

L. T. OLDS, FISHER. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1963

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**Good Evening Everybody:**

*that he is* **The House votes to subsidize cotton! Doesn't  
that sound spectacular? Maybe not; but it could be  
important to all of us. The purpose to keep our  
cotton industry competitive in the world market, by  
giving special support to the "handlers" - as they are  
called, who must buy from farmers at high prices.  
And then sell - at lower prices.**

**This item of news is of special interest  
tonight - because apart from the fact that all who deal  
in cotton will be much interested - this cotton bill  
is the first victory in the House for President Johnson.**

## CIVIL RIGHTS

*The Chairman of the House Rules Committee - denies that he has been dragging his feet on the Civil Rights bill. Congressman Smith of Virginia pointing out that he had to wait - for the report of the House Judiciary Committee, the last section of which - arrived on his desk only yesterday. Now what for the bill that the Administration terms "indispensable"? Committee Chairman Smith says he'll start the hearings of his Rules Committee - "reasonably soon in January".*

## ASSASSINATION

**With the Warren Commission beginning its probe of the Kennedy assassination - with Governor Connally returning to Austin - what about other unfortunate victims of the tragedy? Money is still pouring into Dallas - for the Tippot family of the patrolman killed by the alleged assassin. Also, a fund for the Oswald family - is growing. Headed by Tom Russell and Jim Dorrah - of Greenville, Mississippi. Funds for Mrs. Lee Oswald - who is destitute.**

## CAPE

*There's something of a storm building up - around our most celebrated missile base. Many residents of the area, protesting the change of name - from Cape Canaveral to Cape Kennedy. They remind President Johnson that the old name - has been in use since the sixteenth Century. Since the days of Ponce de Leon. And they argue that history - sanctions the usage of the Centuries.*

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LAOS

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way to Moscow, to discuss technical matters - with  
their President - might consider the situation in Laos.  
Soviet officials, and an air route between Russia and  
Five Laotian high officials assassinated - this year.  
the United States. Although a route hasn't yet been opened  
The latest - the Intelligence Chief of the neutralist  
the Halaby mission to Moscow may be a major step  
Premier. A jeep forced his command car to the curb -  
toward linking the Soviet capital and New York - Pan  
in Vientiane. Another jeep pulled alongside - and the  
Am. to Moscow.  
back of the command car was riddled with bullets. The  
Laotian Intelligence Chief - killed instantly. The  
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## AVIATION

**Federal Aviation Administrator Halaby on his way to Moscow, to discuss technical matters -with Soviet officials, and an air route between Russia and the United States. Altho' a route hasn't yet been okayed the Halaby mission to Moscow may be a major step toward linking the Soviet capital and New York - Pan Am to Moscow.**

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**Today's flight of the X-15 - was a reconnaissance test. Pilot Bob Rushworth gunned his rocketship to an altitude of - twenty-one miles, at a speed of - over four thousand miles an hour. Six times - the speed of sound.**

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## LONGARONI

*I promised to tell you about my next door neighbor at Harkness -- Columbia Medical Center. But how can I boil this story down to a few paragraphs?*

*Remember the thriller from Italy, a few weeks ago, the mountain that slid into a dam - displacing the water? Robert DeLazzero, of Scarsdale, was in Italy, buying Carrara marble, with his wife. They decided to visit an eighty-seven year old great-aunt, in the mountains, the Dolomites, near the highest dam in the world -- in a narrow canyon not far from Cortina D'Ampezzo.*

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**Ninth. When I was coming back from the South Pole.**

**in**  
**Even/tropical Australia, among the aborigines, I heard**  
**about this one, one of the most dramatic disasters of**  
**all time.**

**The DeLazzeros had just arrived in that**  
**little mountain town. If you looked at pictures that**  
**appeared over here a few days later, you saw only one**  
**house still standing - and only its massive stone walls.**

**They had just had dinner with the great-aunt in that**  
**house. At ten thirty, as they started out the door**  
**down the one hundred and seventy-five steps to their**  
**buried in the debris. The marble man from Searedale,**  
**hotel, a cousin called out:- "Don't go yet. Try this**  
**wonderful wine!" They tried to talk her out of it;**  
**but she insisted. And that wine saved their lives.**

**Ten minutes later, at ten forty, came a**  
**tremendous roar, probably caused by air driven down**  
**the valley by that wall of water 300 feet deep. The**  
**cousins ran to the door, looked and shouted: "The dam!**

*The dam! We're dead! We're dead!" world's highest*

*dam. De Lazzero says he thinks it was ten seconds from when they heard the roar 'till the world collapsed around them. That 300 foot wall of water, millions and millions of tons of it, crashing over the little town of Longaroni. Of the two thousand odd inhabitants, all were killed - all but seventy-two, six of whom died later.*

*Even the massive stone house above the town, where the DeLazzeros were, collapsed. The eighty-seven year old great-aunt, killed instantly. The DeLazzeros buried in the debris. The marble man from Scarsdale, badly injured, could hear his wife calling. An hour later, when rescuers arrived, they walked right over her. But at DeLazzero's insistence, they finally dug her out. Also, at his insistence they used doors for litters. For several miles down the canyon they were carried; then by truck to the nearest hospital.*

**A mountain sliding into the world's highest dam, displacing all the water, result - an unheard of cataclysm.**

**Dick, you don't have to go to central Africa, or the Himalayas, or, to the South Pole, for a story. If you look for it you can always find one - right next door.**

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## MAHARANI

L. T. OLDS, FISHER, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1963

**There's an American oriental queen tonight.**

**In the Himalayan principality of Sikkim. Hope Cope and her Maharajah today were proclaimed rulers of that colorful border state. Their coronation taking place with all the historic rites of Tibetan Buddhism, plus the splendor of an exotic state in the high Himalayas.**

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she has left - a permanent impression. "A shining gift of beauty" - as the new First Lady puts it. Today Mrs. Kennedy drops with Caroline and John Junior - to the Georgetown house leased to her by Averall Harriman. This, to be the Kennedy home - until the widow of the late President decides on a permanent residence.

Figuratively, it was a "moving" day - because of the Freedom Medals awarded by President Johnson. One of them, posthumously, to John Fitzgerald Kennedy as Mrs. Kennedy watched.