

KENNEDY LT-Asst. Sec. Jan. 25, 1961.

Before meeting newsmen for his first Presidential news conference - Mr. Kennedy called in his budget director for a major survey of economic problems. Afterward, David Bell reported - that the ~~next~~ President does not intend to make any big changes in the ~~new~~ budget he inherited from President Eisenhower. This administration, to seek some increases - but in the words of the budget director, "relatively few."

President Kennedy also conferred today - with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He and his military ~~men~~ men reviewing the cold war - and our position with regard to the Communist bloc. Discussing ways and means of insuring the national strength - that Mr. Kennedy has called "indispensible in dealing with Mr. Khrushchev."

EL SALVADOR

That army coup in El Salvador - is anti-Communist. Right wing officers, overthrowing the ruling junta - setting up a new government. The cause of the rebellion is what the rebels term - "leftist~~s~~ excesses," including - a refusal to hold free elections.

This is the second uprising El Salvador has had in four months. Last October, the left wing ~~is~~ group seized power - in a sudden coup. Now ^{they are} victims of the same strategy - from the right.

PIRACY

The pirates of Nineteen Sixty one appear to be as crafty as their for runners who sailed the Spanish Main two centuries ago. Enrique Galvao, handling the ship he seized - with the skill of Captain Kidd or Jean Lafitte. Galvao, ~~is~~ maneuvering the "Santa Maria" - out into the waters of the Caribbean. Confusing the navies of three nations - for three days. ~~Is~~ Portuguese, British and American warships - at sea, in the complete meaning of the phrase.

By the time the Santa Maria was spotted - she was half way across the Atlantic, headed for Africa. The American destroyer Robert L. Wilson in full pursuit - tonight. If you can call it that. The destroyer, five hundred ~~is~~ miles astern of the priate ship - with no hope of catching her, before she reaches Africa.

Today, Galvao sent a message reading - "we are not pirates, but patriots." Actually, the ~~is~~ status of Galvao and his men under international law - isn't clear.

A court will have to decide the correct charge - if Galvao is ~~xx~~ ever caught. Is he a pirate - or not? That's the question.

Tonight, Portuguese President Salazar has the island possession of Portual - on guard. In case of a landing from the Santa Maria. The Azores and Cape Verdes, ready to fight off those - whom Lisbon certainly considers to be pirates.

Meanwhile - what about the innocent bystanders? What about - the passengers aboard the Santa Maria? The indication is - that they're all safe. Probably enjoying an experience - that didn't come with their tickets. The experience of sailing the Spanish Main - on a pirate ship - and it's happening - in the year Nineteen Sixty One.

TEAMSTERS

Two truck drivers claim they were once intimidated by - "goon^{v1}~~s~~ squads" belonging to the Teamsters Union. Ed McCormick and Bill Stassen - are both members of a Philadelphia local. They told Senate investigators - about joining a move to ~~win~~ clean up the corruption in their local. After which, they ~~were~~ were visited by "goon squads" and warned to drop their charges. The truth, according to their testimony coming out now - on Capitol Hill.

Meanwhile, the boss of the Teamsters is shouting "foul!" James Hoffa, protesting against a tape recording - apparently linking him with elements of the underworld. Hoffa claims that the tape recorder - has been doctored. Falsified - to make him seem to say, what he never said.

After Hoffa, an accused racketeer from New York - took the stand - he also ~~took~~ took - the Fifth Amendment. Antonio Corallo - known as "Tony Ducks". Tony Ducks took

the fifth - fifty times, ~~instead of~~ thirty minutes.

Refusing to answer questions about - his connection
with the teamsters.

CUBA

The latest prominent Cuban to break with Fidel Castro - is an old champion of the dictator, Carlos Prío Socarras, who defended Castro all through the campaign against Batista. He stood by Castro as long as he could - through the executions, the expropriations, and the loss of Cuban liberties. The final straw - Castro's communism. Carlos Prío Socarras, denouncing the dictator's attempt to set up a Red police state - under the control of Moscow.

RUSSIA

Soviet industry is ~~now~~ doing better than -
Soviet agriculture. That's the moral of - the figures
just released in Moscow. ~~It~~ While agriculture is in
such a mess that heads are rolling in the provinces -
industrial production has increased twenty-two percent
in two years. The Soviet seven year plan - five percent
ahead of schedule. The advance, including everything -
from new steel mills to higher wages.

LAOS

The situation in Laos seems odd - but it's familiar enough in military history. Many great commanders have been involved in the strategy of - the besiegers of ~~the~~ a town, suddenly finding themselves under siege. Remember how it happened to Caesar - in Gaul? The Roman conqueror, setting up his siege lines - only to have them encircled by a relieving army of Gauls. It was one of the tightest spots - that Caesar ever had to fight his way out of.

Something like that may be happening - in Laos. The Reds driving south - in an effort to surround Luang Prabang. The Laotian army, driving north on both wings - attempting to trap the Reds in a gigantic noose.

Will the Laos battle really develop into something like - the classical Roman campaign? ~~Well,~~ we don't know - yet; But, this ~~same~~ dispatch from Luang Prabang proves an old saying - that Caesar's conquest of Gaul never becomes out of date.

ROYALTY

The British Queen received a royal ~~xxx~~ welcome today -- in New Delhi. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip riding into the Indian capitol after their tiger hunt. They were cheered by massive crowds - lining the streets. Leading the welcoming committee, Nehru's sister - Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit. The Queen, looking tired - but gamely ^{responding} ~~reacting~~ to the applause, ~~by waving~~ ~~her hand.~~

Tonight - a special reception for India's royal visitors. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip - accepting gifts for their children back in Buckingham Palace. Then watching a colorful display of Indian folk dancing.

FIRE

Australians used to ~~jam~~ joke about the town of - Dweelingup. A funny name - Dweelingup. Tonight, the name stands for - tragedy. One of the worst disasters, in the history of western Australia.

A bush fire, whipped out of control - by high winds. Surging across the bush - into Dweelingup. The flames, ~~chewing their way~~ ^{sweeping} ~~clear~~ across what used to be a boom-town. Hundreds of houses going up in smoke. Also, shops, hospitals, churches, government buildings. The inferno, getting completely out of hand - when it was fed by gasoline from two service stations that ~~sp~~ exploded.

Tonight, the townspeople are huddled out in the bush - after a head-long flight from the fire. The toll in dead and injured - not yet counted. Damage running high into the millions. ^{Dick} A heap of smoking cinders -
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the Australian bushtown of Dweelingup.

ROBBERY

A bandit tried to rob a store in Chicago's loop today - by brandishing a toy pistol. Result - three casualties. The type of store seems appropriate a nut shop. Robert Morris, entering with his make-believe gun - demanding all the cash in the till. Up charged detective Marty Koch - firing at what he thought was an armed gunman. Here's how the score - was run up. Morris slightly wounded - smashed through a plate glass window in an attempt to escape. The flying glass - cutting news vendor Sam Stone. Detective Koch, shot by his own revolver - when he caught the would-be robber and wrestled him to the pavement.

One toy pistol - three casualties.