

L.T.-OLDS. Thurs. Feb. 7 - '63.

KENNEDY

When President Kennedy opened his news conference today - his audience had three particular ^{matters} ~~problems~~ on their minds: - The so-called three C's - Cuba, Canada, and the Common Market.

Cuba. The President believes that Secretary McNamara proved his point - that the offensive weapons are gone from the island. Our surveillance continuing - to be sure that Khrushchev doesn't send them back. ^{As far} ~~As far~~ ^{Castro} ~~Castro~~, the bearded dictator is discredited - according to all of our intelligence reports. The Soviet missiles alienating ~~the~~ ^S Latin American - who used to support him. ^V The Common Market. President Kennedy simply repeated ^{his} ~~our~~ stand in favor of the Atlantic Alliance, ^{in favor} ~~and~~ of British membership - in the European union. The two

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great blocs - to collaborate to withstand
red aggression. Any other course ^{said he, would be} dangerous
to all the free world.

Canada. President Kennedy ^{side-stepped this and} didn't get into
the dispute that caused the fall of the
Government in Ottawa. But he did say - that
we must treat our ~~xxxx~~ allies as allies,
And keep them aware - that we consider them
equals in a full ~~xxxxxx~~ partnership.

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EUROPE

De Gaulle bans Khrushchev - from French television. Khrushchev was supposed to be shown in a filmed interview. But he poured out too much propaganda for De Gaulle who also doesn't like the recent Soviet note - concerning Franco-German accord.

While Khrushchev is banned from France on film - Princess Margaret is staying away in person; calling off her visit because of the De Gaulle veto of British membership in the Common Market.

Chancellor Adeneuer said today that De Gaulle will allow the Common Market negotiations to be resumed - as soon as the France-German accord is ratified in Paris and Bonn.

BUS

Before I say so long from Canada, here's a story from Waitangi, New Zealand; Maori country on the North Island, where I was only a few weeks ago. A bus load of Maoris had just been to see the Queen. They had been to Auckland - taking part in the welcoming ceremonies for Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Driving back home they were laughing and singing - until the brakes of the bus gave way on a steep curve. The bus careering over a cliff. Toll - 15 dead - 21 injured.

MONA_LISA

Here's an interesting opinion - of the
Mona Lisa. "It's not the smile - it's the eyes".

Who said that? Some famous art critic?

This critic's name is Joe Lasky - he drives
a cab in New York. Joe waited four hours - outside
the Metropolitan Museum of Art, determined to be at
the head of the line - when Leonardo's masterpiece
went on display. He says he felt stunned - when he
saw it. Joe the Cabby bowled over not by the smile,
Dick, but by those Mona Lisa eyes.

SPY

Another espionage case in Australia - like something out of Edgar Wallace. A Soviet spy, a feminine intelligence agent, secret meetings in back rooms - and messages in invisible ink. A lady from Downunder leading on a gentleman from behind the Iron Curtain.

Photos taken by Australian Intelligence, show Ivan Skripov giving her money for what she told him was -- classified information. So Skripov is on his way home - from Canberra.

On tape tonite, I'm still in India, but no longer in the Himalayas.

Nehru's most caustic critic, here in India, these days, is his old political adversary, Acharya Kripalani, who also happens to be head of the Tibetan refugee Committee in India. He has long been bitter over Nehru's attitude toward Tibet, and thinks it was a tragedy that Nehru did nothing fourteen years ago to keep the Chinese Reds from over-running the land of the Dalai Lama. Dr. Kripalani constantly reminds you of how Nehru so often called Tibet "that region of China". Kripalani agrees with the Dalai Lama and many others that Tibet was an independent country, that its people are not related to the Chinese racially, or linguistically, and that they should have been given help long long ago - for one thing in defense of India. He says Nehru has two major blind spots: One, Tibet, the other, Kashmir.

To his own followers Dr. Kripalani is known as Da Da, which means, elder brother.

Da Da reminds us that in Nineteen fifty-four,

India - that is, Nehru - signed a treaty of friendship with China regarding Tibet, based on what were then called - "certain principles of co-existence". One of these, peaceful co-existence. Another, respect for each other's sovereignty. A third, non-interference in internal affairs. Another, territorial sanctity. Kripalani has contended all along that these were as he puts it - "born in sin". He regards Nehru as a clever man who lacks wisdom. He says Nehru lives in a dream world.

The other day I was invited to speak at a public function, where Da Da was presiding. Wanting to pay my Indian friends a compliment at a time when they were all low in spirits because of the way the Chinese Reds had over-run their army, I spoke in praise of some of the peoples of India who in times gone by have been famous for their fighting ability: the Maharattas, some of the tall war-like peoples of the desert states, the Rajputs; and Dogras who

live in the foothills of the Himalayas; of course, the bearded Sikhs; and those terrific fighting people formerly of India who now live in neighboring Nepal, the Ghurkas. In replying to me Da Da said: "Yes, Mr. Lowell Thomas, we have our martial races; but we do not have a martial government!"

Da Da is a bitter critic of Jawaharlal Nehru, and says the sooner he steps down the better.

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HUMOR

And then in Steeton, England - a man named Abson advertised for a wife. His ad, so successful - that he's decided not to get married. What's the story? Of the three hundred ladies who say they'd like to marry Mr. A., fifty are already married. Anxious to leave their husbands.

That's why he's having second thoughts about wedded bliss. In his words, "I never realized marriage was so tough".