

LADS - L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1962.

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: Some profess to know nothing

-- about a French drive on the Laos border. The Premier of the Congo asks the U N - for
greater military assistance. Adoula flying into
New York, to tell the delegates -- that the secession
of Katanga must be prevented. And that the U N
contingent in the Congo - is just too small to do the
job. Adoula wants more men and more guns -- to put
down resistance in Tshombe's area, and drive out his
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Still, plenty of reports are coming - out of Laos. The Reds, refusing to lift their siege -- of Nam Tha. Tonight, shells are tearing up the airfield at that strategic town far ^{to the} north in ~~the~~ ^SLaotian ~~jungle~~. The Communist aggression, so blatant -- that the formation of a coalition government is being held up. Pro-western Prince Boun Oum refusing to join the Reds in ^a cabinet -- while their troops are attacking his.

ITALY

The new strategy of the Italian Premier is being called - "a calculated risk." Premier Fanfani resigning - taking his middle of the road government out of office. ^{But} He's expected to return to power - in a coalition with the left wing socialists. The "calculated risk" is - that Fanfani will be able to keep the loyalty of the socialists. Prevent them from intriguing - with the Reds. If his strategy is sound - Italy may have its strongest government since the war.

BERLIN

The rejection of the latest Soviet proposal on Berlin -- was inevitable. The West, pointing out *that* it's merely a rehash of Khrushchev's old propaganda line. The Boss of the Kremlin has been calling for West Berlin to be turned into - "a free city." Now he uses the phrase -- "an independent state." Adding - he'd vote for this "independent state" to become a member of the U N.

But by any other name -- this Kremlin idea looks just as phony. The basic problem - untouched. There would be nothing to prevent West Berlin from being isolated and strangled -- by the Reds.

ALGERIA

The French government announces a common policy - for Moslem rebels and right wing terrorists. Both, to be treated - as common criminals. Hereto-fore they enjoyed - a political status. But - no more. From now on, they'll be dressed in prison uniforms, go through the prison routine and lose their mail and visitor privileges.

This, the latest move - in DeGaulle's crack down. The tall ^{ex} soldier of France, using stern measures against his opponents - of both extremes. Still vowing that nothing will move him from his present course -- which is due to end soon, with an Algerian Algeria.

ADD ALGERIA

The new DeGaulle policy was vindicated - almost as soon as it was made public. Three hundred right wing prisoners in a Paris jail -- rebelling. Defying an order to return to their cells -- starting a sit down in the exercise yard instead. When the guards tried to make them move - a riot erupted. A fist swinging melee lasting an hour - until police reinforcements charged in with batons.

Tonight, the terrorists are back in their cells - nursing their cuts and bruises. Sullen in the knowledge that they are losing their status, as political prisoners. DeGaulle, transforming them into common criminals.

October eleventh was selected today by Pope John the Twenty Third - for the opening of the next General Council. The first - since Eighteen Seventy. Three thousand ecclesiastics, to discuss christian unity - with Protestant theologians attending as observers. An attempt will be made to formulate a common defense - against the atheistic, materialism of the modern world.

STOCK PILING

That question of strategic stockpiling - has taken a political turn. Senator John Williams of Delaware, charging that President Kennedy should not be "astonished" - in view of Senator Kennedy's voting record. According to Senator Williams, when the governor of Texas, General Walker, who retired from the Army - to lead a fight against Communism - President was in Congress, he voted in favor of the as he sees it. The General now wants to lead the Pentagon purchases. The ratio - eight to one. fight - from the State House in Austin.

WALKER

~~The Lone Star State seems headed for~~
~~another political showdown. Of which it has had~~
~~many. This time,~~ The head of a conservative posse
riding into Austin -- to file as a candidate for
governor of Texas. General Walker, who retired
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ASTROLOGY

Tomorrow will be D-Day -- for the astrologers of India. February third - when that sinister pattern in the heavens will form in the sign of Capricorn. A pattern of eight heavenly bodies, aligned as they haven't been - for five thousand years; not since Hindustan's Age of Darkness.

All week long, enormous crowds have been streaming into - the Sacred City of Benares, on the sacred Ganges. Outside Benares near panic - with a run on the market; and - a boom in insurance. The sub-continent, echoing with the sound of prayer and the chanting of age-old hymns to Shiva, Vishnu, Brshma - and Buddha, the Enlightened.

There are skeptics - in Hindustan. Nehru is scoffing at the astrologers - advising the Indian people to ignore them. And in Nepal, King Mahendra has jailed more than a hundred sooth-sayers who have been fore-

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telling immense disasters - for his Kingdom, including a titanic upheaval of the Himalayas - that will turn some of the highest peaks into river beds.

The astrological predictions, not at all to the taste of King Mahendra when he's facing opposition from rather uncelestial revolutionaries, armed with machine guns from Red China. Hence, off to jail for those doleful wizards in Katmandu.

At any rate, the astrologers are worried - tonight. And, they have much of Asia terrified, about what is going to happen - tomorrow. Are any of you worried about - that sinister sign of Capricorn.

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DRIVER

The following item from Farnborough, England -- sounds like an ordinary traffic case. Aircraft mechanic Dick Brown, fined for - a whole series of driving offenses. No drivers license, no license plates, no insurance, and defective brakes.

What's the story? Dick Brown was driving - a bed. He installed a motor scooter engine in his bed - and proceeded to give a dozen of his pals a ride, down the main street of Farnborough. Those aircraft mechanics whizzing along, for six blocks. Cars - veering out of the way. Pedestrians - jumping back onto the sidewalk. Bobbies, blowing their whistles.

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ROCKEFELLER

When a Rockefeller goes shopping for art, how much would you guess he spends? Answer - Forty-Eight dollars. At least, that's what Nelson Rockefeller forked over - at the Des Moines art center. The Governor of New York, buying two modernistic wooden owls -- at six-fifty a piece. Also a drawing of an owl -- ^{for} ~~worth thirty-five bucks~~ ~~Total forty-eight dollars~~. Said Nelson Rockefeller - "I'm an enthusiast on owls."

Art - the only thing he would talk about. No politics, and ~~of course~~ no comment on the arrival of Mrs. Rockefeller in Reno.

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