

L.T. OLDS. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1962

(L.T. at South Sea Islands, and then Antarctica.
Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

GOOD EVENING:

Americans, grateful for peace and plenty and an easing international situation, ~~who~~ gave their attention to the dinner table today as they observed the traditional family holiday of Thanksgiving. There were prayers to God for the mercies of the year past, and for guidance in the future as they sat down to bountiful feasts. Across the country, those more fortunate opened their hearts to those down on their luck. In New York City alone, seven thousand free turkey dinners were served by the Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America and the City's Department of Welfare.

In a sermon at Fifth Avenue's Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the Reverend Adolph C. Klein echoed the spirit of religious services across the land when he said it "is God's

plan for men to depend on one another, so that Man would learn to love his neighbor."

Former Vice-President John Nance Garner -- claiming that he has more to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day than almost anyone -- observed his ninety-fourth birthday at his home in Uvalde, Texas. As he talked with newsmen, a small cloud of smoke hovered around his head and he said he might have to give up cigars. "Here, have one," he said, "I might have to quit." Mister Garner is not about to give up his big breakfasts, though. Today, he had hot biscuits, bacon, eggs, preserves, and milk -- and then he called for more hot biscuits. The load of mail on the front porch of his white frame home was exceptionally heavy today, and included word that he has been accorded two new titles -- those of Kentucky Colonel, and Admiral in the Texas Navy. These are new monikers for a man who was known as "Cactus Jack" while he served in Washington as Vice-President, under two Roosevelt administrations.

In Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, President and Mrs. Kennedy sat down to the traditional Turkey Day dinner with the elder Kennedys -- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. -- presiding in their white-shingled house which faces Nantucket Sound. The dinner consisted of a thirty-two pound turkey, cranberry sauce, butternut squash, sweet potatoes, green peas -- and for desert, chocolate souffle along with mince and squash pies. The President spent the hours before dinner at his desk, signing papers and talking by telephone with the White House. In one action, he granted a full pardon to a former White House secretary -- Matthew Connelly -- who had been convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government in a federal tax case. Connelly was sentenced to two years in prison, but was parolled in Nineteen Sixty after serving six months. He was a former White House appointments secretary under President Truman.

The President also announced that he has asked the Veterans Administration speedup of January payments of more

than three hundred and twenty-seven million dollars in government insurance dividends to boost the nation's economy. He also called top officials of the Administration to Hyannis Port for a meeting tomorrow. A spokesman said the session -- which will be attended by members of the executive committee of the National Security Council -- will be a general review of the Cuban situation.

CUBA

It was a good day for it. America and Russia have pulled back their mighty war machine to what might be called normal cold war duty. It happened on both sides -- a relaxing of emergency conditions put in force since late October. The United States has recalled the one-hundred eighty-three warships that ringed Cuba for four weeks. And some thirty-one thousand men, reservists, mobilized for the crisis and other servicemen held beyond their discharge date -- are to be sent home. The Strategic Air Command also has been returned to the state of alert in operation prior to the Cuban crisis.

CHINA

We hear tonight that a temporary truce has set in along the China-India border in the Himalayas. It's reported that Red Chinese and Indian forces are holding their fire and Peking says the next move is up to Prime Minister Nehru. One report says that the Indian government will reject terms laid down by the Communists for a negotiated settlement of the border conflict.

One influential newspaper, the Hindustan Times, calls that settlement an ultimatum rather than a peace offer. Today Communist China charged that two Indian planes, as Red China put it, "intruded provocatively over Chinese posts along the disputed border area.

Meantime, the United States, Britain and Canada have joined forces in India to help with military aid, while Nehru warns that the conflict may drag on for years.

HOLIDAY ITEMS

And now, a few other holiday items. In Worcester, England, Mrs. Mary Perrins, who has sold Scottish tweed to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy -- the Kremlin has turned down her offer. She wanted to make a specially designed kilt for Premier Khrushchev.

In Murphysboro, Illinois, James Duffield has much to be thankful for tonight. He managed to free himself after being trapped for eight hours under the wreckage of his overturned car.

In California's Yosemite National Park, a Thanksgiving Day dinner of cold canned beans, stew and crackers was eaten today by three daring young men climbing massive El Capitan. They had reached the twenty two hundred foot mark of the three thousand foot rock spire -- and they're still going, hoping to reach the summit by Monday. Turkey later.

TURKEY

You know, Dick, it's a little scandalous what we do to turkeys on Thanksgiving, aside from gobbling up the gobblers. In Watford City, North Dakota, the local merchants dropped four live ones from a low flying plane as a promotional stunt. The turkeys made it to the ground safely. They'd have been safer in the air.

Those who should know say the turkey is one of our less I-Q type fowl, not considered very bright, even at this time of year. In fact, they have such a bad reputation intellectually that people in Turkey are a bit sensitive to the fact that their national name is attached to the ~~same~~ creatures.irate Turks ask - "Why do you call those dumb birds turkeys? Do you regard the Turks as stupid?" Which, of course, we do not. Just how the bird got its name is uncertain. In any case, despite those doubtful beginnings, the turkey moves in some rather scholarly circles. And we told you about one - Mrs. Mitch, who has become a sort of

classroom pet of a science teacher in Jackson, Michigan.

Mrs. Mitch, hatched in an incubator there, and still a romping playmate in the neighborhood. So-----as they say in Jackson, this is one opportunity to see a Live turkey. And long may she live. Goodnight -- back tomorrow.

Two federal investigators are probing for evidence wreckage of a United Air Lines plane in Cleveland, in an effort to learn what caused the aircraft to crash and why several persons to their deaths. The plane was on a routine flight in sunny weather, then suddenly plunged to earth and burned near Elliott City, Minnesota.

The mysterious crash took the lives of four crew members and thirteen passengers, and left hundreds of United Airlines who were not on board. The inquiry reports had the plane exploding in the air, but some reports said of some kind of engine trouble. The investigation is in the stages of the investigation.