

L.T. OLDS. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1962

(L.T. at South Sea Islands, then Antarctica,
and Europe. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

GOOD EVENING:

President Kennedy, taking the first step toward a possible Taft-Hartley injunction to halt the Lockheed Aircraft strike, today appointed a board of inquiry to look into the dispute and report back to him on December Third. In signing an executive order, the President said the Machinists Union strike at Lockheed installations could jeopardize the national health and safety. The strike began today, when at least fifty-five thousand workers walked off their jobs at Lockheed facilities from Cape Canaveral to Hawaii. The Company claimed, however, that nearly two-thirds of its employees are still on the job. The strike, if it continues, is also certain to slow down the nation's space and missile program.

If the inquiry board findings warrant the action, the President could invoke a provision of the Taft-Hartley Act to

halt the strike for the usual cooling-off period of eighty days. A spokesman for the Union said that, "of course, we will abide by the President's decision, but we're unhappy about the invocation of Taft-Hartley."

The possibility of another nationwide strike -- this one against the railroad system -- arose today when a Federal Appeals Court in Chicago ruled that the railroads have a legal right to put "anti-featherbedding", work-rule changes into effect. More than a half billion dollars a year would be saved through the elimination of about sixty-five thousand railroad jobs. A spokesman for the railroads said the employers would take immediate steps to put the new rules into effect. The Unions, representing engineers, firemen, trainmen, conductors and switchmen, have announced they will strike when that happens.

MIKOYAN

Soviet Deputy Premier Mikoyan had a three-hour session at the United Nations today with top U.S. and Russian negotiators on the Cuban situation, but they failed to announce any agreement for resolving the remaining obstacles in the way of a complete settlement. Another in the long series of sessions will be held on Friday. Mikoyan will be in Washington tomorrow for a conference with President Kennedy on Cuba and a wide range of cold war issues, including Berlin.

INTEGRATION

In Dallas, Texas, today the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools ruled that the University of Mississippi permitted political interference in the school's affairs at the time of the controversy over the enrollment of Negro Student James Meredith. The Association, however, did not withdraw the school's accreditation but said it may do so if such political interference occurs again.

INTRO. TO L.T.

Lowell Thomas is still in -- Polynesia. Tonight he tells us about the history of the islands -- and about the mighty Pacific Ocean that surges around them. Lowell, where are you now -- specifically?

LT:- HELLO EVERYBODY:

We are at Quinns, on the Papeete waterfront tonight. Enough said about that - until I see you in person. You might say that life here in this gay part of the South Seas could be divided into three periods. Polynesians came around a thousand years ago. From whence, is still being debated. But they must have been remarkable navigators. And they had these dreamy isles all to themselves until the first Europeans arrived in sailing ships about two hundred years ago. Even then this part of the South Pacific was so remote not so many ships found their way here. That second period lasted until just now. Today is the beginning of the third period. Nordhoff and Hall of "Mutiny on the Bounty" fame lived almost till the end of the second period. For them it was still far off the beaten path. Hall, before he died a couple of years ago, said: "There was far more shipping in this part of the Pacific, a hundred years ago, in the days of whaling ships, than today." Then he added: "As for planes, in so far as French oceania is concerned, they might never have been invented. And the Polynesians of a thousand years ago," said he, "had better means of communications than they have today."

Ah, but what Hall would say now about the new jet airstrip and the new hotels, fashioned after the coco palms at Kawai in Hawaii! There isn't much change yet. And maybe there won't be - maybe.

I promised to tell you something about the making of the new version of "Mutiny on the Bounty." They spent over a year here, and spent a lot of money -- way over a million. Imagine what that did to the economy of this small Pacific isle! While they were doing it, a British ship came in. The crew members all went to Quinns, to celebrate. They all do. And to meet the Polynesian belles, and see them dance. Maybe they have some of that in the film. After they themselves had reached the singing, shouting stage, one said: "Let's raid the Bounty. Let's get some souvenirs." So out they went into the night.

Boarding a ship by force can be a major crime of the sea, even if the ship is being used in the making of an MGM wide screen film. Anyhow, these chaps were too plastered to make a stealthy approach. Reeling drunk as sailors have been known to get at Quinns, and elsewhere, off they went. Now MGM had hired a real seafaring mate, a man in his sixties. And these were rugged young fellows. But he had one advantage, he was at the top of the gangway. In the darkness with a belaying pin, he knocked out the first man, then the second, and the third. By which time the other three, drunk as they were, discovered what was happening,

and high-tailed it. The first three were taken to the hospital.

Another episode in the life of Tahiti, where life is seldom dull. And tomorrow night, if you can make it with us to Quins again, I'll give you another tale of the South Pacific - before we leave for the farthest south. So long.

FOLLOW L.T.

Well, Lowell, the earth may be shrinking as the old
cliche has it. But from where I sit, those Polynesian atolls
and coral reefs -- look rather far away. And -- rather
enchanting. I'd like to join you, I know.

POPE

Pope John the Twenty-Third - for the first time during his reign at the Vatican - was bedridden today with what a Vatican spokesman called influenza. But informed sources in Rome indicate that the illness is more complex.

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The plane was delayed about thirty minutes for a check-up.

And Mr. Moore -- just walked away.

And that's my cue, Richard -- goodnight -- back

tomorrow.

Dick, never underestimate the power of

Well, I'll tell you a little later.

A jet plane was taxiing for a take-off from the Anchorage International Airport -- its engines roaring.

An animal, indigenous to the area, was watching and perhaps thought the plane was an adversary, roaring for battle. Anyway, it was charge -- and whammo, he clobbered the jet right between its number one and two engines.

The plane was delayed about thirty minutes for a check-up.

And Mr. Moose -- just walked away.

And that's my cue, Richard -- goodnight -- back tomorrow.