

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The government of Cuba announces that half of the island's population - is now armed. Castro, handing out weapons to civilians - calling on them to fight side by side with his militia. Defend their homeland. From whom? Oh, from Uncle Sam. So says the dictator. He continues to predict that invasion - is "imminent."

Castro has armed his followers - with weapons from behind the Iron Curtain. Czech rifles and sub-machineguns - can be seen everywhere in the streets of Havana. And Castro's men say they have tons of grenades - stacked in basements, ready for action.

Meanwhile, those fourteen hundred American marines - we heard about? They have left Guantanamo. They were there on shore liberty - at our big Cuban naval base. They stayed over the weekend - then left today their transport, to continue maneuvers in the Caribbean.

PRESTIGE

America's prestige has never been higher - in Europe. So says Secretary of the Treasury, George Humphrey. The Humphrey statement has just been issued by the Republican National Committee - in answer to Democratic charges that many Europeans feel we are falling behind the Soviet Union, militarily and economically.

Secretary Humphrey says the Europeans he met recently in Europe, hold President Eisenhower in high regard; and can't understand the pessimism of some Americans. Besides, according to Treasury Secretary George Humphrey, the European states want to strengthen their ties with us - especially after the brutal belligerence that Khrushchev displayed at the U.N.

NIXON

In the campaign President Eisenhower will play a major role - from here on out. That is he'll speak even more often than he had intended - in behalf of the Nixon-Lodge ticket.

Altho' Vice President Nixon has been driving hard recently - in his bid for the White House, he says from now on - he's going all out - non-stop.

Today the GOP candidate met with President Eisenhower for two hours - to draw up last minute strategy. Afterward, the Vice-President's assistants announced that he'll wind up with an eighteen thousand mile swing through the states; including a twenty-four hundred mile jet flight - to Anchorage, Alaska, on Sunday.

The reason for this fresh activity - Nixon is convinced more than ever that this last week could be decisive. He's doing everything he can to attract independent voters - swing them over at the last moment.

KENNEDY

As for Senator Kennedy, he is in Philadelphia tonight for a major address at Convention Hall - before flying on to California. He too will be on the go right down to the wire. He says he agrees with Nixon - that the race is close, and could be decided in these last few days.

Kennedy's theme in Philadelphia today - foreign policy. The Democratic candidate warned his audiences of the threat of Russian aggression - and re-stated his theme of "the new frontier." He thinks we should rise to this Soviet challenge - as Americans did back in the days when they conquered the West.

Kennedy again jibed at Nixon's claim - to experience. The Democratic candidate asked what kind of experience created so many problems for us - around the world?

Speaking for himself, Kennedy hit hard at the

question - of penetrating the Iron Curtain, promising
if elected, to increase our broadcasts in support of
freedom.

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PLANE

The Federal Aviation Agency has suspended the operating permit - of the Arctic Pacific Airlines. The reason - the crash of that C-46 near Toledo, Ohio. The crack-up that caused twenty-two fatalities - including half of one football team.

California Polytechnic had flown in - to play Bowling Green. The coast team lost, and then took off - on what was supposed to be their return flight, ~~returned~~ ~~not to be a flight to death~~. Their plane, crashing - when it was hardly airborne.

CYCLONE

A dispatch from Dacca, Pakistan, states that another cyclone - has hit the Bay of Bengal coast of East Pakistan, near Chittagong. Another massive tidal wave, breaking over the shore - where some six thousand casualties resulted from a similar disaster earlier this month. So far the reports - are fragmentary. But it seems that most of the people - had received advance warning. They fled to the hills - and are waiting for the cyclone to blow itself out. They are getting ready to return - and clean up the debris, a task with which they are rather familiar by now.

GENEOLOGY

The death of Mrs. Fannie Richardson in Greenwood, Indiana - removes one of the most interesting American scholars of our time. Mrs. Richardson's field - Eisenhower geneology. A fifth cousin of the President - she began scouting his family tree in ~~the~~ Nineteen hundred and forty three. Sounds like a song. Which means, of course - her own family tree.

Over the past two decades Mrs. Richardson built up - a complete set of archives on all the Eisenhowers she could track down. One of the most elaborate - ever on an American family. So scientific - her files are earmarked for transference to the Eisenhower Library in Abeline, Kansas.

Mrs. Richardson's ambition was to round out her work - in January. Closing her Eisenhower geneology - with Dwight D. Eisenhower leaving the White House. But death overtook her three months short of her goal.

IRAN

Today a London newspaper reported the news from Teheran, with this headline - "The World's Happiest Man Is The Shah of Iran." Sounds like another song. As you may have heard the Queen of Iran, presenting the Shah with a son. Solving one of Iran's biggest domestic problems - finding a heir to the age-old Peacock Throne. Ending the present Shah's twenty year hope - for a son to succeed him.

Messages of congratulations - are pouring in to Teheran tonight. Among them, one from Rome - signed "Soraya" Remember Soraya, beautiful ex-Queen of Iran - who was divorced by the Shah in Nineteen Fifty-Eight? The lovely Soraya, whose portrait still hangs in the royal summer palace in Teheran, now in exile in Rome - sends congratulations to her former husband, to her successor, and to their son; the Prince who some day will be - Shah of Shahs, and sit on the Peacock Throne -

LIONS

A Spanish wild animal trainer is in the hospital tonight - because he's sentimental about the lions he worked with during the past few weeks. Joaquin Hernandez, taking part in a movie - with six lions, handling them like ^{the} master ~~that~~ ^{he is, with} ~~when~~ the camera ^{trained} ~~was focused~~ on him.

The film completed - Hernandez accepted a booking in Puerto Rico. But he wouldn't leave Madrid - without one last visit to his co-stars. "Amigos" - he called them. So he returned to the studio - and entered the cage to say farewell.

The door had hardly clanged shut - when one lion jumped Hernandez, and knocked him over. In a flash - all six ~~members~~ were mauling him. He was critically ^j ~~inured~~ ^{inured} - before the studio workers could get ~~him~~ out of the cage.

The lion trainer who was ~~just~~ too sentimental about his lions.