

LAOS

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From Vientiane, a warning that we'd better be prepared for a long haul - in Laos. Meaning - the coalition government can't possibly guarantee peace and tranquility in the near future. <sup>*That*</sup> It will take - at least two years. The long civil war has driven Laos - close to anarchy. Hundreds of jungle villages - abandoned. Thousands of bamboo huts - destroyed. Countless acres of farmland - ruined. Hordes of people, congregating along the shore of the Mekong River - as refugees. ~~Just~~ <sup>*- that alone*</sup> resettling them - will be a major problem.

Then, there's a difficulty of forming - a Laotian army. This, a touchy business when the <sup>*Laotians*</sup> ~~service men~~ - were battling one another in the jungle, only a few days ago. Now, Reds and loyalists will have to serve side by side - instead of trading bullets and grenades.

Nevertheless, President Kennedy is hopeful - that a new day has dawned for Laos. As <sup>*he*</sup> ~~the President~~ said in his letter to Khrushchev - let's give the coalition a chance.

~~Keep hands off. Put an end to outside interference.~~

## PANAMA

The President of Panama criticizes - a basic principle of inter-American relations. The principle of - non-intervention. Specifically - no United States influence in the domestic affairs of the other nations of this hemisphere. As ~~you~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~probably~~ know, the Latin-Americans <sup>did want it that way</sup> ~~were the chief architects~~ of ~~that principle~~ <sup>form</sup> - because they feared the ~~predominant~~ power of Uncle Sam.

But Panama's President Chiari thinks ~~that~~ the time has come - to scrap non-intervention. He told the Council of the Organization of American States - that <sup>the USA can</sup> ~~was~~ no longer afford to let dictators hide behind non-intervention. <sup>That</sup> The problem of this decade <sup>is</sup> not Yankee aggression - but how and when to intervene in defense of democracy.

President Chiari didn't mention - Cuba. But it's significant that Panama led the drive - to isolate Castro, ~~to~~ oust the bearded dictator - from the family of nations of the Americas.

## ALGERIA

The news from Algeria indicates - another defeat for the OAS. The Right Wing campaign to win over the French army, failed. Raoul Salan, when he was running the OAS - thought he could force DeGaulle's soldiers to side with him, just commit enough atrocities. But the French army, cooperated with the Moslems - against the OAS.

Now, the OAS, decided to make a deal with the Moslems that would exclude France; exclude - DeGaulle. But today, the Moslem leaders in Tunis - rejected that. They say ~~XXXXXX~~ their agreement with DeGaulle - still yields good. The coming Algerian Algeria, to have - no privileged caste. Europeans, to be treated - like everyone else.

This refusal drew an immediate reaction - from the terrorist underground. OAS commandos again shooting Moslems - burning public buildings; pushing their

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"scorched earth policy" - now that zero hour is so close for them. Zero hour - July First, when the people of Algeria will vote on DeGaulle's plan. So

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## ESTES

Billy Sol Estes, the wheeler-dealer of the grain storage business - is not the prime suspect in the mystery of the strange death of Henry Marshall. So says the foreman of the grand jury - sitting in Franklin, Texas. He says he has - an open mind on the subject, and is willing to judge Estes - on the evidence

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## GILBERT FOLLOW STOCKS

~~Yesterday~~ The New York Stock Exchange has suspended trading in - the shares of ~~ExLxxBxxx~~ the E.L. Bruce Company. Reason - the mystery surrounding Edward Gilbert. Gilbert, one of the boy wonders - of Wall Street, ~~He~~ became president of Bruce - after a proxy fight. Suddenly <sup>he was</sup> dropped yesterday - after being accused of withdrawing two million dollars in company funds. Doing it without authorization - when the Stock Market began to fall two weeks ago.

Suspicion of Gilbert, intensified - by the news that he's now in Brazil. He caught a plane for Rio, shortly after it became known - that the Company wanted him to account for the two million.

## SINGER

In Aberdeen, Scotland, one of the great singers of the past generation - came out of retirement today. But, it took a broken arm - to get Mary Garden on stage. Mary Garden, who thrilled audiences around the world - when she sang grand opera. Who kept opera managers on the hot seat - with her real life portrayal of a tempestuous prima donna.

Her career, far in the past; the lyrical soprano, eighty-five - and long retired; steadfastly refusing - to sing; until she fell and broke her arm! Today, in the hospital - the other patients asked her to sing, for them. She did.

So - what? Something from Carmen, perhaps - or Louise? The French repertoire - always her favorite.

Ah, no - after all, this was Aberdeen, Scotland.

Mary Garden's selection: "Annie Laurie."

## BEARS

Now, where would you say is the best place in the world to look for - polar bears? Alaska? ~~Greenland?~~ Greenland? - Siberia? All wrong - according to the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the best place is - King Karl's Land. An island off the Spitzbergen group - north of Norway, in the Polar Sea.

The institute is sending an expedition - to study the most prominent inhabitants of the island, where Polar bears, live in colonies. One problem of the expedition is to see whether they hunt in packs, like wolves. Also - how keen their eyesight is. Other items in this research - diet, longevity, and hibernation.

The scientists will have plenty of time, in a literal sense - a full twenty-four hours a day if they can keep awake, for the sun never sets in summer - up there rather near the North Pole. So, Dick, the scientists will be able to keep watch - around the clock - on the Polar bear - the King of King Karl's Land.



## SANDBURG

The high school at Galesburg, Illinois - has voted to confer a special diploma. Special - in none ways one. The recipient - eighty-five years old. Also - a college graduate. Also - the holder of thirty-four honorary degrees.

His name - Carl Sandburg. The famous poet went through grammar school and college - but somehow Carl missed high school - stayed out to go to work, but passed in his classes in college. Quite a brick. Now, more than half a century later, Galesburg rules that he deserves a diploma even if he did cut all four years. Bright boy, Carl Sandburg. And I ought to know. We were young reporters in Chicago many years ago - and Carl was one of the best.