

SAIGON

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L. T. on New Guinea trip).

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fit this case. How about "Julius Caesar" - act four,
scene three? Cassius says - "A friend should bear his
friend's infirmities".

Maybe that's how Stratford feels - about John
Profumo.

SAIGON

The fantastic crisis in Saigon - shows signs of getting out of control. I say "fantastic" - because of the conditions. South Viet Nam has been Buddhist - almost since the time of Buddha. But now some adherents of "The Light of Asia" - charge that the Catholic government is discriminating against them. And one Buddhist monk burned himself to death in the middle of Saigon - last Monday, in protest.

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BRITAIN

The word from London is that the Prime Minister has no intention of resigning. Which amounts to the kind of left-handed reassurance - that doesn't reassure anybody. Least of all - the loyal backers of the man under fire. Why mention resignation - if it's not a possibility?

The point - is this. Harold Macmillan must be facing stronger criticism from his own Cabinet - than anyone ~~some~~ had suspected. The "no-resignation" statement, issued as a cover-up [for the in-fighting at Number Ten Downing Street.]

One person who seems convinced that Macmillan will survive - is President Kennedy. White House Press Secretary, Pierre Salinger, arrived in Britain today - with news that the Kennedy visit later this month remains on the Presidential calendar.

POLARIS

Even in this age of rockets - there's much excitement in the performance of our biggest nuclear submarine. The "Lafayette" is four hundred and twenty-five feet long - and carries sixteen launching tubes for Polaris missiles. Each missile weighs - ¹⁵ ~~sixteen~~ tons.

Two of them were fired today - as the "Lafayette" cruised seventy-five feet below the surface of the Atlantic. Compressed air, forcing them upward - through the water. The rocket engines, ^{INTO ACTION} exploding_A - as they burst through into the upper air.

Each of the missiles arched above the clouds - and thundered down the Atlantic range. Each landed in the target area - fifteen hundred miles away.

BILL

President Kennedy is going to try to reverse - his worst defeat of the year on Capitol Hill. Subject - Federal ~~xxx~~ aid for depressed areas. The bill was rejected by Congress yesterday - partly due to the civil rights issue. Southern Democrats, lining up with Northern Republicans - in opposition to the Administration.

Mr. Kennedy calls the outcome - "tragic." And promises to send the depressed areas bill back to Capitol Hill - for a second try.

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

*Once again tonight, we're headed south of
the Equator - toward New Guinea and Lowell Thomas.*

Good Evening Everybody, Hello Dick,

I've just been talking to the Australian official who is the top man in these western highlands of Eastern New Guinea. His name Tom Ellis. I asked him of what value he thought it could be to bring the Stone Age tribesmen out of the jungle for the two day celebration that we have been filming. His answer is that for one thing it helps create a new feeling of tolerance. That is, gives the men of one tribe a chance to find out that the fellows of another tribe are not unlike themselves so why be cannibals and eat them. He tells me that there was not a single unpleasant incident during the two-day celebration and that does seem amazing in view of the fact that tens of thousands of bitter enemies have been celebrating together with a lot of stimulation along with it. District Commissioner Ellis adds that his biggest task, that is for himself and the young patrol officers

scattered through the mountains and jungle, is to create in these Stone Age people a new sense of civic responsibility. They never heard of that. He thinks it would be madness to give them what we call independence, now - whatever independence is. He thinks that if Australia is given a free hand and if other nations don't upset things, the U.N. and so on, that it will be possible gradually to improve the economy of Eastern New Guinea, and actually set up a native government that some day will endure. He thinks this should take a minimum of twenty to thirty years, perhaps much longer. New Guinea is not as favorably endowed by nature as some of the other great islands in this part of the world, such as Java and Sumatra. It's on the Equator, has an extremely heavy rainfall. Its mountains are precipitous and the rain washes away the soil which in turn is carried out to sea by New Guinea's great rivers. Considerable gold has been taken out of some of the rushing mountain streams and even some of the

Stone Age men have become rather wealthy as a result of this. As for other minerals, we don't know yet. Quite a few young men have come up into these mountains and have now successfully developed coffee plantations. Producing what is referred to here as the finest coffee in the world. For several days I've been sleeping on the floor of a half built house. The guest of coffee planter, Ian Parsons and his wife Beth. Sleeping in the other corner on the floor has been Clarence Hall, Senior Editor of the Reader's Digest. All the windows not yet screened. Last night Clarence and I fought what we call the battle of the bugs. And you should see a Reader's Digest Senior Editor at Two A.M. leap out of his blankets and start flailing away at the huge beetles that have been disturbing our slumbers.

Tomorrow evening if you are still with me I'll tell you the story of a young American I have just met who came here in connection with the drowning of his brother in a New

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Guinea river. The story is tragic as the tale of Michael
Rockefeller, but a tale even stranger.

Solong,

END OF TAPE

Lowell, I'm quite sure that all of us will
still be with you - tomorrow night.

INTEGRATION

One good thing about the dispatch from Huntsville, Alabama - is that there's almost no news in it. Simply a factual report about David Mack Mc Glathery registering for classes - at the Huntsville branch of the University of Alabama. The mathematician from the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center - cracking segregation, without any fuss at all. No State Troopers, no Federal Marshals, no jeering mob - and no Governor standing in the doorway.

[Maybe they're just up-to-date - in Huntsville, Alabama. Or, as our missilemen call it - "Rocket City, U.S.A."]

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CIVIL RIGHTS

President Kennedy is stepping up his Civil Rights campaign - as a prelude to his legislative proposals on the subject. And no one needs to have his strategy - spelled out. Mr. Kennedy wants to marshal massive support - before Congress begins debating his bill.

The President is playing both sides - of the political street. Conferring with Dwight Eisenhower - and with Harry Truman. Sounding out Congressional leaders - on a bipartisan basis. Speaking to labor leaders - from the ^{NORTH AND THE} ~~South~~ South. Making overtures to everyone who might help the drive toward integration - below the Mason-Dixon Line.

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RIOT FOLLOW CIVIL RIGHTS.

Those passions produced an outburst today -near
the Evers home in Jackson, Mississippi. A procession
of ^{CIVIL RIGHTS} ~~Integration~~ demonstrators - refused
to disperse. Whereupon, the Jackson police - began
rounding them up. Among the casualties, John Salter -
a white professor who was beaten over the head with
a club.