

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY. APRIL 7. 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There's an epidemic in Ethiopia - Yellow Fever.
A disease seldom encountered in East Africa. In fact,
this is the first time in modern history - that Yellow
Fever has swept into Ethiopia/^{- swept in -}like the plague. The
Red Cross in Addis Ababa - had no reason to stock
vaccine, so they thought. But now an SOS has gone out
to Geneva, with Emperor Haile Selassie, begging he
World Health Organization - to rush the antidote to his
stricken kingdom.

The Lion of Judah says - his officials can't keep
up with the death toll of the epidemic. The toll -
already reaching many thousands. Ethiopia, devastated
by - Yellow Fever.

LAOS

To newsmen Secretary of State Rusk said today:-

"It will be difficult to hold a conference while people are still shooting." The reference - to Laos. Secretary Rusk, repeating that we want a cease-fire in Laos. - before any peace conference is held. No negotiating with the Reds - while they are still trying to gobble up Laotian territory.

Tonight, the cease-fire seems farther off, with battles now raging on three fronts. The first front - near Vang Vieng, where Loyalist troops are counter-attacking against Communist paratroopers. The second front - twenty miles away at Muong Kassy, where the army of Prince Boun Oum is trying to break through - along a barricaded highway, over an intricate minefield laid by the Reds. His thrust, if it succeeds - will cut off one Red salient.

The third front - near the city of Luang Prabang.

This, a holding operation by pro-Western detachments.

A defensive battle - while other units leapfrog by

helicopter to the rear of the Communist lines.

VIET_NAM

In Washington, the belief is stronger - that next door to Laos, South Viet Nam may be the world's next danger spot, where fighting - is still going on in the jungle. Today an American Aid official, William Thomas, was injured - when a terrorist threw a bomb into his home in Saigon. As a result, our government reiterates its backing of President Diem - to whom we are offering the military assistance he needs to beat the Communist guerrillas.

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CUBA

The dictator of Cuba promises his people more hardships. Fidel Castro, telling the Cuban workers to tighten their belt. Withstand more privations. Wait for - the great day. All - for the glory of the revolution. The glory seems to be wearing - a bit thin with the great day vanishing in the distance. Unemployment, a serious problem in Cuba, grows worse, with factories - grinding to a standstill. Unable to get spare parts from America - as they used to.

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The French city of Evian is full of gendarmes, assigned to Evian - to guard the men negotiating an Algerian peace. Instead - the French police are on the hunt for terrorists. The peace talks - never got off the ground. But the violence - goes on and on. Moslem gunmen and Right Wing French farmers - both committing outrages in France and Algeria.

TIBET

From Western Tibet - more reports about the war that never ends. The occupation forces of Red China - colliding with the hard-riding horsemen of Kham.

The troops of Mao Tse-tung - were on the march through Western Tibet, where the Khambas, from East Tibet - set a trap - for them; machine guns - on opposite sides of a narrow defile in the mountains; waiting for the Chinese Reds to enter the gorge - then opening up with their machine guns and rifles, and hurling - grenades from the cliffs.

The Khambes claim to have killed more than a thousand of the enemy - before the Communist's managed to break out of the trap. The men of Kham admit they suffered a few casualties in the battle. But they say it was worth it. The men of Kham, proving once more - that while Tibet may be occupied by the Red invaders; the Roof of the World is far from subjugated.

If you are interested in Tibet, don't miss a new book just out, the title "Tibet Is My Country, by the Dhali Lhama's brother. No book like it ever before was put in the - West - or in Tibet.

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DOCUMENT

The U. S. Army document on helping overthrow Communist regimes - is not official. General Arthur Tradeau of Research and Development admits - the document was drawn up for purposes of information. But the General is circulating the document - among his senior officers; and it's pretty strong.

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DEFECTOR

The latest defector from Communism - a Lithuanian who had been serving in the Soviet navy. Commander of - a submarine tender. He sailed his ship into Swedish waters - and ordered one of his sailors to row him ashore. Whereupon he asked the Swedish government - for political asylum.

Rumors persist that a Soviet submarine - attempted to head off the sub-tender. But Stockholm denies - that its territorial waters were penetrated, except, by the defecting Soviet officer from Lithuania.

M.I.T.

The focus is on science tonight - in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Reason - the centennial of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A hundred and fifty top scientists there for the occasion, along with guests - from the world of politics, business, education, and so on. Chief speakers - Secretary of State **Musk**, this afternoon; Prime Minister **Macmillan** - tonight.

There is much reminiscing going on; of how **M.I.T.** was founded in Eighteen Sixty-One - mainly by **William Rogers**, who became its first president. Held up by the Civil War, then in Eighteen Sixty-five its first laboratories were built. With building going on ever since. The number of students, multiplying into the thousands. The faculty some of the most distinguished scientists of our time. One hundred years old - **M.I.T.**

AWARD

This year's "Atoms for Peace" award-goes to Britain's Sir John Cockcroft. Sir John, Master of Churchill College at Cambridge - receiving the Accolade of the Scientific world; also - a check for Seventy-five thousand dollars. Both of which he accepted today. The ceremony, in Boston, held at M.I.T.

So Dick here's to Sir John Cockcroft.

EGYPT

President Kennedy is asking Congress - to save some monuments of ancient Egypt; those temples of the Pharaohs, on the Nile that will have to be moved, or be flooded by the Aswan Dam. President Kennedy proposes that we put ten million dollars into a salvage operation. The money, to come from Egyptian currency - belonging to the United States. Dollars for ancient Egypt. For the age-old monuments on the banks of the Nile. Abu Simbel and others.

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I still have a few seconds left, Dick - so perhaps I should tell you where I am. I'm surrounded by some Live dolls? I am interested in live dolls. five thousand dolls:/ But these are real dolls of the other sort - from all over the world. The largest collection in the world. Some day Sam Pryor will have them in a museum so you can see them.

And s - l - u - t - m.