

L.T.-OLDS. THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I am at Mystic, Connecticut tonight, the one place in America where the traditions of the days of sailing ships are preserved, Mystic a model seaport of the old days.

It would take far more than all my air time to give you a mere outline of what a place it is. But, each year three hundred thousand Americans visit Mystic seaport, here on the Connecticut coast, a few miles East of New London and Groton. It's a thrilling experience; a place to visit and revisit over and over.

Now, today's news - from aboard the Arctic sailing vessel - The SS Bowdoin.

ALGERIA

The conflict in Algeria - is ironic. The Moslems are now fighting among themselves; after years of promising that everything would be beautiful - once they got rid of the French.

Secondly, Ben Bella's men, are rolling toward Algiers in Soviet trucks and armed with Czech machine guns: most of whom took no part in the struggle against the French. They sat the war out in base camp across the border in Tunisia.

Their opponents - not nearly so well armed - are the Moslems who did the fighting.

Anyway, it looks as if the Algerian Civil War has finally come and here to stay - until one side or the other wins.

DEGAULLE

The importance of Charles DeGaulle as the leader of France - is emphasized by two dispatches from opposite sides of the Atlantic. At his news conference in New York, after his return from Europe, ^{Fern. Pica.} Dwight Eisenhower pointed out - that we must get along with the President of France, no matter how difficult we may find him. Ike, terming DeGaulle -- one of the most effective men of modern times.

No one in France disputes that, - ~~least of all~~ DeGaulle ~~itself.~~ ^{and} That's ~~why~~ the French here of World War Two is moving to change - the French Constitution. The Paris dispatch mentioning - his concern about the fate of his country, should ^{he} be assassinated. ~~The old question~~ + who would replace ^{him?} ~~him?~~ DeGaulle's plan is - to ~~make~~ make the French system more like the American system. The President of France to be elected - by popular vote, ~~With him,~~ a Vice President ~~who would be~~ next in line. The new Constitution, providing for an orderly

succession - even if the greatest French leader
since Napoleon should disappear.

BERLIN

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That buzzing of a British airliner over Berlin - was the first Soviet provocation of the kind, in recent weeks. Once again, a Russian plane - flying too close in the air corridor. Almost causing - a collision in mid-air. Or, at least, making the British pilot think that their might be ^{one} a collision. The incident, drawing a prompt British protest, - ~~to the Soviets.~~

~~Meanwhile, the Allies, are ignoring - the latest pronouncement by the East German commandant in East Berlin, ^{who is saying} ~~General Papp~~ ~~asserting~~ that the ~~four~~ power status lapsed fourteen years ago. To which opinion, London, Paris, and Washington answer - nothing. Because - no answer is called for. The East German puppet of the Kremlin, making meaningless noises - as far as the West is concerned.~~

CUBA

The American lawyer who dickered with Khrushchev may find it tougher to dicker with Castro. In the first case, James Donovan won the release of U -2 pilot Gary Francis Powers. ~~The Russians releasing Powers, in return for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel.~~

Donovan hopes for the same success - with regard to Castro's prisoners; ^{The} More than a thousand freedom fighters ~~who were~~ captured during the abortive invasion over a year ago. Castro is ~~is~~ demanding a ransom of - sixty-two million dollars. Donovan's mission - to get part of this ransom payable in food, and medical supplies.

Chances - of success? Not too good - judging from the American lawyer's reception.

No government official - on hand to welcome him at the airport. And he was driven into Havana through back streets - instead of along the boulevards. Castro showing contempt for the Donovan mission - before the bargaining begins.

ADMINISTRATION

In the game of musical chairs in Washington it's Goldberg for Frankfurter, and Wirtz for Goldberg.

The first shift, mentioned by the President yesterday - at his news conference. The Presidential announcement, Justice Frankfurter retiring - from the Supreme Court; Secretary Goldberg moving in - and now the Under Secretary of Labor gets his job - Willard Wirtz.

Who walks right into the railroad strike in the midwest. Wirtz was a key figure in trying to head off the walkout, that has shut down ten thousand miles of track. As Secretary of Labor, his first big job will be - to end the stalemate if he can.

The issue - job security. The telegraphers

demanding - no elimination of jobs, except after an okay from their union. Management - saying - "no" to this. Arguing, that the railroad lines have to be modernized, which necessitates "anti-feather-bedding" regulations.

Result - the strike that is paralyzing nine states in the mid-west, that is giving Secretary of Labor Willard Wirts his first official headache.

STEEL

Four steel firms are facing - contempt of Congress citations. Senator Kefauver, raising the threat - after the steel men refused to appear before his anti-Trust sub-committee. This - their second refusal. The first, when they rejected a sub-committee order to produce their books, with the figures on production costs.

EARTHQUAKE

An earthquake shock our western states again today. No casualties; because the tremblors hit an area largely uninhabited, the wide open spaces - of Utah, Wyoming and Idaho.

The power of the quake - six point one on the seismograph. Only two points less - than the devastating cataclysm that ruined San Francisco at the turn of the Century. Most of the damage today - in a remote Utah Valley where buildings were shaken and power knocked out. The ceiling of a Mormon temple fell down. Also highway Eighty-Nine through Logan Canyon is now blocked by a massive landslide.

MACMILLAN

Here at Mystic seaport on the Connecticut coast I am actually broadcasting from below deck on one of the most famous sailing vessels in the history of exploration, The Bowdoin. Some twenty-nine or thirty times Adm. Donald MacMillan took the Bowdoin north to the Arctic. The epic story is told in the new MacMillan book, "Arctic Odyssey". Now the Bowdoin is here so that all of us may visit her. Admiral MacMillan himself is eighty-eight years old; same age as former President Hoover, who by the way is reported to be in good shape so far after his operation the other day. As for Admiral MacMillan he has that exploration Arctic Odyssey gleam in his eye tonight, as though still looking at some far horizon.

With him is his fabulous wife Miriam, an explorer in her own right.

Wish I had time to put them both on the air.

Admiral Macmillan is a man of unusual eloquence, a thrilling speaker. As for his wife, Miriam, she's one of the saltiest and wittiest you ever heard. Dick - lure them to your town if you can.

along until tomorrow



ENDING

Dick, there isn't any time left, just enough to repeat again that I'm broadcasting from a famous Arctic sailing ship the Bowdoin in the harbor at Mystic Seaport here on the Connecticut coast. Saturday will be Bowdoin Day. Many ~~sixth~~ who have sailed on her will be on hand, Saturday, -- men who know a lot about Greenland, the great ice fields of the North, the polar bear and the eskimo.

And.....

solong until tomorrow