

L.T.-Olds., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1961.
(Given by Mr. Larry Leseur)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight the Cuban exiles are trying to salvage some consolation - from their apparent defeat. Their high command says that the anti-Castro invasion was launched - with alternative plans. The first - a bold thrust to unseat the dictator.

Well, the first plan - did fail. So the order of the day is - implement the second.

The tip-off on the fate of the anti-Castro beachhead - was the sudden break in the rebel communications. That meant, the beachhead had shrunk - under the pounding of Castro's Migs and tanks. Those Communist weapons - turning the tide in favor of the dictator. Besides - no rising en masse took place among the civil population of Cuba. The rebel high command obviously under-estimated the power - of Castro's heavily-armed militia. They patrolled the streets of the cities - armed with

LEAD - 2

tommyguns. They rounded-up suspects, and started a reign of terror - that prevented any major opposition from getting under way.

The fact is, that tonight - Castro is stronger than ever.

WARNING

President Kennedy is getting bi-partisan support - in Congress. Subject - the President's warning to Khrushchev with regard to Cuba. The blunt statement that we will not permit Soviet intervention - in this hemisphere. A Republican Senator summed up the feeling - on Capitol Hill. In the words of Senator Javits of New York - "There is a point where you have to stand up, and this is it."

REACTION

The anti-American demonstrations in Latin-America -- were more restrained today. Evidently because - the police were ready for them. Gendarmes, pushing the crowds back - in Rio and LaPaz and Mexico City. Allowing speeches - but controlling the violence.

There's one significant break - in the pattern. Two members of the Guatemala Legislature announced - that a guerrilla force has been gathered to fight Castro. Four hundred "volunteer commandos" - ready to join the anti-Castro army. If and when - another attack takes place.

AMERICANS

The fate of the Americans who are still in Cuba - remains in grave doubt tonight. Two - have been executed. Many - thrown into jail. The rest - facing a reign of terror.

The victims of the firing squad are identified as - Howard Anderson of Yakima, Washington, and Angus McNair of Miami. Our government charges that Castro ordered both to be shot - without waiting to give them a fair trial. We're asking the Swiss, who represent us in Havana - to do whatever is possible to prevent the Cuban government from violating international law. From sending any more Americans - to summary execution.

Meanwhile, voices are being raised - on Capitol Hill. Members of Congress, demanding protection - for the Americans under arrest. Among whom, U.P.I. correspondent, Henry Raymond - is prominent. Democratic leader Mike Mansfield told his colleagues in the Senate - that the arrests are - "an outrage." He was joined by Republican leader - Dirksen of Illinois. Members of both parties, in agreement - that something must be done for our citizens in Castro's domain.

LAOS

The American decision to send more arms and military advisers to Laos - is ^{IN} a response to an appeal from the Laotian government. Prince Bounoum pointed out - that Communist aid to the rebels is increasing. And that makes the odds against the loyalist defenders - greater every day. With Laos lacking the power - to redress the balance by itself.

The only hope - direct help from America. And - on a ~~massive~~ ^{LARGER} scale. President Kennedy is moving quickly - to turn the Laotian hope into reality. Promising Vientiane that we won't stand on the sidelines any longer. - and watch the Soviet airlift operating twenty flights a day to the Red rebels. Our response - weapons and technicians for the government of Laos - now.

EICHMANN

The Jerusalem Court today heard testimony from - the defendant. That is - they heard a tape recording of Adolf Eichmann's confession at a preliminary hearing. The Nazi executioner's harsh voice echoed across the courtroom, as he expressed his personal horror at the crimes of the Third Reich. Crimes - of which he stands accused. The spectators heard him offer to atone for atrocities that he claims he could not watch - did not want, and would not have permitted except ^{ON} ~~for~~ a ₁ directive from higher Nazi headquarters.

Among those who heard Eichmann's confession - Eichmann himself. He sat in the prisoner's dock with bowed head - as his voice ~~came~~ ^{droned} on from the tape ~~recording~~ ^{MACHINE.}. A few times he fidgeted - with his ~~in~~ ear phones. Or - polished his spectacles. Apparently trying to maintain - his air of indifference. But some observers believe - that Eichmann may be starting to crack, as the story of the horrors he committed goes on.

DRIVING

Let's begin this story with the question - "Where were you between nine and ten this morning?" If you were behind the wheel of your car - you were driving at the safest time of the whole week. So says the Travelers Insurance Company - which as just released a mass of statistics about traffic on the highways.

Most of the figures - are obvious enough. Wednesday morning between nine and ten is safe - because it's the middle of the week, just after the rush to work. Saturday, the most dangerous - because there are more cars on the road.

What about statistics - that aren't obvious? Well - consider this. Traffic fatalities are highest - when the weather is good. Descending - as the weather becomes worse. Last year, on clear days - thirty-three thousand. In rain - three thousand. In snow - nine hundred and twenty. In fog - four hundred and sixty.

DRIVING - 2

So the moral would seem to be - if you're looking
for safety on the highways, drive when it's raining,
snowing, and/^{when}visibility is poor because because of fog.

- in the White House Rose Garden. The recipient,
paying the President a nice compliment - by referring
to him as an old Navy man. In fact, they both were
naval officers - in World War Two. Lt. John Kennedy,
going on to become - U. S. Commander-in-Chief. Jacques
-Eve Cousteau, taking up the underwater exploration -
that today brought him a gold medal from the National
Geographic Society.

This is Larry Luceur - and as Lowell would say -
So long until tomorrow.

MEDAL

The National Geographic gold medal goes to undersea explorer - Jacques Evc Cousteau. As usual, the President of the United States presented the award - in the White House Rose Garden. The recipient, paying the President a nice compliment - by referring to him as an old Navy man. In fact, they both were naval officers - in World War Two. Lt. John Kennedy, going on to become - U. S. Commander-in-Chief. Jacques -Evc Cousteau, taking up the underwater exploration - that today brought him a gold medal from the National Geographic Society.

This is Larry Leseur - and as Lowell would say -

So Long until tomorrow.