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Good Evening Everybody:

The situation in Togo - confused, tonight.

We know about the assassination of the President -

of that small West coast African nation between Ghana

and Nigeria. Sylvanus Olympio, gunned down in the

street - outside the American Embassy. The Togo

government, now in the hands of a revolutionary group.

But just who is in charge - isn't clear. Former

Prime Minister Nicolas Grunitsky has returned from

exile - amid rumors that it was he who planned the

assassination, and that he intends to rule - as a

Togolese strongman.

Grunitsky's problem - to keep his colleagues

in line, that is, the men who took the chance - and did

the shooting. From West Africa come reports of a

developing struggle for power in Togo.

MESSAGE

Among the first to make an official statement about the assassination - President Kennedy, who received Olympio in Washington as a leader of the Democratic revolution among the new nations. The President today called the death of Togo's leader - "tragic for the free world".

Washington - and the other capitals of the West - watching the West Coast of Africa, wondering what next.

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MESSAGE

Altho' most of you know - what the President said in his State of the Union message, lets take a quick look - at the major items.

First, the tax cut - about which there has been so much speculation. Mr. Kennedy proposes a reduction of ten billion dollars - beginning with six billion this year. He believes this will stimulate the national economy - greater purchasing power and more jobs.

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Foreign aid. The chief executive takes a view that we must continue to help our allies. But that they must take up their own burden - wherever they are able. This thought, particularly applicable to Latin America - where the alliance for progress is so dependent on local reform.

As for world peace, the President feels that we have reached - a lull. That the free world is stronger than ever. That the Red bloc is in a turmoil because of the split between Russia and Red China. That Khrushchev may be in a mood - to work for genuine peace. But President Kennedy says we can't rely on this. So his policy will be to maintain military strength in the nuclear department, as well as in conventional weapons.

The tone of his message? Generally optimistic

REACTION FOLLOW MESSAGE

Reaction on Capitol Hill? - Mainly favorable. You would expect the Democrats to be applauding - and for the most part, they are, except for Byrd of Virginia and Anderson of New Mexico, both of whom are dubious about the tax cut. And they are important for these two top Democrats are on the powerful Senate Finance Committee.

Some Republicans feel the President's tax proposals are in line with what they have been saying all along, namely - that we need to hold down non-defense spending, and lighten the tax burden - from one end of the scale to the other. So say GOP Congressmen Baker of Tennessee and Curtis of Missouri - both of whom are on the House Ways and Means Committee.

It looks as though the president has a good chance of getting his tax reduction this year.

DE GAULLE

The De Gaulle response to the Kennedy missile offer - was expected. The French President, turning down our polaris missiles - on the ground that France will soon have her own. Also, De Gaulle is not interested in Nato rockets. Says he intends to develop his own nuclear arsenal - under French control.

CLOUD

If you're looking for the cloud with the silver lining - it's over Texas. A dense cloud formation, hundreds of feet thick - over the Rio Grande Valley. How come the silver lining? The forecast was for sub-freezing temperatures - that would have killed the citrus crop. Then came the cloud, hovering above that rich valley like a protecting blanket, keeping the thermometer from falling below freezing.

Result - the citrus crop, surviving the cold wave. Millions of dollars - in the pockets of the farmers of the Rio Grande Valley. The Texas cloud with the silver lining.

WATER

Here's a note - for housewives. Or, at least - for those old-fashioned enough to draw their water from a well.

Think twice - before you have running water installed in your house. *Why? Because* your well may be - tax deductible.

So ruled by a federal judge, sitting in Amarillo, *Texas*. His Honor's argument going like this. Underground water is - a mineral. And minerals - oil, for example - are subject to depletion. Therefore eligible for a tax deduction.

Interesting thought. The old pump down on the farm - worth something at the U S Treasury in Washington.

I hope the Judge is right! I have a well.

MINISTER

A clergyman of the Church of England admits that he's still blushing - about what happened in his Paris church on Sunday. Sounds ordinary - just another wedding. But here's the point - according to the Reverend Charles Grice, of Yorkshire.

The bride arrived in a gown that in the minister's words - "was low enough at the bottom, ^{but} and entirely too low at the top." What of that? ^{Said the} ~~Well, let's not quote the~~ Reverend Mr. Grice! - again. "The person who got the benefit during the ~~same~~ ceremony was myself - and I didn't want it."

The Yorkshire clergyman is appealing to the girls of the parish - to raise their necklines when they order their bridal gowns. ~~His~~ ^{were:-} concluding words "I just had to get this off my chest."

KETCH

You may have heard that sailors are not completely disinterested in - young ladies. So you can understand the enthusiasm aboard the U.S.S. Estes which has been at sea in the Pacific, for several weeks. Her crew suddenly spotting - what they thought was a mirage. Four glamour girls - on a small sailing ship. The gals, laughing - and waving their handkerchiefs. Calling invitations - from the rail, blowing kisses - across the water.

And it was - no mirage. For the girls were on the ketch Neophyte, with Skipper Lee Quinn, whose wife allowed him to sign on an all feminine crew -- Jackie Miller, Sue Bird, Carol Hope and Giselle Mayer.

Skipper Lee Quinn asked the U.S.S. Estes for some supplies -- ice cream. Whereupon it was transferred to him via a line between the Navy ship and the South Sea bound ketch. Dick, can you imagine

what the sailors on that Navy vessel are saying
tonight?!

COSMONETTE

For some reason, the light news tonight - seems to feature the ladies. We hear that Zinaida Smirnova of Moscow, is all set to be the first space woman. The first cosmonette to join the cosmonauts.

It looks as though the next Soviet space spectacular - will feature a lady? Zinaida to rocket into orbit?