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Mobster Joseph Valachi spent another day before the Senate Investigators - rasping out more of the Cosa Nostra secrets he had taken a blood oath never to betray. He re-enacted - before a hushed Senate caucus room - the sinister underworld ceremony that initiated him into the crime syndicate back in 1930. Then Valachi appeared to catch up with his innermost thoughts . . . . declaring - what I'm doing - Senators, this is my doom.

With a gun and a knife lying on a table before him - ~~then~~ Valachi said he took the oath to - "live by the gun and the knife - and to die by the gun and the knife". He said he had to burn a ball of paper in his hands - juggling the burning mass from hand to hand as he repeated the oath in sicilian,

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that if he ever betrayed the Cosa Nostra, he would burn like the paper. The boss of that Cosa Nostra family drew blood from Valachi's finger - making him a blood brother.

## UNITED NATIONS

*Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was in high spirits today following a two-hour conference at the United Nations with Britain's Lord Home - but the Russian diplomat was doing no talking. Gromyko would only say that his conversation with Lord Home was "a continuation of a number of questions" - among them disarmament. It was the British Foreign Secretary who said most to newsmen. He indicated that the Soviet proposal for an 18 nation summit conference on disarmament was touched upon, and that he found hope for some progress to lessen the danger of nuclear war.*

*Earlier in the day - during a major policy speech to the U.N. General Assembly, Lord Home gave guarded approval to that summit conference. But, he stated then, that such a meeting would need clear directions to be of value.*

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

*Tonight from our traveling Lowell Thomas -*

*a story of some of the people he met in Europe. Lowell .*

SOUTH AFRICA No. 1

(Flight to Europe)

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Hello Dick. Good Evening, Everybody. If you have visited Rome, you will recall the Spanish steps. Four women, who looked like Americans -- and they were -- stepped up to me at the foot of these glorious steps, and the spokesman for the group said: "Why, Lowell Thomas, don't you ever go home?!" They all laughed; and I did feel a little guilty, because so many people - including my family - seem to think I am always in motion, always going somewhere. But then, our planet isn't as big as it used to be, and if your work takes you around the world, somehow you get the feeling that wherever you are you are at home. This is especially true if you have your family with you, and this time I had my wife along as far as Rome -- she going on to Sicily, and I heading south for the first flight ever from South Africa to the South Pole.



At the airport in Lisbon, as we were boarding a Pan-Am jet for Africa, an American put out his hand, said he had been crossing my trail for many years, that he had lived for 22 years in Southern India, Mysore, Travencore, and the Arabian sea coast south of Goa. Now, on the faculty of a Methodist seminary in Tennessee; he's on his way to Africa as an inspector of missions.

In Lisbon, he asked where he might attend a Protestant service. He was directed to a building where he joined a congregation of a sect called the Pentacostals. But they insisted that he preach the sermon. He added that the Pentacostals is the fastest growing Protestant denomination in Portugal, also - in Latin America. His explanation is that the Latin Americans, and the Portuguese too, are emotional people; that the Pentacostals are an emotional sect, - hence a natural affinity.

On our way down the west coast of Africa, after passing the Sahara, Senegal and Portuguese Guinea, we landed at Cronakry, capital of the New Republic of Guinea, part of the old Ivory Coast. We were on a Pan American inaugural flight -- the

first time for an American passenger plane to come down in this West African country. Up to now the Russians have done the flying to Guinea. They built the bumpy airstrip on which we came in.

How's this for a coincidence? Our pilot, Gene Westfall, turned out to be a neighbor of mine, who lives just over the hill, near Sherman, Conn.

Airports everywhere are jammed these days. No matter how recently built, they already seem to be obsolete. Said Toni Clark, a Pan Am hostess, who has been on the Atlantic run for years: "I wish everybody would get where they are going, and stay there!" So Long.

## REBELS

*Algeria's President Ahmed Ben Bella*

*nationalized all the remaining private property held by Europeans today - hoping to rally his people around him to fight the Berber rebels. His announcement was made to a cheering crowd of 100 thousand persons in the Algiers Forum - where he also declared that the Algerian Army Command was reorganized and ordered to crush the rebellion. But Ben Bella's order was shrugged off by the commander of the rebel forces, Colonel El Hadj ... who once again roared his defiance of the Ben Bella regime and said he'd crush any attempt to subdue his insurgents.*



## CIVIL RIGHTS

*Politics put its blunt touch on two major pieces of legislation that President Kennedy said today he would like to have passed this year. And it seems likely that the Administration will press for Civil Rights legislation even if it's forced to leave a tax cut until next year. Senator Hubert Humphrey held a news conference after the usual weekly breakfast at the White House for Democratic leaders. The Senator stated flatly that nothing could be more injurious to the Democratic Party than to have a long filibuster on Civil Rights next year - with the Presidential election coming up. Whereas trouble inside the party from meeting a Southern filibuster head-on this year could be ironed out by next summer. Humphrey's view is not exactly echoed by House Speaker John McCormack and Senate Leader Mike Mansfield. Both men stated after the White House*

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meeting that they saw no valid reason why both Civil Rights and the Tax Cut bill could not be acted on in this session of Congress.

## WELCOME

*The red carpet was spread wide in Washington today - as President Kennedy ordered highest official welcome for Haile Selassie I - Emperor of Ethiopia. Indeed it was a warm reception for the 73 year old Monarch - who has ruled the three thousand-year-old empire for 47 years. A few years ago, Emperor Haile Selassie visited the United States, but had to hurry home when his opponents tried to remove him from power. His simple re-appearance frustrated the uprising. In Addis Ababa, Haile Selassie is called the "Conquering Lion of Judah" - a great leader. Here, too, he is held in high esteem. It's a day to make acquaintances in Washington. The President and the Emperor - a man who was a world figure when Mr. Kennedy was a schoolboy.*