

THAILAND

L.T.-Olds. Wed, May 16 - '62,

The first American fighting men into Thailand today - members of the Air Force. War planes, landing at Bangkok air field - ready for action. After them - transports, ^{with} ~~full of~~ equipment and supplies.

Meanwhile, sailing up the Gulf of Siam - eighteen hundred combat-ready marines. The Leathernecks, going ashore to the cheers - of a big crowd. ~~It~~ But hardly pausing long enough - to wave back. They headed north toward strategic points - on the Mekong River. The spearhead - of ^a ~~our~~ ^{U.S.} show ~~off~~ of force in Southeast Asia. And a warning to the Red guerrillas of Laos - to stay out of Thailand.

LAOS FOLLOW THAILAND

^{Some}
The ~~belief~~ ^{believe} is growing stronger among western
observers [^] that American action in Thailand had ^S~~already~~ put
a brake on Red aggression in Laos. The guerrillas, not
resuming - ~~the~~ their drive across Laos to the Mekong River.
And the international control commission expressed some
optimism - after a conference with rebel military leaders.
The Reds, declaring that they are willing to respect an
armistice - as long as the loyalists do.

The hope tonight - is for another round of peace
talks. Leading to - the formation of a neutralist government,
the one thing on which we agree - with the Russians.

SALAN

In Paris today, a defendant rose before a high tribunal - and read a formal statement. "I am the head of the O A S" - he said. Then he went on - "as such, my responsibility is complete."

They say that Raoul Salan spoke - like an old soldier. His voice calm and measured^d - as it used to be when he addressed his troops. His statement today, no attempt to get around - the indictment~~for treason~~. But he did attempt - to save his subordinates. Insisting, that whatever they did in Algeria - was by his order.

Salan's attitude^{regarding} to the indictment - is that the charges are true. And - to his credit. That he acted as a patriotic Frenchman - ~~when he~~^{by} defended^{ing} French Algeria with every weapon he could find. Including - O A S terrorism. Who, then - is guilty? Salan scrupulously avoided the name - but everyone in the courtroom knew that he meant DeGaulle.

After reading his statement - Salan refused to answer questions - on the ground that he had said everything

he had to say. After that, he folded his arms and looked somewhat bored - as his lawyer launched into the legalities of his defense.

FRANCE

The President of France is having ~~grr~~ trouble with his generals and his cabinet ministers - for different reasons. The two military men, opposing - the plan for an Algerian Algeria. DeGaulle, fearing that they are no longer reliable. That's why he booted them out of - their commands. And ordered them ~~to be~~ watched - to prevent either from becoming another Salan.

As for the five dissident Cabinet Ministers - they object to DeGaulle's plan for a United Europe. The members of the popular Republican party, demanding - a genuine union of the nations. DeGaulle, holding out for - a greater degree of national independence. The difference of opinion, so heated - the cabinet ministers turned in their portfolios.

Saying
~~Adding~~ they intend to fight DeGaulle in the next election.

NEW GUINEA

The word from New Guinea tonight is - that the Dutch are mopping up the remnants of the Indonesian invasion. The force dispatched from Hollandia, pinning Sukarno's paratroopers against the sea - along the southern shore of the island. The battle, easier than anticipated - because the number of paratroopers ^{turned out to be} ~~is~~ smaller than the original estimate. Forty-instead of a hundred and forty.

And the Dutch Navy has thwarted - an invasion by sea. Capturing a boatload of Indonesians - armed with pistols, rifles and grenades, ^{on their way to} ~~Their mission to go ashore~~ and join the paratroopers. Instead, they are imprisoned - in Hollandia.

PRIMARIES

The primaries in Nebraska and Pennsylvania add up to - a victory for Eisenhower Republicanism. Fred Seaton, winning the G O P nomination - for Governor of Nebraska. Seaton last in the public eye - when he served as Secretary of the Interior in the Eisenhower administration.

In Pennsylvania, a victory for William Scranton - Ike's hand-picked candidate. Scranton, winning the right to run for - the State House in Harrisburg.

Among the first to congratulate Eisenhower Republicans Fred Seaton and Bill Scranton - Dwight ^{Q.} Eisenhower.
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CONVICTS

That jail break in Chicago - was well planned.

The mastermind, apparently - William Triplett who was facing trial ~~for~~ for the murder of a Detroit labor leader.

Today, prison guard Sheldon Johnson brought a glass of water - to Triplett's cell. Whereupon, he was overpowered - by Triplett, Michael Huntingon, and Paul Muhlrig. The convicts, taking their captive's gun, his uniform - and, ~~of course~~, his bunch of prison keys. They locked the elevator operator - in with Johnson, ^{and} ~~they~~ locked two other guards - in another room.

Then they descended to the ground floor, walked quickly out of the building, jumped into Johnson's car - and sped into Chicago. Tonight - the dragnet - is out for

them. The ^{surmise is} ~~belief~~ that they are headed for Detroit.

^Q ^{has been sent out that} ~~The~~ warning - all three convicts are armed, and dangerous.

ESTES

The controversial Texas financier is going to have a chance to tell all, to Senate investigators. The sub-committee, slap ing a subpoena - on Billie Sol Estes; ordering him to appear on Capitol Hill - along with his personal business records.

Since Estes is accused of shady operations with the Agriculture Department - Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture has been under fire. But Freeman repeats that he won't resign - and that he was not mixed up in any of the Estes scandal. He will, however, get rid of every one in his department - who was involved - including James Ralph - who, until yesterday, was Freeman's assistant.

LADIES

When one lovely lady is referred to as a "country bumpkin" and another as a "pirate" doesn't it sound as if the age of chivalry is dead?

The "country bumpkin"? Margaret Armstrong-Jones; the Countess of Snowdon. The London Daily Mirror says the Queen's sister - goes in too much for colorless tweed, high collars, and old-fashioned crinolins. Not what should be worn in aristocratic circles. Tony's Princess - a "country bumpkin."

The "pirate"? Jacqueline Kennedy, So says Radio Moscow. Referring to the way the First Lady christened our polaris submarine "LaFayette," Khrushchev's mouthpiece, calls the sub - "a buccaneering craft." Suggesting that the lady who named and launched it belongs to the profession of Captain Kidd.

Intriguing thought, Dick. Imagine beautiful Jackie, in pirate costume, sailing the Spanish Main, under The Jolly Roger! Jolly idea.

ASTRONAUT

At Cape Canaveral, astronaut Scott Carpenter - climbed into his space capsule "Aurora Seven." The astronaut, dressed in his pressurized suit - settled in front of the instrument panel. The door - shut behind him. Then the capsule and the booster rocket were checked - in preparation for blast off. The astronaut and the technicians finding - everything okay.

This exercise, one of the last dry runs - before the countdown begins for real. Target date - Saturday. Cape Canaveral reports that as of now - only the weather is an obstacle. The clouds may be too low - the waves too high.

But if mother nature cooperates, and no last minute ~~hix~~ hitches occur - Scott Carpenter should ride into orbit on Saturday.