

L.T. -OLDS. THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Secretary of Defense went over to the
Office today - on Capitol Hill. Secretary McNamara,
appearing before - the House Armed Services committee
to explain why he's against the B-70 program advocated
by some members of Congress. McNamara's argument is -
that we couldn't have a fleet of B-70's before Nineteen
Sixty Seven, and, by that time - they might be obsolete,
outmoded - by rockets. So he's against any crash
program - for the B-70.

JOBS

The bill signed by the President today -
is intended to cut unemployment. Cut it, by training
men and women on relief rolls, to handle new jobs.
This, to take up the slack caused by - automation,
dwindling markets, and so on. The individuals
involved to be given free vocational training -
plus as much as five dollars a day for expenses.

Duration of the program - three years. Cost -
four hundred and thirty five million dollars.

CONFERENCE

At Geneva today - both sides agreed - that disarmament is desirable. But the west continues to insist on a fool proof inspection system - to prevent either side from cheating. The Russians term that "espionage" - and still wont agree even to modified inspection. Gromyko wants us to trust Khrushchev - who, as Secretary Rusk ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ pointed out, in Geneva, already has broken his word by violating the atomic test ban.

The news is light tonight, ^{and} ~~so~~ I am going to see if we can pick up a voice from the North Pole. Two nights ago I mentioned a New York Herald Tribune story by the well known Washington columnist, Marguerite Higgins. She reported that eleven American scientists, my son, Lowell Jr. and six polar bear, were adrift on an ice island, ~~was~~ ^{far} out in the Arctic Ocean, heading into waters claimed by the Russians. Now, if all goes well! - where are you, what's going on up there near the Pole? Tell us about it, Lowell.

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FOLLOW L T JR

Nothing tropical about the spot where I am tonight, Lowell. In fact, it's one of your favorite places, Stowe, Vermont. I may not be afloat on an ice island, but I have been floating on snow that was like satin.

I'd like to be with you on that ice island. But, next best is right where I am - in the snow - at Stowe! — Now Dick, wherever you are —

ALGERIA

An American in Algiers made the remark today -

"I like St. Valentine's Day in Chicago." Remember - the St. Valentine's Day massacre? The Capone mob lining up seven members of the Bugs Moran mob - cutting them down with machine guns.

And something like that happened today - in Algiers. Gunmen of the right wing underground - bursting into a conference of Social Service workers, wiping them out with a burst of machine gun fire.

FIRST LADY

Two famous beauties got together today - in Agra, India. Feminine beauty - and architectural beauty. Meaning, of course, Jacqueline Kennedy and the Taj Mahal.

The Taj - ~~often~~ called the world's most beautiful building. Built by the Mogul Emperor - Shah Jehan, ^{ca} a mausoleum for his beautiful wife, Mumtaz Mahal, [^] in the Seventeenth Century - when the mighty mogul empire included most of Hindustan.

The architecture of the Taj, Moslem. The decorations - Hindu. Hence the saying - "the moguls built like titans, and finished like jewelers."

The First Lady, was particularly impressed by the delicate art work; ^{also} ~~and~~ - the echo from the Central dome, when a bearded ~~Moslem~~ priest chanted the words - "Allahu Akbar!" "God is great," echoing again and again. Allahu Akbar - Allahu Akbar -
~~And s-l-u-t-m,~~
~~"We inspiring," said the visitor from~~
~~Washington. Even as you and I.~~