

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1962

(L.T. on South Sea Islands, Antarctica, Asia,
Europe, trip. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

Thank you, Dick.

Good evening.

The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations,
Adlai Stevenson - spending Christmas Day at his sister's home
in Bloomington, Illinois, said today the United States can look
to renewed pressure from Cuban Premier Castro during Nineteen
Sixty-Three.

Stevenson also said this pressure possibly could
mushroom into another crisis. The U.S. envoy said Castro might
complain to the U.N. about continued reconnaissance flights over
Cuba by United States planes, and this could lead to another
situation that might result in a new crisis.

In Washington, the American Red Cross said today that
it expects no difficulty in meeting a schedule to return some
one thousand relatives of invasion prisoners from Cuba to the

United States. A number of the relatives already have received clearance from the Cuban government to sail for the United States aboard the freighter, "African Pilot", which is scheduled to leave Havana tomorrow afternoon. Premier Castro, however, has snagged the plans somewhat by laying down a last minute condition that the relatives may leave only if they surrender their homes and automobiles to the Cuban government.

In Miami, Manuel Artime, one of the leaders of the unsuccessful Cuban invasion, called on all the governments of the Western Hemisphere to join military forces against the Fidel Castro regime.

He said ~~and~~ such unity could "topple the Cuban government rule within a week."

AUSTIN

In Burlington, Vermont, today -- the death of former Senator Warren Austin, who was our first Ambassador to the United Nations. It was a long illness. Senator Austin died at the age of eighty-five. He was a Republican, appointed to the U.N. by Democratic President Harry Truman in Nineteen Forty-Six.

LONGSHOREMEN

Many American waterfronts were unusually quiet today. Sixty thousand longshoremen claiming one hundred per cent effectiveness in a strike supported by the National Maritime Union. Many ships are in port along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts.

There was no picketing today but it is to be resumed tomorrow. And no further meetings have been scheduled with the ship owners who call the strike "senseless, needless, and paralyzing." The Union had rejected a presidential plea to stay on the job and walked out at the expiration of an eighty day cooling off injunction which had stopped the strike back in October.

INTRO. TO L.T.

From the Antarctic tonight comes word that our far ranging friend, Lowell Thomas, is preparing to head for warmer climes. Lowell, what's the story tonight -- as you head toward the warmer North?

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SOUTH POLE

Hello Doug, and good evening everybody:

Before we leave the South Pole, I have a couple of anecdotes about life here under the ice; anecdotes that may be of scientific interest to some psychiatrist.

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virtually memorized the dialogue, they project it again with the sound off, and this time the boys themselves do the dialogue - dialogue that would curl the hair of the man who wrote the script. I'll leave this to your imagination. Everybody remembers the pin-up pictures of World War Two. This village has been here now for a number of winters - so I won't say which winter it was when the Admiral in command took a look at the pictures on the walls here at the South Pole. It's not easy to shock a hard-bitten Admiral, the rugged type who gets this Antarctic assignment, but the Admiral said he thought their art was almost enough to melt the ice; and he suggested they put up pictures of a different sort, something - Oh - a different sort of scenery!

I did no snooping to find out whether this is true, but one of the boys told me how they solved

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this problem. He said they now hang frames with pictures on both sides - girls on one side; mountains, pastoral and patriotic scenes on the other. When they hear the Admiral is flying up from McMurdo, they just turn 'em over.

There was one sign I saw on the South Pole Village bulletin board that I couldn't quite figure out. It read: "Friday night is mother's night. Anyone wanting to be a mother, report here Friday night".

But then, if you were down here on the ice, right at the South Pole, all through the long Antarctic night, you too might do almost anything for a laugh.

These are dedicated fellows, doing an important work for their country, nearly all in the interest of pure science. And I take off my fur cap to all of them - as I say - so long to the South Pole

FOLLOW L.T.

Bon Voyage, and happy landings, Lowell, as you head toward your next destination.

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WEATHER

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But the first forty-eight hours of the holiday have remained on the low side so far as accidents are concerned, and the National Safety Council says the toll might be the lowest in years. Let's hope the estimate winds up on the low side.

SANTA

Well, here's a switch -- a Santa Claus that steals Christmas presents. Such a would-be Santa in reverse was arrested in a Fresno, California, home -- and police say they picked up more than fifteen hundred dollars worth of stolen Christmas gifts under his Christmas tree -- including a portable television set. The man arrested -- charged with grand theft.

And seasons greetings to you, Dick Noel.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Well, Dick, you can't win 'em all.

And in Augusta, Georgia, city employees were given turkeys for completing a year of service without any accidents. When city detective Roscoe Holley stepped up to get his frozen turkey, he dropped it on his foot. Next stop -- the doctor's office.

Now a quick but hearty seasons greetings to you all, with the word that Lowell Thomas will be back full time tomorrow from Hawaii. And it's been a privilege to be sitting in for him during his latest of many journeys - and also for another old friend, Oldsmobile.

And goodnight everybody.