

L. T. OLDS, FISHER. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1963

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Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge used to represent the United States in the United Nations -- and we often watched him in action as a two fisted spokesman when the Soviets attacked American policy . So closely did the country watch him that his performance on issues like the U.2 affair -- the RB-47 -- and others won him a place on the Republican ticket in 1960. Mr. Lodge is recently back in government service as an Ambassador - now in South Vietnam -- but today he spoke out as he had in the old days. He zeroed in on Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu - the so called Dragon Lady of South Vietnam. On a world tour, Madame Nhu told a news conference in Rome last week that American junior officers in Viet Nam are "irresponsible little soldiers of fortune". The Ambassador's reply today in Saigon -- the remark was cruel

and insulting. Junior officers, Lodge added, have been risking their lives every day - and some of them have been killed. As the Ambassador put it - they should be thanked, not insulted. Still in Europe, Madam Nhu stuck to her guns. The sister-in-law of President Diem brushed aside Lodge's remarks and declared that there are adventurers and saboteurs within the officers' ranks - opposing Washington policy. That claim by Madam Nhu may bring a counter claim from another American corner. Defense Secretary McNamara is touring South Viet Nam to determine how the fight against the communists is going.

SPAIN

The United States and Spain today renewed their agreement to maintain American military bases in Spain for another five years. In exchange, we will continue economic aid to the Spanish government. In Several Agreements signed in New York this evening both governments reaffirmed their friendship and mutual trust - and say that a threat to either country will move the other to take appropriate action - a phrase which falls just short of being a guarantee.

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

From Lowell Thomas tonight, the story of a
man and his adventures - in the days of the sailing
schooner. Lowell

SKIPPER

HELLO DICK, GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

As I go rolling down- I mean, flying down to Cape Town here's a question that's easy to answer. What man is more interesting than a Down East skipper - a man who went to sea in the days of sailing ships. The answer - nobody.

I always like to tell about unusual people. For example, take Captain Harold Foss of Hancock, Maine. He's the subject of a pen portrait by Isabel Currier - in Down East.

When the subject of the study was born - that was eighty one years ago - then Maine specialized in schooners. And, in the sailors who could really handle them. Harold Foss' father had an interest in a number of sailing ships. So, young Harold was on the High Seas before his tenth birthday. A cruise to Cuba - one he never forgot. Because it put salt water in his blood.

He mastered the sextant, along with the other nautical instruments - and still in his teens, off he went to sea before the mast. He wasn't twenty - when he shipped as a mate. After that, it was up in the rigging - that is up in the rigging until he became the master of a schooner.

What a thrill! You can feel it as he reminisces about the "John Paul" raising anchor, catching the breeze in her sails - scudding out into the Atlantic, bound for the Gold Coast - on this continent over which I am now flying. Three times he made that same voyage to the Gold Coast. Each time returning with a cargo of palm oil. After that, he handled bigger and bigger windjammers - operating out of Boston and Nantucket. Heading into the salt spray of the great oceans of the world.

But the development of steam foretold the end of a glamorous era. During World War One - Skipper Harold Foss handled a transport. During World War Two he was in command

of a Liberty ship. The first to enter a Japanese port - after the surrender.

Now he lives in retirement in Hancock, Maine - surrounded by his paintings and replicas of the ships he sailed. Not all of them. He'd need a museum for that. And, the skipper puts it this way - in a nut shell. Says he: "I spent sixty-three years at sea - fifty-seven as a Master - almost equally divided between sail and steam."

Which would he choose - today? "Ah, I'd be the master of a sailing vessel" - says eighty-one year old Harold Foss, the Skipper from Down East. I wonder what he'd think about this giant plane in which we are roaring at six hundred miles an hour from the top of Africa to Cape Town.

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VALACHI

A convicted dope peddler and murderer - with a criminal record stretching back 45 of his 60 years - took his first walk in public in more than a year today. Joseph Valachi left his heavily guarded jail cell to appear before a closed session of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee. His guards wait with him - as Valachi gave what Senators called - "frank and unrestrained testimony on the vast crime syndicate called "Cosa Nostra". Much of his testimony will be repeated tomorrow in a public hearing. But some of what he told today - said subcommittee chairman John McClellan - will be kept secret for the present.

DOMINICAN

A three-man provisional government is running the Dominican Republic tonight - taking the place of Juan Bosch, who was ousted from the Presidency by military leaders yesterday. Bosch and his cabinet members are still under arrest in the Presidential Palace in Santo Domingo, and the ex-President has said he will not leave the country voluntarily. He's accused of being easy on communists, and leading the Dominican Republic into a chaotic state. There were scattered, small-scale street disorders in Santo Domingo today - protesting the coup. An estimated 100 persons have been arrested, and the police kept up their hunt for persons suspected of being communists.

VATICAN

The second session of the Ecumenical Council

convenes in Vatican City this Sunday - with one

innovation designed to relieve embarrassment. An

Electric buzzer has been installed in the huge debating

hall of St. Peter's Basilica. It's sharp ring to notify

Catholic prelates that their 10 minute speaking limit

is up. Last Fall, the presiding Cardinal had to call

out the warning - in Latin. It's felt the buzzer will

serve as a far more impersonal warning.