

L. T. OLDS, FISHER, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1963

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The ironic thing about the brutal assassination of Medgar Evers in Jackson, Mississippi - is that it probably will advance the cause for which he was working. The cause of - civil rights.

Medgar Evers, the civil rights leader who was shot to death today - loved his native state of Mississippi, and despite threats to his life, insisted on staying there. "The things I don't like" he said - "I will try to change". He may yet do - just that. The crime - has stunned the nation, and indeed the world.

President Kennedy spoke for the nation in the statement that he was "appalled by the barbarity" of the slaying. And the Governor of Mississippi expressed outrage. Governor Barnett, ordering all his police and state troopers to do everything they can to find the assassin.

But the real question is whether it will spark the nation - to a stronger support of President Kennedy's moving appeal. The President, as you already know - called on all citizens for an examination of conscience with regard to Civil Rights. And he urged Congress to pass the bill - that he will send to Capitol Hill. Backers of the bill have been saying - that it just might get through this time. Many of them are more confident tonight, for a poignant reason - the shooting of Medgar Evers in the driveway of his home last night. The townspeople are said to be almost indifferent. The only overt opposition coming from - the ~~KKK~~ Ku Klux Klan. Which is holding a rally in the area tonight.

ALABAMA

Those two negro students now enrolled at the University of Alabama - settling ^{ed} in quietly today. And it must have been quite a relief - after all the hullabaloo yesterday.

Vivian Malone and James Hood attended their first classes - and got to know some of their fellow students. Hood reporting that so many students stopped by his room to say hello - that he lost count. No need, so far at least, for the few U.S. Marshals - on the campus.

And in Huntsville, where Ave Mack McGlathery will be admitted tomorrow - to the University of Alabama Extension Center - the townspeople are said to be almost indifferent. The only overt opposition coming from - the ^{KU} ~~KKK~~ KluxKlan. Which is holding a rally in the area tonight.

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

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Hello Dick, Good Evening Everybody:

Of all the Stone Age chieftains in this mysterious mountain country of Eastern New Guinea there is only one who seems to be highly regarded by nearly all the tribes. His name Ningi. He's actually the Chief of the Mt. Hagen section of the Wagi Valley. But even the bitterest enemies of his tribe look up to him. Now Ningi has been ill. In fact, they tell me that he is dying. May die any day. And this has presented quite a problem to District Commissioner Tom Ellis and the young Australian patrolmen who have been helping arrange what may be the last great tribal gathering. So they have been giving Ningi special injections to keep him alive for the celebration. Had he died right in the midst of it why then nearly a hundred thousand tribesmen would have started to wail and all the dancing and all the fun would be over. However, they have kept old Ningi alive. They actually brought

him out to the celebration. I chatted with him for a moment or two. Oh yes, and they also brought a dead man to the party. He was an old boy who had hoped to be on hand for the celebration, so his fellow tribesmen put him on a platform with a fire underneath after he died. And in this way they smoked him and preserved him, and there they had him right on the sidelines watching the show from a special funeral cradle. His sons standing there with a spear on guard throughout the two day affair. When they take him home they'll put his skull in the spirit house beside a small idol, an idol called a kepple, along with other skulls that are supposed to mediate with the idol whenever the people of the tribe bring sacrifices, whenever they come to the spirit house in time of calamity to pray.

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END OF TAPE

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SPACE

There will be no more Mercury Space Flights - according to James Webb, Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

He told the Senate Space Committee today that he is rejecting pleas for another Mercury flight - in order to concentrate on the Gemini program. Gemini would put two men into orbit. And is step two of the effort to send an American to the Moon - by nineteen-seventy. Cost of the program? About thirty-five billion dollars - in the next ten years. In fact - almost double what had been estimated up till now.

But, says Webb, the Gemini craft will become a "real workhorse of space" - like the DC Three of the propeller-driven airplane age. And the plans are for a performance far outstripping anything the Russians have shown.

Needless to say the seven astronauts are greatly

disappointed - at this news.

And General Eisenhower is of the opinion that
"Anybody who would spend a billion dollars in a race
to the Moon for national prestige - is nuts."

SPACEWOMAN

Meanwhile Moscow is buzzing with rumors that a woman will be launched into space - maybe this week. At any rate before the International Woman's Congress - which opens in Moscow on June twenty-fourth.

The cosmonette has been selected - according to talk. She said to be a close friend of cosmonaut Andrei Nikolayev - who orbited the earth sixty-four times last summer. In fact there is a rumor - they may orbit together. Does that sound like romance - in outer space?

to reports from London - some reports said he had a complete vote of confidence in his pocket. But tonight come suggestions that the Cabinet may not be squarely behind the Prime Minister. That four of his Ministers are considering resignation.

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BRITAIN

OLD'S, FISHER, THURSDAY JUNE 13, 1963

(Richard) Prime Minister Harold Macmillan has a
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reputation - for "unflappability". Still, even he must

Here's an interesting conundrum. What is
have been slightly apprehensive at the combined attacks

the connection between William Shakespeare - and
of the British Press, Labor Party - and even dissident

John Profumo? Answer - Stratford-on-Avon.
members of his own Conservatives - over his handling

Shakespeare's birthplace - Profumo's election district
of the Profumo scandal. A scandal which is threatening -

The people of Stratford - are still calling their
to throw him or his party out of office.

former M.P. Some of them criticize the
But unflappable Mac - may have done it again.

in the House of Commons. But what are they
Emerging from a two-hour secret meeting with his Cabinet -

his relationship - with playgirl Christina...
the most dramatic meeting since the Suez crisis according

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