laotian government is rushing troops north to meet the thrust. The Battle of Luang Prabang - to come in a few days. At the same time - Vientiane claims a decisive victory in today's fighting. Sixty-four Communist soldiers - killed in the jungle fighting. The forces of Premier Boun Oum - mopping up the area.

## CASTLE

Are you looking for a castle or a handsome chateau in France? You may find just what you want at a Paris auction. Biggest item at this auction - a seventeenth century chateau on the historic River Loire; a chateau that once belonged to - an American named Victor Hugo Duras. Sounds French? Victor Hugo Duras claimed descent from one of Lafayette's officers. Victor Hugo Duras bought the chateau - settling down on the Banks of the Loire until his death. The villagers remember him as an escentric - who believed he resembled Louis The Fourteenth - if you can imagine the Sun King of Versailles.

Victor Hugo Duras died - without heirs; and now the escentric American's French home palace - chateau - is on the Auction Block. The Paris auctioneer, accepting bids - starting way low. But they say it will cost a bundle to fix up - maybe for another American who thinks he's Louis the Sixteenth.



## ROYALTY

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip encounter their tigers today. Also they ran into a storm of criticism. The Royal Couple, in India - on the first leg of the Royal tour of Asia. Prime Minister Nehru, arranging one of India's biggest thrills - a tiger hunt. The beaters, fanning out through the jungle, driving several tigers near enough for Prince Philip to knock one over - with a single shot.

The criticism? Oh, back home in London, the British League of Animal Lovers - takes a dim view of it all. Loud roars from the B.L.A.L.