

KENNEDY

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I wonder <sup>when a</sup> ~~whether any~~ President of the United States has ~~ever~~ been officially welcomed by - six other Presidents? It happened - today. President Kennedy, flying in - to San Jose, Costa Rica. Greeted at the airport by the Chief Executives of - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatamala, Nicaragua and Panama. Quite an array of - presidential authority.

All the usual - diplomatic courtesies. Flags flying, bands blaring, twenty-one gun salute, honor guard snapping to attention - and so on. Not so usual - the warmth of the reception.

About a hundred and fifty thousand Costa Ricans out of a population of only one million - choking the streets, waving flags and dancing. Yelling - "Viva Kennedy!" The two-mile Avenue to the President's residence - a sea of color. The excited, cheering throng - ignoring the volcanic dust drifting down from

Mount Irazu's smoking cone. Determined - to have  
their great day. Banks closed, schools too - businesses  
shuttered. Costa Rica - one gigantic fiesta today - in  
honor of - our President.

## MOTORCADE

Those seven Presidents in the motorcade from San Jose's airport today - well they may have started out together. But some of them got lost - along the way! The crowd so enthusiastic - that it broke up the procession. Cutting in behind President Kennedy's car - and leaving five of the Chief Executives several blocks behind. They never did catch up - until they reached the Presidential palace in San Jose!

## SPEECH

What did President Kennedy say today - to that huge crowd of Costa Ricans, welcoming him so tumultuously?

~~Well,~~ The hatless President, standing in the sun, - stressed the neighborly aspect of the meeting. Praising Costa Rica - as a model democracy. Telling his listeners that - hopes for economic progress cannot be allowed to interfere with political liberty. "We meet to strengthen our defenses against the forces of foreign imperialism, to live under freedom", he said.



## CONFERENCE

The President's visit to San Jose, as you know - is not just a good will jaunt. There will be much talk on basic issues - before he leaves. Issues like - the Alliance for Progress. The drive to raise the standard of living - in Latin America. And the possibility of a Little Common Market - in Central America. A federation along the peninsula - joining North and South America. An end to the old anarchy of banana republics - afflicted with dictators and governmental paralysis.

What about - the Cuban problem? President Kennedy was hoping - to avoid that one. But the betting in San Jose is that he <sup>will discuss</sup> ~~will state out~~ our policy toward <sup>- do it</sup> Castro - for the benefit of the Central American leaders exposed to Castroite subversion.

## BRAZIL

The Brazilian Ambassador emerged from the State Department today to tell newsmen - that his talk with Undersecretary Ball was useful. Useful that is, in clearing up the present difficulty between Brazil and the United States. Brazil - still angry over charges of Communist infiltration in its government. But the Brazilian Ambassador denies - that President Goulart has halted negotiations for U.S. economic aid.

## CASTRO

Here's an example of - the magnanimity of the  
Castro revolution. An example of "great serenity and  
revolutionary conscience" - according to the Castro  
press. What was that? Why, Castro's bully boys,  
smashing their way into a temple of - Jehovah's  
Witnesses. Driving the worshippers - into the street.

## BIDAULT.

Now it's the turn of Georges Bidault - to be threatened with assassination. Bidault, the former French Premier who admits - he's trying to overthrow de Gaulle. Who dodges questions about a conspiracy - to assassinate the President of France. Who says he wants to continue his anti-Gaullist campaign - from Bavaria in West Germany, ~~If~~ - the Bavarians will let him.

Anyway, Bidault is now receiving threats - as well as making them. Anonymous phone calls, poison pen letters - bomb scares. ~~Maybe a touch of poetic justice.~~ Conspiracy against - a conspirator. De Gaulle's followers, using Bidault's weapons - against Bidault.



## BOMB

That bomb that exploded today in San Francisco's International Airport - is still something of a mystery.

The bomb arrived - aboard an airliner during the weekend. Concealed in a batch of mail - from Viet Nam and Korea. It exploded in the faces of two ~~sorting~~ clerks - who were sorting mail in the Air Mail Building. They were lucky that they suffered nothing worse than - some cuts and bruises. They don't know - which package contained the bomb. They were just tossing mail into the bags - when the blast occurred.

Authorities can only speculate whether it would have downed an aircraft, if it had exploded in the air.

Another theory - that it was a hand grenade, or some other small explosive, sent as a war souvenir.

## MAJOR

Down in Darwin, Australia, Major Harold Brennan likes the epithet - "blinking". At least - so says the Darwin dispatch. Knowing the Aussies - I'd guess that the Major goes in for language much more purple. But we're told that he was talking today - about the blinking weather, the blinking protocol, the blinking dinner jacket.

Occasion - the Darwin state dinner for the Queen. Major Brennan, invited - if he would wear a dinner jacket. But - he wouldn't. So he went to a pub - and lifted a few instead. The Major's explanation - "I don't possess a blinking dinner jacket, and I'm not going to wear one in this blinking weather". And so on and on.

A favorite Australian epithet, Dick - that word "blinking".

## POACHERS

A dispatch from Stevenage, England, says that headstones will be set up to the memory of - "the two Alberts." Albert Ebenzer Foss and Albert Fox Foss - twin brothers who died back in the 'thirties.

Admirers of the brothers Foss point out - that "the two Alberts" have a special claim to fame. Each of them, caught poaching - more than two hundred times. And - that's a record. No one in British history, taking so many <sup>have</sup> ~~rabbits~~ and deer - out of season.

Preserving their memory for posterity - ~~doesn't~~ ~~that~~ sound odd in law-abiding Britain? ~~But~~ But the British have - another tradition. The tradition of - <sup>And these</sup> the rugged individualist. ~~They~~ certainly were rugged individualists, "the two Alberts" - and their four hundred convictions for poaching.