

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1962.
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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Have you in Towang, in northeastern India - up near the borders of Bhutan and of Tibet? If you have you will recall it as a center of solitude, seclusion - peace - dominated by a great Buddhist monastery. Monks in their yellow and brown robes on the streets; some officials of the Indian administration; men who run its caravans.

Tonight - you wouldn't recognize Towang. The monks and officials - gone. Fleeing southward - before the advance of the Chinese Reds. Peace? - not in Towang. Mao Tse-tung's men are pouring in with them, or on their heels, masses of military equipment. Especially - guns of the mountain artillery.

Towang - evidently selected by Mao as a base on the south side of the towering Himalayas. A strategic

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point - for massing his troops. Will it be a jumping-off point - for a full-scale invasion of India?

Tonight Towang looks like a Chinese city; if you judge by its new inhabitants. Geographically it's south of the great range and a part of India. Mehru says he will go all-out - to recapture it. The Indian Premier rushing troops north - as fast as he can equip them - with new American arms and ammunition.

Tonight it looks as though the crucial conflict to decide the fate of India - may be somewhere near Towang, in the hills and lowlands of northern Assam.

YEMEN

The news from Yemen tonight - is of age-old desert towns. And - age-old desert warfare. Places like Saada and Harad - have been there for centuries. Never important - except when besieged by invading armies. Saada and Harad are in the headlines tonight because the man who claims to be the Imam of Yemen is sweeping across the desert villages, at the head of an army of Bedouin tribesmen. The Imam, vowing to drive on to - the capital city of Sanaa - in the mountains - to overthrow the junta if he can - Colonel Al Sallal who ousted the last Imam of Yemen.

BULGARIA

So called Kremlin experts of the West - are watching Bulgaria tonight. That Soviet satellite on the Black Sea - possibly a tipoff about the present convulsions behind the Iron Curtain. Khrushchev and the Stalinists, said to be locked in - a struggle for power. Each side, trying to line up support throughout the Red bloc.

The significance of Bulgaria that Stalinists there appear to be losing out. They were led by Premier Anton Yugov, one of the most durable followers of the dead tyrant, and we hear Yugov has been purged. Bulgaria - swinging to Khrushchev's side. At least - for the time being.

Soviets imagined he would be?

CUBA

Now those Castro-Mikoyan talks. Newsmen in the Cuban capital are trying to get what could be the scoop of the decade. But - not a word about what the bearded premier and the Soviet trouble-shooter are saying to one another.

Mikoyan's mission, presumably is to make him accede to - the Kennedy-Khrushchev idea of inspection. That is, the Soviet missile bases in Cuba, to be dismantled under international guarantees.

The Havana Conference, so delicate - that Mikoyan stayed on despite his wife's death in Moscow. Does this mean that Mikoyan - is close to success with Castro? Or - that Castro is proving more recalcitrant than the Soviets imagined he would be?

RED CROSS

The International Committee of the Red Cross has agreed to check - ships bound for Cuba. A spokesman in Geneva, declaring that the organization is ready - to put inspectors aboard American warships in the Caribbean.

All of which, doesn't end the problem of the Soviet missile bases in Cuba. Castro may feel that the Red Cross operation - would be enough. But Washington doesn't.

NOBEL

The Nobel Institute in Oslo - has killed a
beguiling might-have-been. Last week there was a rumor
- that maybe - maybe the Nobel Peace Prize for 1962
would be divided, between President Kennedy and Comrade
Khrushchev. Weird rumor. This leading to speculation
that the two world leaders might arrive together, not
in a summit conference - but at the banquet for Nobel
Prizemen.

Quite a story if true. But not true. This year
- no Nobel Peace Prizee

FLYER.

~~There's a peculiar poignance about the death~~
~~of Major Rudolf Anderson, "Killed in action" -- is~~
always a tragic phrase. ~~and when casualties are high --~~
~~the tragedy often seems overwhelming.~~

~~Still, the single casualty of a big air-and-sea operation~~
~~-- stands out with a stark realism. No one can miss the~~
~~name of Major Rudolf Anderson -- because it's the only~~
name on the casualty list from Cuba.

The Major, crashing -- while on a surveillance
mission over ^{Cuba.} ~~the island.~~ Cause ~~is~~ ^{we don't know yet.} ~~not yet determined.~~

His body -- flown back to the United States today, ~~but~~
~~a solemn return home to Greenville, South Carolina, -- for~~
~~Rudolf Anderson.~~

CHLORINE

The raising of these four chlorine tanks from the bed of the Mississippi we hear is another triumph for the Army Engineers. The tanks that were aboard a Mississippi barge - that sank near Natchez. Creating a danger of lethal gas poisoning the atmosphere.

President Kennedy declared that part of Mississippi - "an area of maximum danger." And sent in the Army Engineers. Also the Public Health Service issued forty thousand gas masks.

The Engineers placed nets - underneath the submerged tanks; slowly - a few feet a minute - raised the tanks to the surface; onto a barge, now headed downstream to New Orleans. Natchez, no longer in danger of being gassed.

ELECTION

As we all know right across the country from Coast to Coast - all the way from Florida to Alaska the main topic - is politics.

One of the most exciting races of course in California, out here, the odds appear to be even as Richard Nixon and Governor Pat Brown, go down to the wire. But - lots of suspense, in all states - including - Alaska - special emphasis, Dick, on Alaska.

SCOT

In London, Lieutenant Paul Harvey of the Scots Guards - is under regimental arrest tonight. And that historic British regiment - is close to a state of shock.

The story? The Scots Guards - on duty at Windsor Castle; guarding - Her Majesty the Queen. One night, Lieutenant Harvey discovered the sentries - away from their posts. Playing - a fast game of blackjack.

So - did Lieutenant Harvey give the alarm? Did he summon - the military police? Not at all. Instead the Lieutenant the dealer to deal him a hand. They say he won quite a few bob - before the game broke up.

Alas, the word got around. The Lieutenant - arrested; and the Scots Guards haven't had a scandal like this - they say since Waterloo when things were really lax.