

L.T. SUSTAINING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1967

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Political crisis in the Middle East again at fever pitch tonight. Following a public threat from the militant Palestine Liberation Organization, to send its brigade ~~and~~ ^{into} Jordan -- to overthrow King Hussein.

PLO radio in Cairo, asserting that the Arab fanatics would strike simultaneously at the palaces of the King -- and the homes of his cabinet members in a bid to bring down the monarchy.

VIETNAM

From Saigon -- a postscript today to that big air battle over North Vietnam; the one where American jets downed seven MIG Twenty-One's yesterday. Without a single loss of their own.

Airforce General William Momyer -- saying that the air clash was not a chance encounter, as first presumed; but rather the result of a deliberate MIG hunt -- as the first step in a drive to destroy the North Vietnamese Airforce.

The General stopping short of calling the battle an escalation of the war. Admitting, however, that it was prompted in part -- by the sudden appearance of Communist aerial reinforcements -- from the Soviet Union.

DETROIT

The Big Four of the U.S. auto industry -- united as one today; in opposition to proposed Federal safety standards -- for Nineteen-Sixty-Eight model cars. Ford, Chrysler and American Motors joining General Motors -- in arguing that many of the suggested standards are just not feasible in the time allowed. American Motors stating: In particular, that the proposed standards -- "in their present form -- would prohibit the company from marketing its Nineteen-Sixty-Eight models." All saying they would have to shut down.

Doctor Haddon of the New National Traffic Safety Agency; is now thinking it over.

WASHINGTON

Harlem Congressman, Adam Clayton Powell, the target of a barrage of charges today from a House Investigating Sub-Committee; including a finding that he and a pretty secretary -- took a number of trips together: Under assumed names -- and also at taxpayers expense.

The Sub-Committee further filing eight recommendations -- with its parent Administration Committee. The most stringent of which was immediately put into effect.

Committee Chairman Burleson of Texas -- ordering removal of Powell's estranged wife from the Congressional approval list; for violation of a law that requires Congressional employees -- to work either in Washington or in a member's home state. Mrs. Powell -- lives in Puerto Rico.

DALLAS

A tearful woman -- sister of Jack Ruby today announced his death -- in the same hospital where President Kennedy died; where Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald also breathed his last -- just three years ago.

But a victim at last, of cancer. His sister -- Mrs. Eva Brant -- reporting that he went to sleep; "died peacefully." Said she: "One of Ruby's final acts -- was to deny any part ^{of} in any conspiracy to kill Oswald;" in a tape recorded secretly in his hospital room.

MOSCCW

Behind the Iron Curtain -- one of the last of the old Bolshivicks was buried today in the Kremlin Wall.

Miss Yelena Stasova --laid to rest with full military honors; befitting a national hero -- which she was.

Yelena Stasova -- a member of the Revolutionary movement -- as early as Eighteen-Ninety-Eight. Eventually becoming First Secretary of the Communist party's Central Committee -- the highest rank ever attained by a Soviet woman. A post she held till Nineteen-Twenty -- when Josef Stalin took over and began using the position of First Secretary as the power base for building his dictatorship.

In the years that followed -- Miss Stasova was frequently at odds with Stalin -- but hse was never purged from the party. Instead she is said to have used her considerable influence -- to save many who found themselves suddenly on Stalin's personal liquidation list.

In the end -- Miss Stasova surviving to see many of Stalin's policies completely repudiated. Living the last years of her life -- as a respected member of the Soviet hierarchy. Her death -- finally -- at Ninety-Three.

LESOTHO

The Kingdom of Lesotho in Southern Africa -- less than three months a sovereign nation -- and already the scene of bloody revolt. Some Fifty supporters of King Moshoeshoe the Second today attacking a provincial police station with spears, axes and guns. This in a follow up to riots of last week -- that left at least Eleven dead.

Today's demonstrators -- and those of a week ago -- protesting the King's arrest by Premier Leabuea Jonathan; pending a meeting of Lesotho's senior tribal chiefs -- who have the power under Lesotho law to dethrone the Monarch. The situation brought to a head -- when Moshoeshoe ignored an ultimatum from the chiefs -- either to quit politics or abdicate.

Lesotho -- formerly the British colony of Basutoland; achieving its independence in colorful ceremonies only last October. But still to come to grips with its greatest problem; the fact that it is completely surrounded -- by the white ruled union of South Africa.

ESKIMO LAKES

The dual nature of man -- who can be the best and the worst of God's creatures -- a riddle that has occupied scholars and philosophers for all ages. And now -- a new page to ponder.

The story -- from an area known as the Eskimo Lakes -- in the Canadian Arctic, where Seventeen Beluga white whales -- have been land-locked by an early freeze. The ice slowly closing in on the great whales -- who must surface every ten or fifteen minutes to breathe. It finally came to where they were clustered around a single water hole -- measuring at one time only about four feet by five feet.

Luckily though -- the whales' plight was reported last week on Canadian television. And a massive effort has just begun -- to save these mammoths of the sea from almost certain death.

Power saws have been flown to the site -- to enlarge the water hole. Special equipment is also on the way --

to melt the ice. And a base camp has been set up near the water hole -- with two way radio to coordinate rescue efforts. At the same time -- a Save-The-Whales-Campaign is under way at the nearby community of Inuvik. They are scrounging around to get enough food to keep them alive until the spring thaw. All this noble effort -- apparent proof positive of human concern -- for every living creature. Until you remember one thing. Once free -- then the whales will be fair game -- for whaling fishermen from all over the world. Commercial fishermen -- who have already driven the whale to the brink of extinction. Thus another irony -- in the strange casebook of "Man The Magnificent" -- Man the Marauder."

LONDON

This next -- perhaps destined to become the understatement of the year -- or the New Year. It comes from London -- where Dulwich College today offered a reward of only Twenty-Eight-Hundred-dollars in the case of one of the greatest art robberies in history.

Dulwich explaining the meager sum -- by saying it was "in a very tight position financially." At that -- a spokesman for the college emphasizing -- that the money was not to be considered a ransom for the stolen paintings. Nor was the college interested in who stole them -- said he. The money would be paid out -- he went on -- only for save return of the art treasure.

The stolen paintings -- Eight in all, you may recall; including three Rubens -- three Rembrandts -- one Adam Elsheimer -- and one Gerand Dou. Said to be worth roughly about -- Eight and One-Half-Million dollars. Which makes the reward offer -- the equivalent of about Three Hundredth of a cent -- per dollar value of the paintings.

JAKARTA

President for Life Sukarno of Indonesia -- that is, he was -- but has been long since reduced to the role of a figurehead in the Indonesian government -- still can't be counted out. Some of his anti-Western policies ~~is~~^{are} are still going strong -- as demonstrated by a story today from Jakarta.

Western newsmen reporting a renewed government campaign -- against Indonesian youngsters who wear Beetle-style hairdoes and British style "mod clothes." The so-called "Beetle roundup" -- netting at least One-Hundred-Fifty teen-aged boys over the past week.

The youngsters then are "de-Beetlized" -- by special army units; who strip them of their Western garments and clip their hair -- before turning them loose. The process leaving the Beetle immitators looking more like sad sacks -- and solong until tomorrow.