

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

So far, our government has nothing to say - about the demand for ransom coming out of Havana. Castro, offering to free the eleven hundred captives - of last year's abortive invasion; free them, in return for - sixty-two million dollars.

Washington is remaining silent - on the grounds that we don't dabble in ransom; which is, a breach of international law. But at the same time, no obstacles are being placed in the path of the Cuban exiles in Miami. They are sending a delegation to Havana tomorrow to see if it's possible to do business with Castro. And apparently they'll be allowed to raise the ransom in this country - if they can.

All of which, adds up to - an obvious dilemma. No American wants to see the prisoners-of-war doomed

to - thirty years in Cuban prisons. Yet, sixty-two million dollars would give a big boost to - Castro's tottering Red economy. Result - we may indeed be heading into a real delemma. To put humanitarian interests first, or not - that looks like the question to which President Kennedy will have to find an answer.

TREASURE FOLLOW CUBA.

**THE CUBAN DICTATOR MAY WELL WANT AN ACCOMADATION WITH
THE UNITED STATES - FOR FINANCIAL REASONS. ONE PIECE OF
EVIDENCE - HIS RELEASE OF THOSE SEVEN AMERICAN TREASURE HUNTERS.
THEY WERE SHIP WRECKED OFF THE CUBAN COAST - AND CAPTURED
BY CASTRO'S MEN. THEY COULD HAVE BEEN HELD INDEFINATELY, ON
TRUMPED UP CHARGES. INSTEAD, CASTRO TREATED THE TREASURE
HUNTERS WELL--AND ALLOWED THEM TO RETURN HOME TODAY.**

ALGERIA

The news from Paris and Algiers, is just what everyone expected. The French capitol, making clear the extent of DeGaulle's victory in the week-end referendum. The Algerian capital, making just as clear - that the right wing underground is not crushed by the vote.

Quite a vote - it was. The French people, supporting DeGaulle and his plan for an Algerian Algeria by almost ninety-one percent. Giving the President of France virtual carte blanche - to handle the problems as he sees fit. Warning the Right Wing underground - that they have no chance of popular backing in Mainland France.

A majority so massive would convince the losers - in almost any other election. But, the Algerian dissidents are not an ordinary minority. Instead of accepting defeat gracefully, the OAS is becoming more violent. During the night, Salan commandos - siezed

two newspaper plants in Oran. They printed a hundred thousand copies of what they call - "a special O A S edition;" denouncing De Gaulle - and warning that the fight to keep Algeria French, will go on.

U.N.

THE LATEST U.N. RESOLUTION ON ISREAL *- IS BEING
IGNORED BY ISREAL. TODAY'S VOTE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
CENSURES ISREAL FOR THE FIGHTING #A LONG THE SEA OF GALILEE,
FOR ENTERING THE DE- MILITARIZED ZONE - TO ATTACK THE
SYRIANS. THE ISREALIS CLAIM - THAT THEY WERE FORCED TO
SILENCE SYRIAN GUNS TRAINED ON THE ISRAELI FISHING FLEET.
BUT U.N. INVESTIGATORS WHO WERE IN THE AREA _ REPORT NO
SIGN OF ANY SYRIAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. HENCE, TODAY'S
VOTE OF CENSURE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

MILITARY

THE BILL OK'D BY THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE
COVERS EVERYTHING FROM MAPS TO MISSILES. A MILITARY
CONSTRUCTION BILL - CALLING FOR UNCLE SAM TO SPEND MORE
THAN A BILLION DOLLARS. THAT MUCH, TO IMPROVE FOUR HUNDRED
AND SIXTY/SIX BASES - USED BY THE ARMED FORCES, AT HOME AND
OVERSEAS. THE BIGGEST SHARE OF THE PIE - FIVE HUNDRED AND
FOURTY- NINE MILLION - IS EAR-MARKED FOR MISSILES. THE
COMMITTEE, ADVOCATING A BUILDUP OF THE INSTALLATION HANDLING
OUR ROCKETS - THE MINUTEMAN, THE ATLAS, THE POLARIS, AND
SO ON.

ROCKET FOLLOW MILITARY

AS FOR THE ROCKET FIRED AT POINT ARGUELLO TODAY -
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF CLASSICAL GREEK REFERENCES,
EITHER MIDAS, THE LEGENDARY KING WHO TURNED EVERYTHING
TO GOLD JUST BY TOUCHING IT, OR SAMOS, THE EXQUISITE
GREEK ISLAND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

PUTTING THE STORY IN TERMS OF MODERN ROCKETRY,
TODAY'S FIRING COMES TO THIS: WE'VE GOT EITHER A
"SKY-SPY", SENT UP TO ^{keep} TABS ON SOVIET MISSILE LAUNCHINGS.
THAT IS, ^{the} MIDAS SATELLITE. OR ELSE ONE TO IDENTIFY -
SOVIET MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. AND THAT WOULD BE A
SAMOS SATELLITE.

