

L.T. - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1962

(L.T. at South Sea Islands, then Antarctica and Europe. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS)

GOOD EVENING:

The Internal Revenue Service today took some of the steam out of the protests of angry businessmen by announcing an easing of proposed regulations to curb income tax expense accounts. Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Mortimer Caplin drew applause at a hearing in Washington today when he announced that the new rules will be liberalized by the time they go into effect on January First.

In his highly critical audience were some sixty businessmen, Labor Union officials and members of Congress who were present to protest the new regulations. Some had complained that the new rules would ~~exat~~ create insurmountable bookkeeping problems because of the detail that would be required.

## HOUSING

Federal Housing officials held a news conference in Washington today and admitted there is a possibility that the government would seize and operate low-rent housing projects which violate President Kennedy's order against discrimination in federally-assisted housing. The Public Housing Administration estimated that, out of the one hundred thousand low-rent public housing units authorized by Congress last year, about seventy thousand will come under the executive order. About thirteen hundred communities across the nation have federally-assisted housing projects.

Defense Secretary Robert McNamara today announced the long-expected overhaul of the Army Reserve and National Guard -- a program which has stirred a controversy among some state governors. McNamara said the reorganization is designed to increase the combat readiness of the reserve and national guard, and "build military strength far greater than any we have known in the past."

The plan calls for dropping several Reserve and National Guard divisions without reducing the seven hundred thousand man strength now authorized for those two branches. Most of the men in the eliminated units would be transferred to other Guard divisions or new brigades. The Chairman of the National Governors' Conference -- Governor Albert Rosellini of Washington -- today asked all state governors to withhold their approval of the reorganization, pending a meeting of a special committee of governors.



INTRO. TO L.T.

From the South Pacific, where Captain Bligh once sailed -- a description of "Mutiny on the Bounty" -- movie style.



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making preparations, building eight giant war canoes each sixty feet long. It took a year to make them.

One now is the Long Bar at the new hotel Tahiti.

"Trader Vic" bought another and had to cut it into four sections to ship out to one of his Polynesian restaurants in the States.

You can imagine the impact of all this on Tahiti and nearby Moorea and Bora Bora. That there should have been warm friendships with the Polynesian girls was expected, but the story now is that some of the women unofficially and officially married, were not coming home. One morning when the town awoke, on buildings and even on the sidewalks, everywhere, were signs reading "MGM Go Home!" However, the French authorities didn't approve of this campaign that was supposedly put on by husbands and lovers. They thought they knew who started it - - a chap part French and part American. They threw him in the local bastille.

If you see the film - - I hope to some day - - if you notice a gap in the story, maybe here is the

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An old friend and colleague, Bob Flaherty, who joined me in Cinerama and then died before he had an opportunity to work on the first picture - - Bob was the first important motion picture director to bring a crew here to Tahiti. Many of you will remember his early masterpiece, "Taboo". A few other film crews have come to these misty isles to film their carefree inhabitants, who live "to sing, to dance, to play their musical instruments, and to make love". But never was there a film invasion comparable to the recent one. When MGM came to re-do Nordhoff & Hall's "Mutiny on the Bounty", they brought a crew of a hundred and fifty people, including technicians, carpenters, electricians, make-up men, as well as actors, camera crews, and so on. They commandeered all the taxis, used thirty buses, and tied up one hundred small cars; and, they stayed longer than did Captain Bligh and the original Bounty crew in Seventeen Eighty-nine.

They had other people out here a year earlier

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explanation. They say one of the principals in the cast caused such a furore that he had to be sent home. It was after most of the picture had been made. But this actor became so enthusiastic about the life and customs of Tahiti, and got stoned so often, and they even burned down his own house. So, MGM cut his entire part out of the picture and sent him packing.



FOLLOW L.T.

Lowell, we're all familiar with the phrase, "going Hollywood." From what you've just told us, maybe we need a new one -- almost self-explanatory -- "going Tahiti."

CONGO

The United Nations Command in Leopoldville said today that Katanga forces and troops of the Central Congolese government are fighting inside the north Katanga town of Kongolo. Reports reaching Leopoldville said some fifteen hundred Katanga troops are surrounded and the battle is continuing.

SENATOR ELLENDER

U.S. Senator Allen Ellender of Louisiana today was barred from entering the African country of Tanganyika because of derogatory remarks he has been making about African governments while on his current tour of the continent.

Ellender yesterday was barred from Uganda for similar reasons.



CUBA

Federal authorities in Key West, Florida, today arrested thirteen battle-clad, armed men and charged them with preparing to launch a guerrilla attack against Cuba. They included one Cuban, a Canadian and eleven Americans.

## MOUND CITY

There's a hassle going on in Mound City, South Dakota. Vigilante farmers are keeping an around-the-clock watch from a command post over a sandbag-barricaded building which federal marshals are threatening to storm to recover government records of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. The federal plan is to remove those records to a neighboring South Dakota town. Mound City people, numbering about one hundred and fifty, believe this might down-grade their status, and cut down on business. And at least two men were kept in the building with orders to alert the countryside if the need arises.

Right now we need Dick Noel.

## ODDITIES

Well, Dick, a couple of what might be called cuties.

In Gary, Indiana, Julian Strycheck pleaded innocent to failing to pay more than twenty traffic tickets. Julian is Superintendent of the Gary Parking Meter Department.

And in Taunton, England, fella named David Wearmouth was held up by a one-armed bandit. It took firemen three hours to free his arm from the mouth of a slot machine.

Rough way to play the machines.

With that, goodnight, and we'll be back tomorrow.