

L.T. - OLDS. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1962

(L.T. at South Sea Islands, then Antarctica,
and Europe. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

GOOD EVENING:

Communist China announced today that its troops have begun pulling back from the disputed Sino-Indian border area, but Peking warned that the fighting would flare up again unless India also withdraws its forces. At the same time, China accused India of new provocations along the border and claimed the Nehru government is stalling for time to rebuild its badly smashed army. It said India must respond "positively" to the Chinese initiative in calling a cease-fire in the fighting.

MIKOYAN

In Washington, Soviet First Deputy Premier Mikoyan wound up two days of talks with administration officials and told newsmen he expects some "progress" toward a settlement of all issues in the Cuban situation. But U.S. authorities are taking a "wait-and-see" attitude. Mikoyan met with Secretary of State Rusk for a luncheon session and they discussed a wide variety of East-West issues, including disarmament and Berlin as well as Cuba.

U-THANT

The United Nations General Assembly, today unanimously approved the appointment of U-Thant of Burma to a full term as U.N. Secretary General. His term will run until November of Nineteen Sixty-Six. The Assembly also approved a ten thousand dollar annual boost in pay and allowances for Thant, bringing the figure to seventy thousand, five hundred dollars annually.

INTRO. TO L.T.

Lowell Thomas is still doing -- what so many of us would like to do. He's lingering -- in the South Sea Islands. What's the latest, Lowell -- from far out there in the Pacific?

LT: DOUG, AND ALL OF YOU, GOOD EVENING:

As you all know, any seaport is fascinating. But Papeete, capital of French Polynesia, its waterfront is in a class by itself, because of the ships and yachts, where they are from; where they are going; and the people on them. Right over there, across from Quinns, that's where everybody hangs out, over there is the forty foot former lifeboat Vaitiare, transformed into a small yacht. She was wrecked out there on the reef, and now rebuilt. Next to her, "The Golden Hind," thirty-six foot ketch, out of San Pedro, California. On board, a husband and wife, two sons, and a twenty year old neighbor's daughter, who is really getting a look at life. Off for a year in the South Seas. Next to it a larger one:- "I'll let it be nameless - with a dozen young men who at the moment are doing research about young women of the South Seas, and until late at night their studies make it difficult for their neighbors to sleep.

Then, there's a trim twenty-two foot ketch; over here; small, but a beauty. Only one person aboard: Don Brug of Santa Barbara. The name of his craft, "My Mistress." Alone, around the world with her, he hopes. When Don Brug left California he ran into a storm that took him a thousand

miles off his course, swept him down the coast of Mexico. Then, forty days to make the next landfall. Forty days to the Marquesas to the northeast of us here at Tahiti.

On one side of us is the "Marinero". On her are tall, handsome, young Floyd Christenson and his wife Doris, with a son five; and daughter only one, born since they left Sacramento. They've been out, alone for three years, stopping now and then to earn a little money, then off again.

The Polynesians go slightly mad over blond men, and blond babies too. Everywhere Floyd goes island belles follow him and implore him to stay. Polynesian families have offered to make a trade with Doris and Floyd, give them two boys if they'll give up their one year old blond curly haired tiny daughter, promising to return her when she is seventeen or eighteen. Serious about it, too.

Floyd and Doris Christenson and their children, a happy family of the sea. But they had a tragedy on the way up from New Zealand. A young man from Auckland volunteered to sail with them, as mate. In the southern Cook Islands they ran into a storm. The young man was swept overboard. Floyd threw him a line, right across his open outstretched hands. But the wave that swept him over must have broken his back in crashing him through the ropes and over the rail. For he couldn't even close his hands and grasp the line. Floyd tied a line around himself, and jumped into the raging sea. But the young New Zealander went down, and didn't come up again.

And now Doug, Dick, everybody, Ia Ora Na! In
Polynesian, Happiness and Good Health to you.

FOLLOW L.T.

Well, happiness and good health to you - Lowell.

Both should be easy enough to come by -- out where you are.

No fog or smog -- in Tahiti.

STORM

A powerful Atlantic storm -- which has been raging for nearly a week -- kept the Southeastern seaboard of the United States well within striking range tonight and calls for help went out from several battered communities. The Mayor of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, has asked President Kennedy to declare his town a disaster area because of extensive damage from the storm.

POPE

Informed sources at the Vatican said today that doctors are making further checks on the condition of Pope John because they are uncertain as to the exact nature of his illness. Officially, his ailment has been described as anemia and stomach trouble, believed to be a gastric ulcer. Earlier, a Vatican announcement had said his condition was "improving."

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill -- eighty-eight today in London, joining Lady Churchill and his staff in the lounge for champagne at mid-day -- guest of honor at a home party tonight.

At noon, Winnie showed up at a window of his home to give a beaming smile to a dozen spectators waiting outside. The former Prime Minister's doctor says his patient is very well.

Among the day-long stream of gifts -- a case of champagne, some turkey soup, a bottle of Eighteen Seventy-Four brandy to commemorate the year he was born. And, Dick, two -- repeat two barrels of oysters.

DOG

Our dateline -- Drake University, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Now, you may not believe this, but the story came ticking in over the wires today.

George has been enrolled as a student in good standing in this excellent university, in a class in mathematical reasoning, conducted by Dr. Basil Gillam. An enrollment slip¹/₂ was acquired, after the professor ruled that no one may attend classes who is not officially enrolled.

Dr. Gillam says George is very intelligent -- and he doesn't care of his -- well, rather unusual pupil attends class as long as he doesn't bother anyone.

George is a Boxer, as in dog -- a well-named Boxer Dog.

Now -- do you believe that?

Good night, and back on Monday.