

L.T. - OLDS. FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

The death of Hugh Gaitskell in London is especially poignant - because he might have been the next Prime Minister. The Leader of the Labor Party had been all set to succeed MacMillan - when and if the Socialists won over the Conservatives in the next general election which many British observers believe will be soon. The odds were that he would be Hugh Gaitskell, long the head of the Labor party. Now, there is sure to be a new struggle for power. And the Conservatives are likely to win. All because of the passing of the Labor Leader - a young man, only fifty-six.

KENNEDY

Did you ever donate a thousand dollars to the war chest of the Democratic party? If so you probably are in Washington for tonight's festivities. President Kennedy celebrating - the second anniversary of his inauguration at a dinner attended by well-heeled members of the Democratic faithful. National Guard Armory.

A big night for John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline.

TRIP

An American is going to travel in Europe this spring -- without a stop over in Paris. Seems rather out of character - bypassing the City of Light. But then, John Kennedy is having a little trouble -- with one particular Frenchman. Namely, Charles De Gaulle.

Anyway, for the President and First Lady, this will not be a pleasure jaunt. He will be there -- to lend what prestige he can to Italy and West Germany, the two larger continental nations that are backing British membership in the Common Market.

MARKET FOLLOW TRIP

De Gaulle's present opposition to Britain
doesn't seem any more popular in Europe - than it is
here in America. The other five members of the Common
Market today voted him down, rejecting the proposal from
Paris that negotiations with London be terminated.
Instead, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, Holland, and
Luxembourg - set a date for resumption of negotiations
on January twenty-eighth - allowing ten days more to try
to convince the President of France.

COMMUNISM

Nakita Khrushchev showed some of his reputed
~~his~~ wisdom today - the Soviet leader, absenting himself
- from the Communism conclave in East Berlin. ~~Boycotting~~
Boycotting the speech of the delegate from Red China -
which he knew would be directed against himself.

Khrushchev, preferring the subservience of East German
factory workers - to the diatribe of Wu Hsiu-Chuan.

And, ~~it was a~~ ^{it was.} diatribe, The man from
Peking - castigating the policy of co-existence.
Calling Khrushchev - "a traitor to Marxism - Leninism."
Demanding - a fight to the finish with the western
democracies.

The speech of the Red Chinese delegate -
provoking the rest of the Reds to ~~the~~ cat-calls.
And - ~~the~~ derisive laughter. The split in the
Communist bloc - wider than ever, tonight.

KOWLOON

Peking's criticism of the British administration in Kowloon -- revives memories of romantic days in the South China Sea. The days of the first opium war, which ended in Eighteen Forty-One -- with British possession of Hong Kong, And of the second opium war twenty years later, -- when Her Majesty's forces added the Kowloon Peninsula, across the Strait.

Now, a century later, China's old Manchu Empire is gone. The Red empire in its place. *And* Emperor Mao Tse-Tung ^{is} demanding the return of Kowloon, which actually is an important part of modern Hong Kong. Actually it's where most of the refugees live. It would be a terrific blow to more than a million Chinese if Britain had to give in and let the Reds have Kowloon -- which includes the big Hong Kong international airport!

TUNISIA

The latest dispatch from Tunis - is full of irony. President Bourguiba, calling home - his Ambassador to Algeria. Charging that the Algerian government was implicated in - the plot to assassinate him.

The irony is ~~obvious~~ ^{that} ~~fact~~ The Algerian rebels used Tunisia as a base - during their war against the French ^{and} Bourguiba, staunchly supported Ben Bella - until the rebel leader became the leader of an independent Algeria.

Now, according to Bourguiba - Ben Bella is indulging in ~~something~~ more than Algerian politics.

*He's plotting
to get rid of Bourguiba, his friendly
neighbor!*

REFUGEES

The departure of another group of refugees from Cuba today, was again a matter of ransom. A Red Cross cargo plane flew five tons of medicine and food - to Havana, whereupon, Castro allowed the pilot to fly back to Miami - with ninety Americans who wanted to get away.

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I had intended to take you to the Himalayas tonight to meet the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan refugees. But the news is too heavy, so next week.

INTEGRATION

The latest integration suit by the Justice Department - concerns four defense installations.

The Redstone Arsenal - near Birmingham, Alabama.

The Brookley Air Force Base - near Mobile, Alabama.

The Barksdale Air Force Base - near Shreveport, Louisiana and the Kessler Air Force Base - near Jackson, Mississippi.

Attorney General Robert Kennedy is suing to end segregation in the four areas. (His argument ^{is} that government money and government employees are involved in all of them.)

WEATHER

When ice breakers come to the rescue of hydro-electric power - you might guess the place. The Niagara River - source of the water that eventually ends up in the St. Lawrence. Feeding the vast power plant - run jointly by Canada, and the United States. The plant that produces four million kilowatts - highest in the world.

Since this cold spell began - ice has been forming in the Niagara River, the worst jam since Nineteen three. Today, the ice breakers were out - pushing Niagara icebergs into the main current, and over the Falls to allow the water to reach the power plant on the other side of ~~the~~ Lake Ontario.

Meanwhile, over in Europe, that continent still-like an ice box. In Sweden eagles are flying down from the Scandinavian mountain tops in search of food. Attacking goats and lambs on the farm, Dick, even

carrying off small dogs and cats - from village

streets. Here's an interesting question. Will there

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