

KENNEDY [J] - Olds Tues, Dec, 5th '61,

The Kennedy family - in a flurry of activity today. The First Lady, busily digging out - her summer wardrobe. Doesn't sound like - Washington in December. But then, Jacqueline Kennedy won't be in the national Capital - ~~on~~ the week of December 16th. She'll be in sunny Latin America - where its summer. The First Lady, accompanying the President - on his State visit to Venezuela and Colombia.

As for President Kennedy - he has some things to do at home before he leaves. Including four days of appearances - in New York and Florida. Beginning tonight, with a dinner given by - the National Football Foundation. President Kennedy, accepting the Foundation's gold medal - for his ^{widely heralded} ~~talent~~ ability at touch football. Also the spectator interest that ^{led} ~~will~~ the President ^{to} ~~attend~~ - the Army-Navy game.

STEVENSON

Adlai Stevenson's decision not to run for the Senate in 1962 - has put an end to one speculation. Proving that there's nothing to the rumor - about Stevenson being dissatisfied with his place in the Administration, About to resign - or be quietly pushed out.

Illinois Democrats, as you know - would like to see the former Presidential candidate throw his hat in the ring, Challenge Republican Senator ^{Everett} Dirksen - next year. President Kennedy, opposing the idea - on the ground that America needs Stevenson at the U N. Adlai - going along with that. Deciding to remain with the Administration - ^{and stay} out of elective politics, for the next two years anyway.

DOMINICAN

The Dominican Republic is still tense - although these big street riots have died down. Tonight, fewer soldiers on patrol - in Santo Domingo. Fewer Teen-Agers - roaming the city. Food deliveries and ambulance calls - getting through. The people of Santo Domingo, obviously disgusted - with the violence that has entered ~~the~~ it's ~~six~~ eighth straight day. A feeling, that could be the key factor - in restoring order.

Tonight - more urgent ~~meetings~~ consultations between President Balaguer and his opponents. Both sides, anxious to put an end - to the crisis, ~~is~~ Afraid that if it goes on much longer - the street mobs may take over in the Dominican Republic.

CONGO

Reports from the Congo indicate that Katanga is in - virtual chaos. Elizabethville, the scene of a fantastic struggle - like something out of Dante's Inferno - U N troops, in bitter street fighting - with Tshombe's army. Much of it, degenerating into - bayonet against spear. A wild melee, with overtones of twentieth century technology - and the age old weapons of primitive Africa.

No one knows for sure - just what the situation is in Elizabethville. But it's hard to question the reports - of many casualties on both sides.

INDIA

The aggression of Red China against India seems to support the old adage - that a good offense is the best defense. Peking, blandly charging that New Delhi is guilty of - encroaching on Chinese soil. Nehru, accused of sending his soldiers - across the border. That is - across the border arbitrarily drawn by Mao Tsé-tung.

The historic frontier has been the McMahon Line - established by the British at the Simla Conference of 1914. But the Chinese Reds are paying no attention - to the McMahon Line. Hence Nehru's warning today - that there will be war between India and Red China, if the Reds cross it.

SYRIA

The anti-Communists of Syria are jubilant tonight - because the results of the election are now clear. The conservatives, riding back into power - with an enormous majority, led by Premier Kuzbari - who headed the revolt against Egyptian domination. The Leftist opponents of Kuzbari swamped in the voting. They'll have less than fifty seats in the Damascus parliament - out of a hundred and seventy-two seats.

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WEATHER

The weather pattern is summarized by - a freighter, drifting helplessly in Lake Superior. The coal carrier "Secord," losing her propeller - in a violent winter storm. The vessel, battered by tremendous waves - until a Coast Guard Cutter managed to take her in tow.

All of the Great Lakes - ^{with} whipped into fury by winds of sixty-miles ^{an} ~~per~~ hour. Ashore - cities ~~are~~ paralyzed by blizzards. Highways - littered with abandoned cars. Communication lines - down. Schools and shops - closed. Dozens of roofs - blown ~~up~~ away. Hundreds of windows - shattered.

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RACE

Here's the story of - the wrong-way driver of Seville.

AT a track near Seville, Spain - racing cars, going both ways.

Eleven drivers, whipping around the saucer in orthodox style -

with the inner rail on the left. Driver number twelve, a

maverick - hurtling back through the field with the rail on his

right.

Carlos Matis started out okay - and drove a fast race.

Challenging for the lead - when he reached the last lap. Then -

he skidded. His car hitting the rail - bouncing off. Spinning

three times - but staying upright. Its nose pointed - straight

down the track. In - the wrong direction.

The driver, shaken up - not realizing that he was

turned around. He stepped on the gas - and roared toward what

he thought was the finish line. Driving directly - into the

pack. The other drivers, frantically careening - around him.

Officials, trying to - flag him down. Mechanics, shouting -

~~the~~ ambulance ~~ready to rush~~ to the scene. ~~The~~ Spectators,

bracing for what looked like - one horrendous crack-up.

But Carlos Matia somehow navigated through the field - without hitting anybody. At the critical moment - his head cleared. You can imagine his horror - when he found himself driving full tilt toward another meeting with those eleven racing cars. But this time he had the presence of mind - to pull off the track in a hurry. No injuries, Dick - just a few extra thrills provided by - the wrong-way driver of Seville.

Shades of Roy Riegel and Wrong Way Corrigan.

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ART

I'm told that the Greeks had a word for it - but I doubt if even Aristotle could come up with a word to fit the case of Constantine Nemarkos. Constantine, the shopkeeper of Athens - who decided to go into the art business. Getting his supplies - from the museum.

Last night, Constantine hid in a third-floor closet -- until the watchman disappeared downstairs. Quickly the would-be art dealer played a rope - out the window. Anchoring it - to the rain pipe. Then he filled a basket with classical Greek art work - small pieces of sculpture, medallions, ornaments, and so on. And lowered it to the ground. His plan was - to climb down immediately, and disappear with the loot.

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Desperately, Constantine wrestled with - that implacable amphora. Escape - so near; just down the rope - as he had planned. But how can you slide three stories down a rope - when you have a wine jar clinging to one hand?

He was still struggling this morning - when they found him. Providing him with an escort - to the police station. There they managed to release his hand - with a liberal application of olive oil. Asked why he didn't smash the amphora, Constantine replied - "Why I'm a lover - an art lover. I wouldn't have done that," said Constantine Nemarkos.