WE DON'T KNOW WHICH - BECAUSE THE AIR FORCE TELLS
US THE INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED. BUT THIS MUCH WE
DO KNOW - THAT ^{the} FIRING WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS. MIDAS,
OR IS IT SAMOS? - WHIRLING AROUND IN A POLAR ORBIT TONIGHT.

BATAAN

THE CEREMONY IN THE PHILIPPINES TONIGHT - WILL STIR
A LOT OF POIGNANT MEMORIES. MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II.
OF MACARTHUR AND WAINWRIGHT - OF BATAAN AND CORRIGEDORE.

TODAY IT'S EXACTLY TWENTY YEARS - SINCE THE AMERICAN
AND PHILIPPINO DEFENDERS WERE OVERWHELMED ON BATAAN,
SWAMPED BY JAPANESE TROOPS, WHO OUT NUMBERED THEM BY MORE
THAN TWO TO ONE. THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND MEN, WITHOUT FOOD,
WATER, OR AMMUNITION - WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER ON APRIL NINTH,
NINETEEN FOURTY TWO.

THEN BEGAN THE NOTORIOUS TREK - TO THE JAPANESE PRISON
CAMPS IN TARLAC PROVINCE, THE BRUTAL BATAAN DEATH MARCH -
INFAMOUS IN THE HISTORY OF WAR. THE ~~WELL~~ PRISONERS MANAGED
TO STAGGER ALONG - DAY AND NIGHT, RESTING - WHEN THEIR
CAPTORS CHANGED GUARDS. ~~THE UNLUCKY PRISONERS~~ ^{Many} WHO FELL -
WERE BAYONETED ON THE SPOT.

~~THESE~~ THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH FOR WHICH MACARTHUR VOWED -
TO MAKE THE CONQUERORS PAY. AND, HE KEPT THAT VOW. FULLFILLING
HIS FAMOUS WORDS, " I SHALL RETURN." THE MEMORY OF BATAAN IS

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STILL SO VIVID - IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT ALL HAPPENED

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

ROBBERS.

THE BANK ROBBERS OF DUBLIN WHO WENT AFTER SEVENTY-FIVE
THOUSAND DOLLARS - CAME AWAY WITH SEVENTY-FIVE. THAT IS,
THE EQUIVALENT IN POUNDS STERLING.

THE JOB WENT OFF AS SMOOTHLY AS IRISH WHISKY - AT THE
START. THE ^{GANG}~~GANGS~~ NEUTRALIZING THE BURGLAR ALARMS *
AFTER WHICH, THEY CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH FOUR STEEL DOORS.
THEY REACHED THE VAULT, AND MELTED THE LOCKS WITH A BLOW TORCH.
ALL THEY HAD TO DO THEN - WAS TO OPEN A SMALL SAFE,
CONTAINING THE LOOT.

THEY TRIED EVERYTHING THEY HAD - JIMMYS, BLOW TORCHERS,
EVEN A CHARGE OF DYNAMITE. THE RECALCITRANT SAFE - JUST WOULDN'T
CRACK. THE ROBBERS WORKED FRANTICALLY ALL NIGHT - UNTIL SUNRISE
FORCED THEM TO GIVE UP.

NOT WANTING TO GO AWAY EMPTY HANDED, THEY TOOK A BAG
OF SILVER. THEN THEY EMERGED FROM THE VAULT, WALKED THROUGH,
THE BANK, CRAWLED PAST ⁺~~THOSE~~ THOSE DEAD BURGLAR ALARMS, AND
DISAPPEARED INTO DOWNTOWN DUBLIN. A NEAT BANK JOB - THAT NETTED *a mere*
SEVENTY - FIVE DOLLARS IN HALF CROWNS. *And now, Dick Noel.*

ELEPHANT.

HERE'S THE KIND OF QUESTION THAT ^{is} ASKED EVERY SO OFTEN. ASKED IN GOOD FAITH - BECAUSE THINGS LIKE THIS REALLY DO HAPPEN.

THE QUESTION: "WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU FOUND AN ELEPHANT IN YOUR PARLOUR?" MR. & MRS. JAMES ~~TEAGUE~~ TEAGUE OF MAYBANK, TEXAS, ^{he} HAD SUCH BEEN THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE. THE PACHYDERM, AN ESCAPEE FROM A CIRCUS. IT DECIDED TO HAVE A LOOK INTO THE TEAGUE HOME. ENTERING, BY BATTERING DOWN THE FRONT DOOR, AND CARRYING PART OF THE WALL RIGHT INTO THE PARLOR. AFTER WHICH, THE UNEXPECTED VISITOR PROCEEDED - TO BREAK UP THE FURNITURE. TABLES, CHAIRS, LAMPS, ORNAMENTS - ENDING UP IN A HEAP OF RUBBLE.

~~SE-~~ WHAT DO YOU DO IN A CASE LIKE THIS? ~~WHY,~~ CALL THE POLICE. [?] THE ONLY TROUBLE - IT TAKES QUITE A BIT OF EXPLAINING, WHEN YOU TELL THE DESK SERGEANT THAT THERE'S AN ELEPHANT IN THE PARLOR.