

L.T.-OLDS . WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1962

(L.T. on South Sea Islands, Antarctica, Asia,
Europe trip. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS)

GOOD EVENING :

Members of the United Nations were told tonight they should pay their bills -- for those peace-keeping operations in the Congo and the Middle East. The recommendation came from the budgetary committee of the General Assembly -- which voted by an overwhelming majority that the Assembly accept an advisory opinion by the World Court -- that all members of the U.N. are obligated to pay for the organization's peace-keeping operations. But the Russian delegate in the Committee says the Soviet Union will not share the costs. He told the Committee: "Let the Colonists pay."

ARGENTINA

The new government crisis in the Argentine broke out into a flurry of machine-gun bullets today -- when jet planes strafed and bombed the headquarters of a rebel Air Force general at Córdoba. Later the government announced the rebellion was crushed.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy held another news conference today. He said it was unfortunate that information leaked out about the deliberations of the National Security Council during the Cuban crisis. But the President said he was satisfied the leak did not come from the Council itself. And he devoted some time to repeating an earlier statement -- expressing his full confidence in U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson.

Mr. Kennedy said he had not yet fully analyzed Nikita Khrushchev's speech today. That long review of foreign policy was deliberated to the Supreme Soviet. Khrushchev took credit for saying the world from nuclear war, by his handling of the Cuban crisis. And he criticized Communist China -- for saying he backed down during those events in the Caribbean. He recalled that the Chinese said the United States is "a paper tiger" -- and said, if that's so, the Chinese should remember it has atomic teeth.

UN-AMERICAN

The House Un-American Activities Sub-committee continued its hearings on women's peace movements today -- and took testimony from four women who were reluctant to answer questions about alleged ties with the Communists. One woman took the Fifth Amendment twenty-five times.

VENEZUELA

Former Venezuelan dictator Perez Jimenez was taken into custody in Miami today -- after losing a court fight to avoid extradition to Venezuela. His appeal against the extradition order was turned down in a federal Appeals Court.

WEATHER

Arctic air is still spread over the eastern two-thirds of the nation, with temperatures at record lows, and winter still ten days away on the calendar.

INTRO TO L.T.

Lowell Thomas is way ahead of us --
down in the icebox of the world, the Antarctic.

ANTARCTIC - # 1

FLIGHT TO McMURDO

GREETINGS - - from the bottom of the world!

The South Pole? Not yet. We are on Moss Island, in McMurdo Sound, a ten minute hike over the ice from the Antarctic continent.

Operation Deep Freeze has its main base for supplying the Antarctic, on the South Island of New Zealand. Outside my hotel window at Christchurch, an impressive statue of the British explorer, Captain Scott, who you will recall, got to the South Pole, and died on the return trek. The people of Christchurch see so much of the explorers who come and go to the Antarctic that they speak of this great white continent rather casually. They say, "Oh, so you are going down to the ice!" To them the Antarctic is always, "The Ice."

Two Admirals flew down with us, Admiral

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David Tyree, who is about to retire after three years here, and Admiral Jim Reedy, who will take over.

This is regarded as just about the toughest of all Navy assignments. So, before Admiral Tyree goes home, Admiral Reedy goes with him to all of the Antarctic bases.

Last night we flew the two thousand, two hundred miles from New Zealand here to the edge of the Ross ice shelf, to this island off the Antarctic coast; over a stormy sea, stormiest in the world, where if a plane has a forced landing it's just too bad. Three planes and their crews have been lost on this run. We made it in a C-130 -- a plane that is revolutionizing Project Deep Freeze. A plane with far more power than it normally needs. It cruises at from twenty-five thousand to forty thousand feet, above the weather: and lands and takes off on

either wheels or skis -- the first huge plane equipped to do this; each plane costing over three million dollars. The penguin airline they call it, operating between the United States and New Zealand, New Zealand and the Antarctic, and to various parts of the South Pole continent.

The runway here is actually on a nearby glacier that feeds down from the coldest looking mountains you ever saw. Thirteen thousand foot Mount Erebus, with its smoking crater, is so near you feel you can walk right over to it. But, it is nearly fifty miles away, and has not erupted since Eighteen eighty.

As for Little A merica, several hundred miles up the coast, where Byrd once made his headquarters Little A merica is still there, but the ice and snow have taken over, crushing the buildings. Inhabited now only by ghosts. McMurdo, where we are, was

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selected by Admiral Dufek and his huge expedition -
Deep Freeze No. 1 - in Nineteen fifty-five. Better
here for an airfield.

At any rate, at last I am in the Antarctic,
my first visit to this the highest, windiest and
coldest of all continents.

So long.

FOLLOW L.T.

Well, Lowell -- I think we'll stick with the sub-zero readings we've been having here on our continent.

State -- on loan. It's the original Lady of the Lovers
which -- the Mona Lisa -- painted four hundred and fifty-nine
years ago by Leonardo Da Vinci. Now the lady with the
mysterious smile will take an ocean journey, on the new luxury
liner brand -- first class, of course. The painting will be
shown in both Washington and New York while it's here in the
States.

And here, with his mysterious smile - is Dick Noel.

MONA LISA

Despite protests from art critics, the French have decided to send their most celebrated painting to the United States -- on loan. It's the enigmatic lady of the Louvre Museum -- the Mona Lisa -- painted four hundred and fifty-nine years ago by Leonardo Da Vinci. Now the lady with the mysterious smile will take an ocean journey, on the new luxury liner France -- first class, of course. The painting will be shown in both Washington and New York while it's here in the States.

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WANT AD

Many a young man who considers himself underpaid will take an understanding view of a job-wanted Ad that appeared in the Times of London today. "Young thirty-four year old executive, choked with doing director's work for office boy's salary -- now aspires to do office boy's work for director's salary. Ferocious exterior, sympathetic manner. Will consider anything -- except public relations.

Good night -- I'll be back tomorrow.