

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In New Orleans -- another bombshell today from District Attorney Jim Garrison, who is quoted as saying -- he has now solved the assassination of President Kennedy. Also promising to "arrest every individual" -- involved in the alleged conspiracy. Adding, however, that it may take -- "thirty or forty years."

"I am not saying that to be facetious" -- said Attorney Garrison. "But we don't want to alert any person we are going to arrest so there might be a repeat of what happened to David W. Ferrie."

This a reference to the man found dead in his New Orleans apartment earlier this week -- a man Garrison said was deeply involved in the conspiracy. Nevertheless, the New Orleans coroner today reported that Ferrie apparently died a natural death.

RED CHINA

From Peking -- mounting evidence today that Red Chinese leaders are trying desperately -- to curb the excesses of militant young Red Guards. Premier Chou En-Lai for one, decrying the death of Coal Minister Chang Lin-chi -- after forty days of unrelenting questioning by Red Guards. Chou declaring that Peking had made a serious blunder -- in telling the Red Guards "to crush" all anti-Mao elements in Red China.

At the same time -- a second ^{tells of} report ~~saying that~~ other Red leaders ~~are~~ also trying to disassociate themselves from Chairman Mao's so-called "cultural revolution." Those who continue the campaign -- accused of using, quote, "erroneous forms of struggle."

VIETNAM

For the first time to date -- American ground forces in Vietnam have finally unleashed their big guns -- against North Vietnam. U.S. artillery today lobbing shell after shell -- across that phony demilitarized zone between North and South. Carrying the war to that Communist country -- in every way short of actual invasion.

First target -- a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft installation. With an American spokesman promising more to come -- whenever needed; to back up U.S. planes hampered by darkness or bad weather.

Elsewhere in Vietnam -- American and Allied forces were pressing the search for Viet Cong, on seventeen ~~se~~⁹ separate fronts. Striving mightily to prevent the enemy from finding safe sanctuary -- anywhere in Vietnam.

MCNAMARA

Here at home -- Defense Secretary McNamara called a rare news conference today, in an effort to lay to rest -- once and for all -- published rumors of a split between himself and Secretary of State Dean Rusk, with regard to the value of continued bombing -- of North Vietnam.

McNamara denying flatly that ht was a so-called "dove" -- and Dean Rusk a "Hawk" in the aerial campaign. Insisting that he and Dean Rusk are in full agreement -- on both the necessity and the current extent of the bombing. "Looking back over two years" -- said McNamara -- "I can't recall a single instance -- when the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense have ever differed on bombing policy."

PARIS

A related item comes today -- from Paris. Visiting Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia -- acting as spokesman for Mai Van Do, North Viet Nam's delegate general to France; to clarify Hanoi's stand -- on the question of U.S. air strikes.

The Prince saying that an unconditional end to U.S. bombing of the North -- is the only condition laid down by Hanoi -- for the start of peace talks with the United States. Sihanouk contending, however, there can be no "reciprocity in de-escalation" -- as demanded by the United States.

Because ~~Sihanouk~~ -- said he: "It would be impossible for Hanoi to stop helping its brothers in the South -- who are attempting to liberate themselves from American invasion and occupation."

Strictly on his own -- Sihanouk adding that the U.S. would not lose face -- if it agreed to pull out of Viet Nam. The only way Americans can lose face -- said he -- is by continuing "their bellicose policies" in the Far East.

MOUNT MCKINLEY

Latest news from Mount McKinley -- a radio report today signaling the end in sight; for that seven-man team of mountain-climbers -- attempting the first winter conquest of America's loftiest peak.

The word from Ray Genet -- the team's ~~communications~~^{communications} expert, who said the temperature was fifty below -- wind strong; but weather clear -- and the outlook favorable; as the climbers began their final assault -- on a ridgeline leading to the summit.

WEATHER

In the wake of another sneak snow punch -- bitter cold is sweeping tonight across the Midwest. With sub-zero temperatures reported all the way from the Rockies to the Great Lakes -- and zero readings as far south as Missouri. The weatherman further predicting a temperature drop tonight -- "to the lowest levels of the season across much of the nation's mid-section."

