

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The uprising in Nepal follows a long period of political unrest. For generations, the great Rana family virtually ruled Nepal - with the King a palace prisoner. The present monarch, King Mahendra - for whose Coronation we took our Cinerama cameras to Kathmandu - succeeded in shaking off the power of the Ranas. He ruled autocratically for a while, tried a fruitless experiment with democracy - and then went back to absolute monarchy.

Naturally young Mahendra stirred up some antagonism. The old partisans of the Ranas, and the new partisans of democracy - both opposing the King. Besides, Red China has been fishing - in troubled waters of Nepalese politics.

Now, apparently - the explosion. Late reports from Kathmandu, indicating - a massive revolt. The

LEAD

rebels, over-running - the foothills of the eastern mountains. King Mahendra, ordering his Army into the province - to launch a counter-attack. With a big battle reported raging tonight - with the towering Himalayas for a spectacular background.

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KENNEDY

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The purpose, ~~as you know~~ to get the administration legislative program rolling. ^{The} President, playing host to congressional leaders - of both parties. The assembled group, trying to hammer out ~~the~~ strategy - for getting top priority bills through Congress.

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President will not propose subsidies. No federal aid - for industries hurt by foreign competition.

How does the upcoming session of Congress look - to the loyal opposition? Senator Dirksen emerged from the White House to tell newsmen - that the G O P reserves the right to criticize the administration. But the Illinois Republican added that he and his colleagues will cooperate with President Kennedy - as far as possible, and when it's in the national interest.

PLANE

The Belgian jetliner forced down in Soviet Armenia - was on a flight from Teheran to Istanbul. The radio compass - suddenly going dead. The pilot, inadvertently crossing the border - into Soviet air space. An easy mistake to make, at ~~that~~^{the} point on the map - where Turkey, Iran and Russia have a common frontier.

The plane, forced down - by Soviet fighters, all on board - said to be safe. Brussels, demanding - their release.

RUSSIANS

~~He~~^{Way out} in Central Asia, the "Forgotten Man" of the Soviet Union - is celebrating his Sixtieth Birthday. Maybe Celebrating isn't quite the word - for Malenkov. Stalin's successor has been in the wilderness - literally and figuratively - ever since Khrushchev ~~toppled~~^{ousted} him from the top spot, four years ago.

Malenkov, banished to a power station - in the Soviet hinterland. Dropping out of sight so completely it was thought ~~that~~ he might be ~~is~~ dead - ~~until~~ Khrushchev attacked him again, at the recent party congress in Moscow. No, Malenkov hasn't much to celebrate about - as he turns sixty.

Nor does his former colleague Molotov - who is back in Vienna. Molotov saved his head - during his visit to Mosoow. But - that was about all. His challenge to Khrushchev - a total failure. The old Bolshevik who worked with Lenin, was reprimanded by the party - then allowed to slip back into the obscurity of his post in Vienna.

ALGERIA

There was no major violence in Algiers today - only because the special security force prevented it.

DeGaulle, hustling in twenty thousand ~~inf~~ soldiers - armed with rifles and tear gas. They maintained control today even though a right wing mob stormed through the streets.

Supporters of the anti-DeGaulle underground, not daring to challenge the Army - although they challenged almost everybody else. Stopping pedestians, making them shout - "Algeria is French!" Car drivers were forced to sound the O A S signal - on their horns.

TRAGEDIES

Winter tragedy in the headlines tonight. That train wreck - in Holland. An express, racing past a warning signal that the engineer didn't see in the fog. Head on into another train. The catastrophic smashup, turning the cars into - a mass of tangled wreckage; littering the tracks - for hundreds of feet. The toll - more than a hundred killed, perhaps another hundred injured!

The second tragedy - a ship collision in the English Channel. This, also - caused by fog. A typical Cannel pea souper, in which a British freighter plowed into a Yugoslav freighter - half its size. Tearing a hole in it's hull so big - it sank within five minutes. Twenty-seven dead in this one.

PRINCE

The death of Prince Max Hohenberg in Vienna - is stirring a lot of memories. Prince Max, the son of - Archduke Franz Ferdinand. That's right - the Emperor's son whose assassination touched off World War One. The Austrian Archduke shot to death at Sarajevo - on June Twenty Eighth, Nineteen Fourteen. The crime, provoking the Austr~~ian~~^{ian}- Serbian conflict that expanded into the rival coalitions of - the central powers against the allies. ~~Those~~ Those pistol shots in Sarajevo, leading to the thunder of the big guns during the four years of World War One.

CAMBODIA

The Prince of Cambodia has come up with - a new idea for international diplomacy. Norodom Sihanouk, proposing - that the diplomats confer at the gambling table. That they worry about the turn of the cards - instead of world politics.

Anyway, the Prince is out to make Cambodia - a place where you can play roulette and twenty-one. The town of Bokar, to become - the Las Vegas of Southeast Asia. Bokar, a cliffside town - overlooking the Gulf of Siam. The jungle behind, the sea in front - and, the gambling tables, ~~all around~~.

Cambodia, legendary home of ~~such~~ exotic ~~things as~~ dancing girls, pagodas and white elephants. Now, ^{to be} the home of those exotic ~~commodities~~ ^{galloping dominoes!} of which you may have heard - cards, and ~~etc.~~

WEATHER

The weather report for the mid-west - ~~more of the~~
~~same~~ Snow - piled on show. Blizzard - following blizzard.
Cities and towns, digging out - again.

Hardest hit - Colorado, ^{with} the biggest snowfall today,
- thirty-six inches, blocking Monarch Pass in the Colorado
Rockies. Denver, immobilized by - another seven inches of
snow. Traffic - at a standstill. Schools and shops - closed.
Snowplows, out - on an around the clock patrol through the
Denver streets.

~~Howling across~~ The great plains - freezing wind,
~~Paralyzing gales~~ ^{at} more than fifty miles an hour - whipping
across the Dakotas, and on into Wyoming and Montana. Near
Butte, the wind blew a bus off the highway - into a snowbank.
Abandoned cars - on the roads ~~in~~ of the midwest? Too many
to count.

^{While parts of}
~~By contrast~~ the East ^{are} having - a mild spell, ^{a thaw.}
^{Southern}
And California, ~~is going through a~~ ^a heat wave. ~~The~~
Thermometer, ^{at} ~~hitting~~ eighty-six in Los Angeles, ^{Dick.}