

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, DEC. 18, 1941.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I am in Fairbanks, Alaska, tonight. It's about 14 minutes before 2:00 in the afternoon up here; and the sun went down 10 minutes ago. We had just 3 hours and 44 minutes of daylight in Anchorage today. Temperature? Quite warm - relatively, and in comparison with areas only a few miles away. It's 21° below at the moment. Warm and balmy compared to what it was when we flew in last night.

More about that after we take a look at the news.

REACTION

The nations of the west are almost unanimous in condemning the Indian invasion of Goa. And the arguments are just about the same everywhere. The free world, stunned by this aggression of Negru - who so often has lectured the rest of us about peace. The philosopher-political leader of Hindustan, who has often told us how the world needs a settlement of international disputes by peaceful means.

That's why one French diplomat calls the Goa incident "a deplorable example of a double standard in New Dehli." In London, the Foreign Secretary told the Commons - that her Majesty's government strongly opposes the Indian action. But he added that Britain cannot support Goa, militarily, against a member of the commonwealth.

In Washington, Secretary of State Auk called in the Indian Ambassador to tell him that we "regret" Nehru's resort to arms. Our policy - to end the fighting as soon as possible.

GOA FOLLOW REACTION

The fighting in Goa has ended. The invading Indian army, over running the Portuguese defenders, who were outnumbered ten to one. Thirty thousand - against three thousand.

The two smaller enclaves of Diu and Damoa went first. They were practically defenseless. Goa, putting up a fight. Governor General DeSilva, deeping his promise to resist. Burning his official documents, blowing up bridges, and resorting to a scorched earth policy. Doing everything he could - to make the Indian army pay a stiff price for Goa. Whatever the price was - the invaders paid it, and tonight are in possession of the former Portuguese territory.

Meanwhile Lisbon is trying to exert diplomatic pressure - for its return. Asking America and the other Western Allies, for support. Taking the issue to the UN. Lisbon, getting this much satisfaction: - that the security council has agreed to debate the Goa controversy.

HISTORY FOLLOW GOA

The fighting in Goa may mean that we are witnessing the end of one of history's most extraordinary achievements. Who could have guessed way back in fifteen ten, that Portugal would hold Goa until Nineteen Sixty one? This is a section of India taken by Alfonso Alburquerque - four and a half centuries ago; twelve years after Vasco daGama rounded the Cape of Good Hope - and blazed the sea route to India.

That was the age of discovery, when little Portugal with only a million people built up a vast colonial empire, all the way from Mosambique in Africa to Macoa in the far east. The Portugease, occupying key spots around the globe - to control world trade. Their greatest monument of course, Brazil. Their most long-lived - Goa! Four-hundred and-fifty years!

Alburquerque encouraged intermarriage with the people of India. Leading up to the Lisbon proclamation of sixteen seven - that the enclave on the coast of India was

an integral part of the homeland. Mainly because of this Portuguese Goa outlasted all the powers that dominated India. The Mongal Emperors came and went. So did the conquering Hills people, the Marathas. And, of course, the mighty British Raj.

Over the centuries, great buildings arose - in Goa. Notably, the Baroque cathedral where they pray before the bones of that sixteenth century missionary, St. Francis Xavier. During its great days, this overseas possession was called Goa Dourada - Golden Goa.

Tonight the troupes of the Indian Republic - are in Golden Goa; adding a new chapter to the history that began in Fifteen-ten, with the great Albuerquerque, and St. Francis.

CONGO

The UN forces in Katanga - are making an all-out effort tonight; believing that they have Tshombe's army on the run. Anxious - to put a quick end to resistance. The fine city of Elizabethville - in ruins. Streets, littered with rubble; derelict automobiles. What used to be government buildings are now empty skeletons with their roofs caved in. The U N, sending out patrols - to prevent looting.

CANDIDATE

The verdict on President Kennedy's trip to Latin America seems to be - a rousing success. The President and the First Lady, receiving an enthusiastic welcome - in Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Colombia. The predicted Left Wing demonstrations not materializing. Mr. Kennedy delivering hard-hitting speeches in favor of the alliance for progress. Loudly applauded when he calls for prosperity and freedom.

The First Lady, as ornamental as ever, greeted with signs reading - "Miss America" and "Beautiful Jackie." To which she responded, by charming the Latin Americans, in their own language, no interpreter - for Jacqueline Kennedy. She learned Spanish at school, and is fluent in it.

Tonight, the President and the First Lady - are in Palm Beach. Breaking the flight back to Washington, and trying to shake off a cold the President picked up during the trip.

FIRE

In Brazil, the suburb near Rio has been proclaimed in a "state of calamity" tonight as a result of yesterday's fire at the circus. The Big Top, going up in flame at the height of the performance. The audience, mainly children - panic stricken; bolting headlong for the exits. A screaming, pushing mass of humanity - with fire raining down on them. Many burned - many more trampled under foot. The toll - over three hundred dead. Six hundred injured.

There's an ironic twist. None of the circus animals were hurt; because they had finished their act with the clowns and tumblers, just coming on when the terrifying cry of fire was heard.

AVIATION

The aviation award for Ninteen sixty one goes to
- "Mr. Aviation." Some daring pilot - like Bernt Balchen,
the Viking of the Sky? Or Major Bob White - of X-15 fame?

No. Our "Aviation man of the year" never did any-
thing spectacular in a plane. But he has been a leader
in the fight - to make aviation a major industry.

Senator Mike Monroney, Chief sponsor of aviation
bills - in Congress. The Oklahoma Democrat, realizing
that flying had a future - back when it was something for
a daredevil. As aviation editor of the Oklahoman News.
As soon as he arrived on Capitol Hill, he introduced a
bill that set up the Federal Aviation Agency. Also, the
Federal Aid to Airports Act.

ARCHEOLOGY

Those Indian remains in California's Central Valley are so old, no one knows what tribe they belong to. These remains, dating back Fifteen hundred years. A pre-historic burial ground - covered by the debris of centuries. The existence of the burial ground, unknown to the Pacific Coast Indians who were living there - when the white man arrived; only coming to light by accident today - when they were drilling for oil in the central valley.

The archeologists say this find could revolutionize our knowledge of pre-Columbian America.

Now - before I talk about Alaska - back to N.Y. to Dick Noel.

FAIRBANKS

My wife and I flew in to Fairbanks last night to find the temperature about 50° below. The coldest in thirty-three years, according to Bill Snedden, pub - of the News-Miner, who met us along with former governor Mike Stepovitch, aviation pioneer Noel Wien, and Mayor Ribar - and their wives.

Winter warfare expert, Peter Gabriel, from Ft. Greeley, an old ski companion, tells me the lowest temperature ever recorded here in the heart of Alaska was 75° below. 50 is plenty cold! Brrr. But I like it. Wish I had another 10 minutes to tell you about our flight here from Seattle. We couldn't land by jet here at Fairbanks because of an ice fog - only 100 feet deep - that hung over the air port and city. A rare thing. Only three in the years since the years since the W.W. But we had to fly an extra 600 miles - to Anchorage, change to a propellor plane - then back here to this

winter paradise. It is for me. I like snow, and winter
- as you may have heard me say before. And now from
K.F.R.B. - Fairbanks, Alaska - S-L-U-T-M.