

L.T.-OLDS. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Kennedy's second News Conference not as dramatic - as his first. This time, no spectacular announcement - such as the word about the Soviet release of the RB-47 fliers. This one on the less exciting plane of general government policy.

One interesting announcement by President Kennedy - that he has set aside the Eisenhower decree concerning military dependents abroad. The Kennedy Administration, to let them stay - and make up the money by savings elsewhere. This - for the sake of morale.

The other Presidential announcements - concerned domestic economy. Except a personal expression from the President and the First Lady, thanking those who sent telegrams of congratulations about the birth of their son. So many telegrams - the Kennedy's couldn't answer each individually.

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MISSILE

"The nearest thing yet - to push button war."

That's what they're saying about - the "Minute Man." The

missile that was fired today from Cape Canaveral - and

roared four thousand miles down the Atlantic Range;

landing squarely in - the target area. Push-button -

because it's solid fuel allows it to be fired faster than

other rockets. Not so many parts as rockets using

liquid fuel. Fewer ~~chances~~ chances - of anything going wrong.

And the "Minute Man," is mobile. Some of them will be

based on box cars - continually moving along the railroad

tracks. The "Minute Man" - almost impossible to ^{knock} ~~knock~~

out.

NEW ORLEANS

The story from New Orleans, tonight - is the opposite of last night. We heard that John Thompson intended - to fight the Segregationists. Keep sending his children - to McDonogh School. But the harrassment of the Thompson family - finally became too much for them to stand. Threatened with eviction from their apartment; their youngsters hooted on the way to school; the father - picketed a work; result - John Thompson, and family left New Orleans during the night. The Walgreen Drug Store Chain - giving him a job in another city.

SHIP

Rioting in Brazil ^{— all} because of a Portugese ship.

The "SANTA MARIA" - a symbol ~~in~~ for both sides. Those against Galvao - demanding his arrest as a criminal. Those in favor of the Rebel captive - cheering him as a patriot. On the Racife docks - pickets pushing, tempers flaring. So it wasn't long - before fists began to fly. Portugese officials in Racife charge - that Castro is whipping up the trouble by sending money to the Brazilian Communists. The Reds, using it to start - demonstrations against the rule of Salazar in Portugal.

Meanwhile, in Lisbon, Salazar admits that Brazil has a right - to offer Galvao political sanctuary. But the President of Portugal wants ~~in~~ Brazil to press murder charges, ^{for} the death of a crewman ^{on} board the "SANTA MARIA". ^{And}, Salazar - claims the ship.

The ones caught in the middle - are the passengers. ^{Many of them} ~~They became~~ frantic to get ashore - as soon as the liner entered Racife Harbor. But they had to wait until Galvao played his game - of off-again, on-again.

Anchoring the ship, ^{he} ~~demanded~~ fresh guarantees from the Brazilian government - before he would dock the "SANTA MARIA".

CUBA

There's an interesting revelation hidden in today's report from Havana - quoting a Prague newspaper. The Czech Correspondent, ~~xxx~~ assuring his readers - that the Castro Regime is not about to collapse. Reason - support from the rest of Latin America. In Havana, Castro's controlled press - echos the sentiment.

The interesting revelation is - that Castro should even mention possible defeat. He ^{has} always shouted loudly - that his regime is permanent. Now he seems to be ~~debating~~ ^{much concerned about this} ~~just how permanent it is.~~ Suggesting ~~that some~~ ^{even in} Doubt ~~may be~~ ^{is} ~~being~~ ⁱⁿ the Dictator's mind. ~~He's got good~~ ^{A course he has} reason for doubt - now that his enemies are planning to establish a "government-in-arms." An important move under International Law - because it would give them the status of ~~belligerent~~ belligerents. Entitling them to seek aid - from other governments. ^{Perhaps} Aid - from Washington. [?]

TYROL

A despatch from Bolsano in Northern Italy sounds like something from - the Nineteenth Century. ~~the~~ Old antagonism - between Italians and Austrians. ~~the~~ VIENNA used to control Northern Italy - but lost it when the peninsula became free. Then it was the turn of the Austrians in the Tyrol - to protest. And they are still protesting - calling for Union with Austria. Today - bombings and street demonstrations - by both sides. The Tyrol, in a ferment - recalling the days of Metternich and Garibaldi.

QUEEN

Today, a Londoner remarked - "The Queen is showing them just what the Commonwealth means." He was expressing the British attitude - to the Royal Tour of Asia. Those enthusiastic receptions for Her Majesty - in India and Pakistan. Today, a million Pakistanis gathered in the streets of Karachi - cheering themselves hoarse. All of which indicates, to the British - Commonwealth solidarity. That International Organization of States still a powerful force in the world. The Pakistanis applauding the Queen - as Head of the Commonwealth. Taking some sting out of - the loss of the Empire. Perhaps a surprise to the Russians? and to a few Americans.

TAJ FOLLOW QUEEN

The last stop-over for Her Majesty in India - the Mogul city of Agra, on the banks of the Jumna.

Like most visitors to India - they couldn't leave without seeing what is so often called the most beautiful building ever erected by man. Their Indian hosts, proudly showing them through - the Taj Mahal telling Elizabeth and Philip the story they know so well - the story of the Mogul Emperor, Shah Jehan - and his wife, the lovely, delicate Mumtaz Mahal. Shah Jehan grieving after his wife's death - building the Taj Mahal for her. Bringing experts from many lands, and giving them marble, ivory and jewels - to work with; to create one of the Wonders of the World.

FIRST LADY

A high-level directive from the White House - has imposed a new form of censorship in Washington. The First Lady, ordering those around her - to stop talking for publication. Talking about - what she's doing to the White House.

Jacqueline Kennedy, annoyed because newsmen - and newswomen - have shown so much interest in her plan to redecorate the Executive Mansion. Mrs. Kennedy's meeting with painters, and art experts. The buzzing about - color schemes; What kind of paintings to collect; Where to hang - which pictures.

Not that the state of the White House - is going to become a national secret. The First Lady says she'll be ready for criticism - after she ^{has} finished ^{some} redecorating. She just ^{would prefer less} ~~doesn't want any more~~ speculation ^{about all this} while she's making up her mind. ~~Any more barbed comments in the Press - while the work is going on.~~