

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The weather picture tonight is summarized in a report from New York's Adirondack Mountains. On top of Whiteface Mountain, almost five thousand feet up - the thermometer is at eighteen degrees above zero. At the foot of Whiteface Mountain - the mercury has fallen to sixteen below. Skiers at Whiteface, descending the mountain through thirty-four degrees of temperature. In two or three minutes they get a change of thirty-four degrees.

Across most of the country - blizzards; freezing winds, driving snow, huge drifts, ten feet deep in parts of Pennsylvania. Milwaukee Harbor is clogged by ice - four feet thick. Traffic on the Great Lakes tied up by poor visibility. Down in Washington, another six inches of snow causing government offices, stores and schools to close - after half a day.

LEAD - 2

For most of us sixteen consecutive days of bitter cold. A record. One that will be broken again and again, as F.D.R. said over the weekend so says the Weather Man. Old timers can't remember anything like it - since the Eighteen-Eighties.

I've just talked to my son, who is some five thousand miles away. He and his wife and two small children, in their own small plane, landed today at one of our far northern outpost - on the Arctic Circle, at Ft. Yukon, at the mouth of the Porcupine River. He says it's an unseasonably warm thirty below up there. And when I told him it was almost that cold here in New York, in Dutchess Co., where I live, he was flabbergasted. I also talked to another flier on Boring Sea, a few minutes ago - Ed Seiler at King Salmon - he said the sun was shining. It was warm and balmy.

The weather man is doing some strange things to us this year!

## EISENHOWER

This by the way was the first "working day" for Dwight D. Eisenhower. That is - his first as a private citizen. Our former President has been resting - since he left the White House last month. This morning he buckled down - to work, driving from the Eisenhower Farm to Gettysburg College - which maintains an office for his use. There he was greeted by his son, Colonel John Eisenhower - and his Military Aide, Colonel Robert Shurtz. Also, by two ladies - whose services he sure can use; Ann Whitman and Lillian Brown - the Eisenhower secretaries.

First order of business - answering mail, tons of it. After that comes the straightening out of the Eisenhower private papers. What about another book - by Author Dwight Eisenhower? No word on that - yet. But if he wants to write a book - he has plenty of material there at his Gettysburg office.

# DOLLAR

Today the Secretary of Commerce stated his strategy like this - "Close the travel gap, and strengthen the dollar." Secretary Hodges was referring - to the Tourist trade. Why do so many American dollars go abroad? Because - American tourists spend them. Why doesn't America <sup>in return get some of</sup> ~~take in~~ that kind of money? Because - we don't attract enough tourists. That's what Secretary Hodges calls - "The Travel Gap." <sup>This</sup> he hopes to close ~~it~~ by an advertising campaign abroad. Make other people as interested in seeing New York and Washington, <sup>our national parks, and Alaska & Hawaii,</sup> as we are in seeing London and Paris, <sup>the Alps and the Riviera.</sup>

## CONGO

The latest shooting in the Congo was touched off by - a drunken soldier. A Congolese rifleman, downing some of the potent native brew - then taking pot shots at a Nigerian Detachment of the UN Army. The Nigerians, firing back - killing six Congolese. The rest of the Congolese, setting up an ambush - on the road to the airport.

The Nigerians - walked into the ambush; suddenly assailed - from both sides of the road, and had to fight their way out. There were casualties and tonight not only are the Nigerians vowing revenge, but the Congolese are threatening to ambush them again.

This violence, pointing up President Kennedy's view that a new approach must be worked out with cooperation - between Russia and the United States. Around Washington it's believed the President will make the Congo a test of Khrushchev's sincerity.

## SHIP

The fantasy of the "SANTA MARIA" - isn't over yet. Now the Rebel Commander is threatening - to blow up the ship. Galvao is reported rejecting an offer of political asylum from Brazil - with the "SANTA MARIA" to be returned to the Portugese owners. Galvao says he'd rather send it - to the bottom. For which purpose he has - six hundred pounds of dynamite. But fifty Brazilian Marines are now patrolling the hijacked liner. Under these circumstances how will Galvao and his thirty-one Rebels get away with it.

CUBA

The news out of Havana - has a sinister sound.  
Castro's courts have never been noted for - their  
impartiality. Now the Dictator puts an end to - the  
independence of the Judiciary. Booting out - a hundred  
and fifteen judges. Charging them with being - "old,  
inept, ill, lazy, treasonable, immoral." That last ~~one~~  
~~seems like~~ an interesting item. ~~I~~ Wonder what Castro  
means by - ~~and~~ <sup>can</sup> "immoral" judge?

About one thing - there's no question whatever.  
From now on, the only justice in Cuba - will be  
~~Revolutionary~~ "Revolutionary Justice." Castro's justice.

## LANDSLIDE

In the Belgian town of Moulin, near Liege, - a frantic rescue operation is under way tonight. A search for survivors, after a landslide caused by - a coal ~~mine~~ slagheap.

Moulin - in the Belgian coal country. A slagheap three hundred feet high was thrown up in one place - behind a row of cottages. Heavy rains, ~~undermining~~ undermining the slagheap - causing it to shift. Then it thundered down in a massive landslide. Burying - fifteen cottages. The toll - not yet known. Moulin fears it may go above fifty.

## EAGLE

Seventh-five Kansas towns lost their electricity - because of an eagle, An American eagle - with a wing span of almost seven feet. A magnificent specimen, that must have been a beautiful sight - soaring through the Kansas sky. But it made the mistake of - flying too low. Hitting a power line - charging<sup>ed</sup> with a-hundred-and-fifty-thousand volts. Result - a ball of fire, flashing into the ground. Short circuiting - three main cables. The eagle? *Nothing now but some* ~~it was fricassed. Tonight - just a pile~~ ~~of~~ singed feathers.

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Detective story fans are feeling a bit put out - by this dispatch from London. Subject - Scotland Yard. The inspiration for more good detective stories - than any other organization in the world. You've all read about - "The Man From The Yard." The sleuth who solves the crime - to the discomfort of the local police.

Well, this dispatch points out - that Scotland Yard is London's Metropolitan Police Force. It has no authority to barge into crimes committed outside of London. So that business of showing up the Provincial flatfeet - is largely mythical.

Here's another depressing truth - about Scotland Yard. It's main business is - directing traffic. Does it ever go after - criminals? Oh, yes - the murder squad does. And you don't have to feel - disillusioned. The Murder Squad has a terrific record - in running down criminals.

It's just that the Glamour Boys - are in a minority. The next time you see a London Bobb~~y~~e directing

*- Dick*  
traffic, you can say to yourself - "There goes a man from ~~the~~ Yard."  
*Scotland*

BRAZIL

Brazilians have switched their attention from the "SANTA MARIA" to the National Economy; following a warning by President Quadros. The new President, castigating his predecessor - for weakening Brazil's finances, calls on the people of Brazil for, "work, sacrifice, integrity."