

L.T. -OLDS. TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

U.S. Marines to land in Siam - Thailand - tomorrow. A battalion of eighteen hundred, to go ashore - ready for action. The advance guard of an American force - of five thousand men. Their first mission - to preserve the independence of Thailand; throw back any Red invaders from Laos, who might cross the wide river Mekong.

This mission could lead automatically - to an American defense of Laos. Because, north and south - Laotian territory extends on both sides of the Mekong.

Bangkok breathing a little easier tonight.

The capital of Thailand, rolling out the welcome mat - for the Americans. The Thais, anxious to see the U.S. Marines join their own army - which numbers a hundred and twenty thousand men. American troops, a guarantee, they hope, that Thailand will not become - another Laos

KENNEDY

There was, as you may have heard, a ~~the~~ conference at the White House today. - ~~was~~

Bi-partisan, <sup>with</sup> President Kennedy, inviting the leaders of both parties - to a session lasting almost an hour. Subject - southeast Asia. Emphasizing - Laos. The President, explaining the administration strategy - for countering the Red thrust across Laos to the Mekong River.

We are told that President Kennedy wanted this meeting with Republicans and Democrats - before American troops landed in Thailand. Mr. Kennedy, knowing that Bangkok was about to announce - approval of the landing. The President, anxious to discuss this move - with <sup>leaders</sup> ~~the men~~ on whom he <sup>hopes</sup> ~~relied~~ for support in Congress.

~~The importance of Thailand in our strategy - is geographically self-evident. Thailand borders Laos - along the Mekong River. Hence, the best base of operations - should we decide on military action against the Red guerrillas of Laos.~~

## LAOS FOLLOW TROOPS

In Laos the loyalist army is reported fighting back - and recovering some lost ground. Today, patrols pushed into one town - scene of a recent key guerrilla victory. The patrol found the town wrecked and burning - but no sign of the rebels.

Some military experts interpret the Laotian civil war - as something of a chess game. Neither side, able to hold - all of Laos. Each side, making quick strikes - at key enemy strongholds. The rebels, driving into - the provinces of the northeast. The loyalists, using the Mekon to transport battle units - to Laotian ports, downriver.

## RUSSIA FOLLOW LAOS

The administration hopes to see something tangible come out of - today's agreement between Secretary of State Rusk and the Soviet Ambassador. The joint communique - seems clear enough. Dobrynin and Rusk, stating their mutual determination - to maintain the cease-fire in Laos. Reaffirming the Kennedy-Khrushchev declaration of Vienna, calling for a neutral and independent Laos. Will Khrushchev now act - on this communique? Washington is waiting - for the answer.

## NEW GUINEA

Dutch military units in New Guinea are hunting for enemy paratroopers; the Indonesians dropped along the southern coast. Sukarno, ordering his men to move inland - and begin guerrilla warfare. The Dutch hoping to pin the paratroopers against the sea; and - wipe out their beachhead.

A Dutch spokesman in Hollandia says the situation is already under control.

## SALAN

The trial that opened in Paris today - promises to be  
— in France —  
the most sensational since that of Marshal Petain. The charges—  
the same. Raoul Salan, too - a former hero of France, accused  
of crimes against his homeland. Salan like Petain - putting  
up the defense that he acted as a patriot, under intolerable  
circumstances.

DeGaulle's former comrade-in-arms -- may have a  
harder time than Petain. The aged Marshal was able to gain  
clemency - because no one could prove that he was a pro-Nazi  
during the Nazi occupation of France. But there is no such  
ambiguity - about the prosecution of Salan. Everyone knows  
that he deliberately slipped out of France into Spain - and  
then across the Mediterranean to Algeria. When the abortive  
rebellion against DeGaulle collapsed - Salan escaped into the  
underground, where he became the leader of OAS ~~terrorists~~ terrorism.

It didn't take long for a Paris court - to sentence  
Salan's second in command, General Jouhaud, to death. It  
probably won't take any longer - to find Salan just as guilty.

## ALGERIA FOLLOW SALAN

Meanwhile, there is fear in France and Algeria - that Salan's organization may be achieving its primary purpose. As we know, the OAS set to goad the Moslems of Algeria into a counter-attack; bring on full scale civil war. The OAS logic, being - that the French army then would have to intervene on the side of the European settlers.

Some Moslems, unable to restrain themselves - any longer, have started shooting Europeans indiscriminately - in retaliation. So Algeria may be spiraling towards homicidal anarchy - which is what the OAS wants, in preference to an Algerian Algeria. Meanwhile high commissioner Fouchet has ordered all Moslems and Europeans - to stay in their own quarters.

## PHILIPPINES

One of the more implausible disputes in the world - concerns the United States and the Philippines. <sup>2</sup> ~~That~~ <sub>八</sub> question of compensation for damage - during the American administration of the island. The sum - seventy-three million dollars. The bill, as you probably know - was defeated in the House. Whereupon, President Macapagal - postponed his visit to this country.

Today, President Kenedy sent a special statement to Manila - about the new bill that is going to be introduced on Capitol Hill. ~~Mr. Kennedy~~, expressing the hope - that the traditional ties between the two nations will not be damaged. Allies in war, friends in peace - the United States and the Philippines.



## ANNAPOLIS

The new head of the United States Naval Academy - worked his way up from the bottom. Charles Kirkpatrick joined the Navy as an enlisted man - thirty-six years ago. He served a year aboard ship - before ~~winning~~ <sup>gaining</sup> an appointment to Annapolis. After graduation, he rose through the grades - with almost unprecedented speed. Winning three Navy Crosses as a submarine commander - during World War Two. Later, serving on the staff of - Commander-in-Chief Ernest King. After the war, he made his mark as an administrative officer - and teacher of naval science.

Now, receiving - one of the Navy's most coveted appointments. Admiral Kirkpatrick, at the age of fifty-four -- Superintendent of the Midshipmen at Annapolis.

NAMES

I wonder if you've ever heard this question - which has always been a favorite at charade parties? "When is China close to Denmark - Naples close to Poland - Sweden close to Peru?"

Answer - when they are all in the state of Maine. Down East, they've always had a penchant for - naming towns after foreign nations and cities. In fact, one crossroad sign at Albany, Maine - mentions nine different places abroad.

That's how the subject - gets into the news tonight. The sign has been stolen - for the fourth time in ten years. Evidently an attraction for souvenir hunters - because it tells how to get in a few minutes from China to Denmark.

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## HARVARD

And now fair Harvard! Fair indeed. For the  
Cantabs are now feminine as well as masculine. The  
Board of Overseers, voting in favor of - Harvard  
degrees for Radcliff students. Making official - what  
has long been unofficial. Radcliffites - attending  
lectures at the neighboring university.

From now on will we be singing - "Fair Harvard!  
Thy daughters....." And so on? And so on - and  
s-l-u-t-m.