

STALINGRAD

L.T.-Olds. Wed. Nov. 8 - '61.

~~Remember if~~ <sup>Have</sup> you ~~ve~~ ever heard of - "Volgrad" or "Piatmorsk"? If you haven't <sup>that's understandable,</sup> ~~heard of them - don't feel~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~chagrined.~~ There isn't any place - with either name. But - there soon will be.

"Volgrad" and "Piatmorsk", the two top candidates to replace - "Stalingrad." Khrushchev's de-Stalinization policy - reaching the celebrated battlefield of World War Two. Tonight, the references to the dead tyrant - are being removed all over what used to be Stalingrad. Statues, portraits, titles - all taken down. Including - the title of the city. Even the road signs using it - are gone.

So - we won't be hearing about the Battle of Stalingrad any more. From now on, it will be - the Battle of Volgrad. Or - the Battle of Piatmorsk.

It's the only case I can think of in all history - where the name of a great battle was changed almost twenty years after it took place.

KENNEDY

At his news conference today, President Kennedy revealed - what he has been telling Prime Minister Nehru about atomic testing, ~~That~~ we will not go into - another voluntary moratorium, ~~Not~~ after the way Khrushchev broke his word - on the first one.

Our policy now is - to maintain our military lead over the Russians, ~~And~~, to resume atomic explosions in the atmosphere - if our national security demands it. But Mr. Kennedy repeats - <sup>that</sup> these will be "clean" bombs, ~~Not~~ contaminating the atmosphere - as the Soviet bombs have done.

What about - South Viet Nam? President Kennedy is keeping open - the possibility of sending American troops. This - in spite of the Nehru appeal to the contrary. The President's point being that we may have no other way ~~of~~ preserving the independence of South Viet Nam.

Turning to domestic issues, Mr. Kennedy revealed - that <sup>General</sup> Dwight Eisenhower has agreed to head the "People-to-People" program. <sup>Incidentally</sup> ~~and~~ Mr. Kennedy admitted <sup>that</sup> he's not displeased about the way the voting went yesterday.

## ECUADOR

The crisis in Ecuador is much like - the recent crisis in Brazil. A struggle over the problem of - who should replace the president? The vice-president -- too Leftist for the Army. But - backed by the ~~Assembly~~ Congress.

The Ecuadorean Army, in a bid - to make Chief Justice Gallegos president of Ecuador. Gallegos, turning down the proposal - on the ground that it might touch off civil war. The chief justice, preferring Leftist Vice-President Arosmena - whom some Army ~~is~~ generals repeat, they won't accept.

*Leaving* Ecuador - in a turmoil tonight.

BERLIN

The French asserted their rights in West Berlin today - and the East Germans backed down. A French military patrol, entering a part of their sector - occupied by the Red police. The French, taking over the area - including a water tower where special Communist guards were stationed.

How did the Reds react? <sup>Said</sup> ~~According to~~ a French officer - "We told them to get out, and they got out."

## MARKET

The dickering between Britain and the common market - reached the political stage today, ~~Also~~ - the critical stage. Bringing up the relationship between London's continental interests - and her traditional commonwealth ties.

The six nations already in the common market, telling the British Lord Privy Seal - that if his country comes in at all, it will have to come the whole way. Join - the European union. Edward Heath, answering - that his government is all in favor of such a union, <sup>and not merely</sup> ~~not just~~ after trading rights - on the continent.

How far will Europe interfere with - the commonwealth? That's what many Britishers are asking, ~~what~~ the members of the commonwealth are asking. Prime Minister Macmillan's reply - "no basic conflict." In fact, Macmillan expects the former British Empire to gain - from Britain's venture onto the continent.

GHANA

Queen Elizabeth the Second will be in Ghana tomorrow - because her Commonwealth Secretary took that simulated car ride yesterday. Duncan Sandys, inspecting the route - that the Queen's ~~XXXXX~~ cortege will follow. The Secretary, reporting back to the Prime Minister - that he found it safe enough. Whereupon, Prime Minister Macmillan told the Commons - that Her Majesty's tour of Ghana is still on. What about - the risk involved? Said Macmillan - "No royal tour is without risk."

Meanwhile, in Acra - Prime Minister Nkrumah's officials insist that there <sup>is</sup> no real danger. That they have the outbreak of terrorism - under control. And that the Queen will receive an enthusiastic reception - from the people of Ghana.

## FIRE

In California, suspicion of - arson. The possibility that those disastrous fires - were set deliberately. The suspicion, arising - because of the spontaneous eruption of flames in many parts of the Santa Monica Mountains. The fire fighters, putting out the conflagration in one place - only to have it flare up behind them.

Today - the same pattern. The devastating fire in the Bel Air - Brentwood area -- finally brought under control. Whereupon, the fire fighters had to turn their attention to a new blaze - in the Santa Inez ~~CANYON~~ Canyon.

Either a series of strange coincidences - or arson.

## COLLISION

A Texas engineer describes that collision - in the Houston ship channel, last night. Ed Smart, who went to the rescue - in a launch. Here's what he saw, in his own words - "There was a hole big enough to drive a truck through, and it was all lit up by fire." A roaring inferno - blazing up in the darkness.

A Nationalist Chinese freighter, having her hull knocked in - by a Norwegian tanker. Both vessels, catching fire - running aground. The tanker - not seriously damaged. But the freighter was rocked by explosions - and ~~scourged~~<sup>swept</sup> by flames from stem to stern. Her crew, swarming over the side into the water - because there was no time to launch the lifeboats.

The toll - several dead, several missing, many injured.



## ELECTIONS

*As usual the*  
~~I guess I don't have to tell you that the~~ political  
pundits are trying to figure out - the meaning of the election.  
The meaning - for the Congressional races next year; *And*, the  
long range implications - for the presidential campaign in  
Nineteen Sixty-Four.

The Democrats are optimistic tonight - and it's easy  
to see why. As you know, they won the two big ones - ~~that~~ they  
were expected to win; Mayor Wagner, re-elected in New York -  
with the Republicans and Independents way out of the running.  
~~And down~~ In Virginia, the Democrats made their customary sweep  
of the three top offices - governor, lieutenant-governor, and  
attorney general.

More significant - what happened in New Jersey, *where* <sup>^</sup> The  
Republicans were <sup>so</sup> sure they'd win - with James Mitchell. But  
Democrat Thomas Hughes took the governorship in a contest so  
close - that Mitchell refused to concede until most of the votes  
were in.

Elsewhere across the nation - the GOP did better.

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For example, putting Republican mayors into the Ohio steel cities of Youngstown and Lorain. Also, taking over city hall - in Louisville, Kentucky.

Many upsets, Dick - with the Democrats today doing more celebrating - than the Republicans.

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BUTLER

The following ~~item~~ sounds like something out of - a British detective story. What did the butler do - when he found the master shot to death in the study? It actually happened in the case of Frederick - butler to the Earl of Castle Stewart. Frederick, finding the Earl - with a shotgun lying beside him. A rather untidy sight - in an aristocratic establishment.

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