

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Paris Stock Exchange - the Bourse - was smashed by a time bomb today - only twelve minutes after trading ended. A plastic bomb, left in a washroom - going off with a shattering blast, tearing through walls - a foot thick; pulverizing - the corridor partitions; blowing window frames - into the street; breaking - scores of window panes. The toll - fourteen injured.

Paris police say the bomb outrage was the work of - Rightwing Algerians; French settlers, trying to stymie DeGaulle's plan - for a permanent settlement, for - an Algerian Algeria.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy is back in the White House - preparing for tomorrow's meeting with Prime Minister Macmillan. ~~Our chief executive,~~ flying in from Palm Beach - after ending his holiday. Plunging into conferences - with his advisors. Reading the latest dispatches from - Laos, Cuba, the Congo, and so on. Not forgetting problems closer to home - like the state of our economy.

At the same time, the Secretary of State was meeting with - the British Foreign Secretary. Dean Rusk and Lord Home, preparing the groundwork - for the meeting of their chiefs tomorrow.

CUBA

America's protest to Cuba reached Havana - by way of Berne, Switzerland. Taking the roundabout route because the Swiss are representing us in Cuba - now that we no longer have diplomatic relations with Castro. Berne had to instruct it's Havana Embassy - to ~~ix~~ deliver the American note. Subject - the schooner intercepted by a Cuban gunboat in international waters. Washington, demanding that Castro stop harassing our ships - on the high seas.

Meanwhile, the Cuban dictator has agreed to release an American and a Canadian - who were in a small plane forced down by fighters of the Cuban air-force. Linden Blue of Denver and Don Swenson of Canada are on their way home - after spending a month in a Cuban jail, *with no real* ~~Castro didn't have any~~ charge against them, - ~~that he could make stick.~~

What about the American "position paper" - on

Cuba? The one calling on Castro - to break his ties with Communism? Give Cuba the liberties - he once promised? ~~Well,~~ now no one expected the Dictator - to ~~agree~~ to that. ~~But it's doubtful that anyone in Washington - thought he would.~~ The real point is that our "position paper" is getting a favorable reception - in most of Latin America. The general feeling south of the border seems to be that our indictment states this hemisphere's case against Castro - in a ~~very~~ convincing way.

Especially that reference to - the Cuban revolution devouring it's children; Castro, shooting or forcing into exile - the Liberals ^{who} began as his loyal supporters. They fought for the freedom he promised - only to become disillusioned with his Communist-style police state.

LAOS

Vientiane reports - the Soviet airlift, still active in Laos. Today dropping Communist paratroopers at Vang Vieng - a key strongpoint, sixty-five miles north of the capital city. ~~The maneuver,~~ threatening to cut off - government troops in the area. The Reds, pushing their drive to seize as much Laotian territory as possible - before the peace talks begin.

CONGO

That incident at the Elizabethville airport - could have been one of the ugliest since the Congo crisis erupted. A detachment of U N troops from Sweden were on guard at the airport - when ten thousand natives of Katanga Province attacked them. The mob, armed with machetes, iron bars, and muzzle-loading rifles - overpowered the Swedes, who refused to fire in self-defense. The Katanga followers of Premier Tshombe - cut telephone lines and smashed windows. ~~They~~ hauled down the U N flag, tore it to shreds - and handed the shreds around as ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ souvenirs.

The U N soldiers ^{might} ~~would probably~~ have been massacred - if the ~~XX~~ Katanga police hadn't arrived ^{in time} to save them. Then came word from Tshombe - that authority at the airport was to be dual. The military command - to his Katanga army. The civilian command - to the U N. ^R That's the situation - in Elizabethville. An uneasy ^q ~~quite~~ falling over the city - after a riot that stopped just short of mayhem and mass murder.

SOCIETY

The Speaker of the House calls on the American people - to stop the spread of the John Birch Society. Sam Rayburn, speaking in McKinney, Texas - termed the controversial organization "subversive." Mr. Sam, pointing out that Founder Robert Welch - has been making some rather indiscriminate charges of Communism. Aiming his charges - at key men in our public life. Allen Dulles of the C.I.A., for example - and the late John Foster Dulles. Former President Eisenhower? Oh, Welch doesn't call Mr. Eisenhower a "Red" - just a dupe of the Reds.

Today, Speaker Say Rayburn castigated the movement - as an enemy of American freedom. Adding - we all should beware of the John Birch Society.

RACKETEER

The Immigration Service has deported the man often called - "the kingpin of Louisiana's rackets." Carlos Marcello, returned by plane - to Guatemala. For years, Marcello has been a familiar figure - on the New Orleans waterfront. Said to control everything - from vice to gambling. ~~He was~~ caught ^{ed.} on a narcotics charge, ^{now} ~~The penalty -~~ deportation.

SINGER

A popular singer ~~has just been~~ given a year in jail -
for contempt of Congress. Pete Seeger - who's made a mint of
money belting out folk songs. ~~the trouble is that~~ *However* he warbled a
different tune - before Senate investigators. Refusing to say
whether he was once a member - of the Communist Party. The
only words Pete Seeger could remember were - "I refuse to
answer on the ground that it might tend to ~~incriminate~~ ^{incriminate} me."
The judge, then joining the chorus - with the aria "One year."

SHIP

The newest thing in the American Merchant Marine - flying ships. Or maybe I should say - hydrofoil ships.

"Hydrofoil" - something like an airplane wing. Two hydrofoils on either side of a ship's hull - will lift it clear of the water. The same principle by which the wings of a plane ^{lift it} ~~lift it~~ through air pressure.

Our government announces a program for building - a number of hydrofoil ships. One - a ferry scheduled for the New York-to-Bermuda run. Length of the ferry - a hundred and four feet. Weight - eighty tons. ~~But she'll be~~ ^Able to do - ninety miles an hour; ~~she~~ because of her - hydrofoils.

GOLF

How about a golfing story? The place - Palm Beach. The golfer - the President of the United States. President Kennedy finally allowing the cameras to record his form - with a golf club. Twice he stepped up to the tee - and hammered his golf ball down the fairway. The first drive - a hundred and fifty yards. The second - a few yards farther.

Sounds alright? Ah, but here's the point: - President Kennedy drove both shots down the wrong fairway. Hooking them in a strong wind.

The gallery sympathetic as the President Kennedy lowered his head, and hurried off the tee to get away from the crowd. The President of the United States - helped by the wind - hooks two way off where they weren't supposed to go - even as you and I, Dick!

JOHNSON

Shall we rise?
~~Let's all stand~~ and sing - "The Eyes Of Texas
Are Upon You?" ~~Salute to~~ the Texan - who ~~sure~~ has
the eyes of Senegal on him? Lyndon Johnson, *continues* ~~still~~
to make a ~~making a big~~ hit - in that new ~~nation of~~ *country,* West Africa.
Today, the American Vice President was speechifying
and shaking hands - with as much vigor, as if he were
politicking back in the Lone Star State. The Senegalese
people - loving it. Also - the other delegations. Even
the Russian delegate, *said to be* impressed by - the tall Texan who
represents us on Senegal's Independence Day.