EUROPE FOLLOW WEATHER

Another bitter winter storm today -- across the Atlantic. With hurricane-force winds -- whipping Northern Europe; wreaking havoc -- on land and sea.

Swiss and Danish authorities calling the storm -- the worst in decades. With about fifty known dead -- so far.

And tides tonight expected to hit their highest level -- since the flood disaster of Nineteen-Sixty-Two; the one that claimed -- some three hundred lives.

COLORADO

The U.S. Air Force Academy out in Colorado -- rocked today by its second cheating scandal in less than two years. Academy officials reporting the resignation of twenty-four cadets during the past two days, for alleged violations -- of the academy's honor code. With more resignations expected -- before the current investigation is over.

A total of more than a hundred cadets -- resigned from the Air Force Academy in Nineteen-Sixty-Five; in the biggest cheating scandal ever recorded so far -- at a U.S. military school.

SAO PAULO

A story that reads like a science-fiction thriller -- comes today from the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, ~~telling~~ of marauding swarms of bees -- vicious, deadly bees; that are terrorizing wide areas of Brazil -- much like "The Birds" in ~~that~~ recent Alfred Hitchcock movie.

The bees in question -- product of a genetic experiment that somehow went wrong. About ten years ago -- Brazilian scientists importing a number of ferocious queen bees from Tanganyika. Hoping to breed them with Brazilian bees -- to increase honey production. Confident that in time -- they could "breed out" the fierce nature of the African bees.

Unfortunately -- the exact opposite occurred. Cross-² breeding of the bees creating a third strain -- more ferocious than even the African bee. And then, ~~a~~ a swarm of the new bees escaped from an experimental apiary.

Since then -- the African strain has multiplied by leaps and bounds; mean~~ing~~ly, ~~w~~iping out standard Brazilian

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bees -- to become easily the most common predator in Sao Paulo and neighboring states.

The first victim -- a small child in Franco de Sancha.

Then -- a group of fishermen -- on the coast. A deadly swarm of the bees -- later making a ghost town of the village of Caleiras. Those who have seen the killer bees -- saying it's simply impossible to drive them off.

Some scientists are still convinced the problem can be solved -- through further cross-breeding. If not -- the entire future of beekeeping will be threatened; not only in Brazil -- but perhaps in all the Americas.

If we are much interested - enthusiastic about someone or something with a long name we invariably rename it.

In New Zealand, gateway to the Antarctic, they are so accustomed to explorers, scientists, aviators and naval personnel passing by on the way to the South Pole, that they seldom speak of the vast white continent as Antarctica. They simply call it "going down to THE ICE."

For similar reasons the people of the great city of Montreal, don't say "have you had a preview of our Montreal World's Fair?" In one way or another they are all involved in building it, and their ~~intimate~~ intimate name for it is simply--"EXPO-67."

At the invitation of World's Fair Director Bob Shaw I have just had a look at Expo '67 today - some sixty odd days before it will officially open.

Director of Installations, Colonel Churchill

took four of us on a swift tour today. As you have read, it occupies all of two tear drop shaped islands, in the St. Lawrence River -- all surrounded by ice at the moment. It may cover a larger area than any World's Fair ever. But what impresses you not only are the handsome - many of them massive - pavilions put up by Britain, the U S A, The Russians, Canada of course - and some fifty other nations. ~~xxxx~~ I was thrilled by the many canals and lagoons, the attractive small and not so small ground level ^{and overhead} railways that take you everywhere - ~~without~~ without coast. Above all I was impressed by the variety and quality of the entertainment lined up to amuse you, and inspire you.

Although I am no authority on them, ~~since~~ since 1915 and the expositions at San Francisco and San Diego I have seen eight so-called World's Fairs - have played some part in five of these - and it looks to me as though EXPO '67 - in Montreal will top them all.

And solong until Monday.