

L.T.-OLDS. WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The news that the Dictator of the Dominican Republic has been assassinated - came after a day of rumors and second hand information. Speculation around the world - caused by the tight veil of silence in Ciudad Trujillo.

Now, it's official. President Balaguer, breaking the silence - to say that strong-man Trujillo was cut down last night. Today's announcement spoke of Trujillo as quote "the benefactor of his homeland." It orders nine days of national mourning - for the dictator's death.

I knew Trujillo in the late Twenties, when he was just getting control of his country. He was young, soft spoken, most obliging and courteous - working behind the scenes.

He turned out to be one of the most capable dictators of our time. And he held his power for nearly forty years. An extraordinary achievement for any dictator.

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PARIS

Paris tonight is scintillating - as only the City of Light can be. Picture the historic Elysee Palace - where the French head of state resides. The Elysee, with its ornate splendor of the Eighteenth Century; when it was the private residence - of Madame Pompadour, friend of Louis the Fifteenth. That was before it was taken over by - the people of France.

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Lady's sparkle and charm. President Kennedy, remarking that he wasn't lucky enough to receive his diplomatic training in Paris - as did Franklin and Jefferson.

But - he went on - "I acquired it through marriage, instead." This an adroit reference to Mrs. Kennedy's French ancestry.

TALKS FOLLOW PARIS

Would it be an

~~It seems almost~~ anti-climax to mention ~~that~~

politics were discussed, in Paris today. ~~I guess you know -~~

with ~~what~~ DeGaulle and Kennedy ~~said to one another~~ agreeing ~~it~~

to stand firm - on our rights in West Berlin. *As far* ~~then covering~~

the other world problems, - Laos, Nato, the U N and so on,

~~Both~~ statesmen, *said* ~~declaring~~ that the differences between France

and America are trivial - compared to the areas where we have

a common approach. As President Kennedy put it - "France and

America must face a dangerous challenge together."

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FIRST LADY

Tomorrow morning, one Paris newspaper will run ^a
~~the~~ ^{reading: -} headline [^] "Vive La Belle Jacque!" ~~I guess I don't~~
~~have to translate that, but here it is~~ "Long live beautiful
Jacque!" A ~~nice~~ French way of saying ~~that~~ ^a they're slightly
delirious about - our ~~stunning~~ First Lady. Jacqueline Kennedy,
wildly cheered - whenever she appeared in public today. When
she visited a children's clinic - the gendarmes had to hold
back a crowd of ~~over a~~ ^{aa} thousands. [^] They swarmed around her
car - trying to shake her hand. The First Lady, smiling,
waving - and responding to compliments ⁱⁿ ~~with the~~ French word
"Merci". ~~Meaning "thank you"~~ ^{While} ~~To which~~ the French reply
~~with the~~ ^{ed} shout "vive la belle Jacque!"

TRIAL

The prosecutor ~~is~~ at the treason trial in Paris -
^{not} ~~is~~ calling for the death penalty. Antony Besson, telling
the military tribunal - he reached his decision after a week
of sleepless nights. Finally making up his mind that he
could^{not} ~~not~~ ask for more ~~than~~ than - life imprisonment. He thinks
this ~~punishment~~ would fit the ~~crime~~ crime - committed by Generals
Challe and Zeller. Two leaders of the anti-Gaullist uprising
- in Algeria.

The prosecutor's argument is - that Challe and
Zeller cannot be considered ordinary traitors to their
country. ^{That} They thought they were acting - in the best interests
of France; trying to prevent the disaster that would follow
the loss of Algeria - even though their methods were illegal.
So the prosecutor is taking the line that this particular
treason doesn't ~~■~~ demand anything beyond - life imprisonment.



ADD TRIAL

But the military tribunal was even more merciful than that. Handing down a sentence of - fifteen years. That long for Maurice Challe and Andre-Marie Zeller; who only a few weeks ago were high in the top command of the French army. Then Algeria - their careers ruined. And their freedom.

SOUTH AFRICA

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Tonight the wheel has come full circle - in South Africa. From Boer nationalism to British rule - and back to Boer Nationalism. A political spin - covering more than half a century.

Actually, the remote beginnings can be traced back in history - for three hundred years. Back to the ~~in~~ time when the first Dutch settlers - landed at the Cape of Good Hope. Setting up a white colony. ~~that dominated the African kaffirs, who were moving in from the bush.~~

Then, at the end of the Nineteenth Century - a challenge from another European power. The British, following the line of their African dominion - south from Rhodesia, led by ~~the~~ great empire builder - Cecil Rhodes. Inevitably, a conflict broke out - the Boer War. The time of Krueger and Smuts - for the Boers. ^{Lord} Roberts and ^{Lord} Kitchener - for the British. There were spectacular military feats - like Roberts of Kandahar riding to the relief of Ladysmith. And the Boers under Dewet, terrorizing the rear of the

British Army - in a hit and run campaign.

Of course the Boers lost; and seemed reconciled to the British tie - under the leadership of Marshal Smuts. But Smuts fell from power after World War Two, with Boer Nationalism, rising - like a tide; engulfing the entire cape - and establishing the permanent segregation called Apartheid. The ruthlessness of this leading to - the censure of South Africa at the meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in March. Whereupon, Prime Minister Verwoerd Announced that he was taking his nation out of the Commonwealth. All of which happened today. South Africa, becoming a Republic - amid wild enthusiasm on the part of the Boers. But many South Africans tonight are wondering about their future. A few million British and many million blacks.

BOXING

A former heavyweight champ today told Senate investigators - that boxing needs "a little F B I." Rocky Marciano, admitting that too many criminals have moved into his sport. But insisting - that's no reason to put an end to it. He thinks his "little F B I" could save boxing - by using some FBI methods; including fingerprinting. Dick, Rocky Marciano wants this for all boxers, managers, trainers, and referees - wants their fingerprints.

CAR

~~Down~~ In Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Koss -
~~aren't pressing charges~~ ^{say yes} Oh yes, they know that Vince
~~He says~~ ^{but that} he had to - because he
broke the transmission on his own car. Which isn't the best
kind of defense in court - for an accused auto thief.

So - why are the ~~the~~ owners feeling charitable, ~~well~~,
when they got their car back - they found that something new
had been added. New tires, new floor mats, new slip covers -
even a brand new radio. To top it all- the car had been
~~and~~ completely waxed.

Pilkington explains ^{that} he wasn't going to be seen
driving a jallopy. Even if it did belong - to somebody else,
and s-l-u-t-m.