

ALGERIA

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One of the most colorful chapters of modern history comes to an end - over the ~~week~~ weekend. Sunday's referendum on an Algerian Algeria - writing finis to the epic of French Algeria. The final page of a story that began - in Eighteen Twenty Seven. Remember how the Bey of Algiers flicked his feather fan - in the face of the French Consul? An insult, that brought a French expeditionary force - across the Mediterranean? Beginning the campaign that ~~was~~ made Algeria - legally a part of metropolitan France?

Dramatic events followed - as the French pushed south into the desert. Their regular army - ~~was~~ couldn't stand the sun and the sand. So Paris formed a new outfit, made up of anonymous men from all parts of Europe - the celebrated French Foreign Legion. Based on Sidi Bel Abbes, manning lonely outposts across the Sahara - the Legionnaires became legendary desert fighters. They produced enough material for dozens of novels - including P.C. Wren's masterpiece - "Beau Geste."

The Legionnaires, ~~were~~ the backbone of French Algeria - until DeGaulle came to power. Then started - the trend toward a new era in North Africa. The final step - DeGaulle's referendum. The Moslem majority, sure to vote for - an Algerian Algeria. About to slip into history, French Algeria - taking with it the extraordinary force that served it so well for over a century. Taps - for the French Foreign Legion.

## AFRICA

Now for the story of Urundi and Burundi. As if international affairs weren't complicated enough - those two names stand for the same place. Urundi the Belgian territory in Africa - East of the Congo, bordering on Tanganyika and Uganda, near Lake Victoria. Burundi, the independent state into which Urundi will evolve on Sunday - when the Belgians officially hand over their authority.

Actually, it's a double ceremony - because the neighboring territory of Ruanda becomes independent at the same time. Ruanda, doing us a favor by keeping its old name - becoming the Republic of Ruanda. Urundi making that one letter change - becoming the Monarchy of Burundi.

And the monarch is causing - some confusion of his own. King Mwambutsa the Fifth - taking over as sovereign. You'd think he'd be - King Mwambutsa the First. But his family dynasty continued under Belgian rule - so he brings a royal tradition to the throne of Burundi.

Ominously, Sunday is the second anniversary of - the independence of the former Belgian Congo. And the fear is that Ruanda-Burundi - might degenerate into the same chaos. Leave another squalling baby - on the doorstep of the U N. Key to the situation - the Watutsi, the giant tribesmen who once ruled as overlords in Central Africa. Warbands of the Watutsi are said to be gathering in the jungle - threatening to invade their old stamping ground.

Most of the European population - already gone. The rest - pausing to see what happens. Ready to get out in a hurry, should another Congo erupt - in Ruanda-Burundi.

RUSK

Before President Kennedy left for Mexico with the First Lady - he had a conference at the White House with his Secretary of State. Dean Rusk, just back from that ten day tour of Europe - offering an appraisal of our relations with our allies. The Rusk appraisal, termed - "moderately optimistic."

Britain, West Germany and Italy - in general agreement with our foreign policy. France - less enchanted. DeGaulle, refusing to budge from his plan for - a French nuclear deterrent, ~~And~~, still advocating - a tougher allied stand in Berlin.

Least happy of all - Portugal. The Portuguese ~~are~~ still smarting over - the Angola question, Washington, voting against Lisbon ~~in~~ in the U N. Making Salazar more difficult to deal with - on such mutual interests as those American air bases in the Azores.

## MEXICO

When the President and First Lady arrived in Mexico, - what did they hear? One section of the immense crowd, chanting "Kennedy, Kennedy, rah, rah rah!" Like cheer leaders - at a Harvard football game. There were "oles" too - and "vivas". Much shouting and singing. Led by - President and Mrs. Lopez Mateos. When the Kennedys came down the ramp - bands played, flags waved, an honor guard snapped to attention; - and, the usual twenty-one gun salute.

Said John Kennedy to Lopez Mateos - "Mr. President, I salute you and your country." Then he made a brief speech - about the friendship between the two good neighbors. And he mentioned that his last time in Mexico, he was on his honeymoon.

For ten miles the two Presidents and their wives rode between wildly cheering crowds - held back by soldiers of the Mexican army. Crowds, estimated at -

two million. Largest ever, in the history of Mexico City - for a visiting dignitary.

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# POLITICS

~~The rearing welcome so generously extended by the people of Mexico - is being taken as a good political omen.~~

~~Which reminds us -~~ <sup>But</sup> ~~that~~ this is not a pleasure jaunt for President Kennedy. ~~He feels that some fence mending is in order -~~ <sup>and</sup> he and President Mateos will be discussing some thorny problems, <sup>including</sup> ~~among them -~~ <sup>Castro's</sup> Cuba. The Mexican government has adopted a "hands off" policy - toward the bearded dictator. And <sup>has</sup> ~~sometimes~~ appeared to be favoring - the Castro revolution, ~~that turned into a Communist revolution.~~

Still, Lopez Mateos is <sup>referred to as a</sup> ~~a strong~~ democrat - and the word from Mexico City is that a common approach to the hemisphere should be possible. Mateos, as anxious as Kennedy - to make a success of the alliance for progress.



## ROCKET

The minuteman rocket was fired today - as a military exercise. An Air Force team, taking over from the scientists - at Cape Canaveral. Launching the minuteman - under simulated battle conditions. The missile, thundering up from - its underground silo. Arching into the sky - and down the Atlantic Range. Hitting a target - almost three thousand miles away.

Success for a key weapon in our rocket arsenal -

the minuteman:

BABY

In London, photographer Mark Henrie is looking for - a baby's photograph. Doesn't seem as if - he'd have much trouble. Most parents, falling all over themselves - to get junior's picture in the paper.

Ah, but Mark Henrie is looking for - the ugliest baby in the world. The photographer, soliciting candidates for the title. Asking Mom and Dad to send ~~in~~ in - snapshots of their offspring. That is - if they consider him ugly enough to qualify. *So far no luck. A top London*

~~For some obscure reason, this appeal is meeting sales resistance. The remarkable spectacle of a top~~  
photographer, advertising for baby pictures - and not getting a single one. *Any suggestions, Dick!*

FIRST LADY

*In Mexico City*

^ The word for the First Lady <sup>from the USA</sup> in her brilliant green costume - "fluorescent." I've never heard a young lady called by that ~~electronic term~~ before - "fluorescent."

But Jacqueline Kennedy seems to have exhausted - all the superlatives in the dictionary.

~~Still, old Mexico has a word - for our First Lady. The word "Linda" - "beautiful,"~~ Their hit song - "Linda Jacqueline" - echoing everywhere in Mexico City, tonight.

The highest possible compliment to the American beauty - who has caught the eye of the Mexican population, masculine and feminine, "Linda Jacqueline."

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