

KENNEDY L.T. > Olds. Thurs., Dec. 28 1961
(Given by Harry Truman)

President's Kennedy support for U N bonds - is an attempt to stave off bankruptcy ^{For The World Peace} ~~at the international~~ organization. With the Soviets defaulting on their share of the Congo operation, and many of the members in arrears - the U N needs financial help. And - quickly. Last week the general assembly voted to issue - two-hundred million dollars worth of U N bonds. President Kennedy is about to ask Congress for authority - to buy half the total sum.

Today, the President continued his Palm Beach meetings with his top advisors. Drawing up administration strategy for dealing with Congress next month. Emphasizing - the budget, and ^{HIS} ~~the~~ state of the union message.

Today's relaxation for the President and the First Lady - if you can call it that - was a visit to Mr. Kennedy's father who, as you know is in the hospital. According to the latest medical bulletin, the condition of

Joseph P. Kennedy remains - "unchanged." Still serious - more than a week after the President's father suffered a stroke.

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TIBET

While the Prime Minister of India is explaining how right he was to conquer Goa - he'd better keep an eye on India's northern frontier. That's the moral in the latest information - about Red Chinese incursions through the Himalayas. Tibetan refugees reaching ~~XXXX~~ Nepal - say they crossed the disputed area. Hiding by day - traveling by night. And they saw long Communist convoys - headed down the new Communist roads through the mountains. Headed - toward India. Mao tse-tung, obviously hustling men and supplies - to the support of his advance columns on Indian soil. Obvious^{ly} determined to make them strong enough - to throw back any counter-attack from India.

Are these reports correct? Well, don't forget that a band of refugees from Tibet were the first to reveal-that Red China was committing aggression against India. So it looks as if Nehru would do well to prepare for - another military campaign. The Chinese Reds - are

already prepared. Possibly because Goa has taught them what it taught us - that Nehru is no longer committed to peaceful solutions.

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the hope of returning to Buenos Aires. He wanted to keep alive the image of - Juan and Evita.

The truth that his exile is permanent - finally became too obvious even for him to deny. That's why Peron admits that a second wife has taken the place of - the dynamic Evita.

WEATHER

Over in Britain, they're having - a cold wave. Temperatures of - thirty-two, thirty, twenty-nine. And today the thermometer actually plummeted to - twenty-eight. The ^{Thames,} ~~river~~ frozen from bank to bank - in two places.

The point being - that these thermometer readings are all above zero. Probably sounds like a warm spell - to you. Still, British homes generally don't have - central heating. Which means that they're having - a rather chilly time of it in the ^{DAMP} ~~tight~~ little island.

Imagine what it would it would be like without central heating in Iowa - where the thermometer is hovering around eighteen-below zero. Or Illinois and Wisconsin - close behind, at seventeen below.

Here's a weather note - for football fans. Its fourteen below - at Green Bay. So the Giants and the Packers will be fighting the weather - as well as each other - when they collide for the championship on Sunday.

vision of a world order - based on justice. Hence, Mr. Kennedy agrees with the admirers of Woodrow Wilson - that publication of the Wilson papers is good politics, as well as good scholarship.

WILSON

The growing interest in Woodrow Wilson reflected in two dispatches - one from Washington, and one from Palm Beach. In the nation's capital - a new bridge across the Potomac dedicated today. Dedicated to the memory of - our World War I President. The occasion, marred only because - Mrs. Wilson couldn't be present. Mrs. Wilson has often participated in ceremonies - concerning her late husband. But she's eighty-nine and in poor health. Besides, Washington weather is too frigid this time of year for the President's widow to venture out of doors. While the bridge was being dedicated in Washington - President Kennedy was paying tribute to his great predecessor. Mr. Kennedy, speaking in Palm Beach - endorsing publication of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Appropriately, President Kennedy took the occasion to remind all Americans - that part of the task before us is to fulfill the noble vision of Woodrow Wilson.

GEOGRAPHIC

If you want to know how to parley six-dollars and fifty-cents into a four-day expenses-paid tour of Washington - consider the case of Mrs. C. H. Preuett of Omaha. Mrs. Preuett is the Nebraska school teacher - who received membership in the National Geographic Society, as a Christmas present from her class. Unknown to her, or to her pupils - she became number three million on the societies membership list. That's why the society is playing host to Mrs. Preuett - escorting her around Washington. or being hit by someone - close to home. Incidentally, the organization itself - deserves an accolade. It was just an obscure group when it first met - back in 1888. Its charter membership - in thirty-five. Now it numbers three-million - and is famous around the world. The National Geographic Society. Now, Dick, how about a word from you?

ASTROLOGY

A Vatican newspaper has come out against - astrology. This isn't the first time that the Catholic Church has condemned - the manufacturers of horoscopes. The star-gazers who chart the zodiac - and fortell the future. But Pope John the Twenty-third is said to be worried about the proliferation of astrologers - taking advantage of the world crisis. Imposing on victims who crave to know what is going to happen to them - during the coming months and years.

The Vatican Weekly "Osservatore Della Domenica" - uses a philosophical argument. It points out that since the human will is free - the future always remains undecided. So its either fraud or superstition - when someone tells you that he can read your fate in the signs of the zodiac.

An old superstition, reviving - in the space age. We're living in the time of - the astronaut. And - the astrologer. And now Dick, how about a word from you.

DRIVING

Now lets picture - a New Year's driver. He doesn't drink. He drives - within the speed limit. He's making - a short trip. The weather - ideal. Seems as if he hasn't a chance - of being involved in a serious accident.

The operative word - "seems." A cross-country survey shows - most crackups over the New Year's holiday involve just such model drivers. Eighty-percent - driving under good conditions. Seven out of eight, hitting someone, or being hit by someone - close to home. The most dangerous hour? You'd probably think - midnight, or the wee hours before dawn. Not so - the danger period is from 4:00 to 7:00 oclock in the evening.

This is Larry LeSueur saying as Lowell Thomas would - So-Long until tomorrow.