

KENNEDY

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L.T. in New Guinea)

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President Kennedy's arrival at Point Mugu Naval

Air Station - produced a mob scene, today. The kind of
mob scene - that doesn't annoy our Chief Executive.

Some thirty thousand Californians, pressing around him -
in a cheering mob. It seemed as if each of them - was
determined to shake his hand. Women fainted, secret
service men were knocked off their feet - and it took
a flying wedge to get the President into his plane.

The theme of Mr. Kennedy's brief speech - renewed
confidence in the armed might of America.

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LEGISLATION

INTRODUCTION BY TALE
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and Lucille Brown

The word running through the halls of Congress - is that this may be the year that the filibuster is defeated. The year that marathon talking - is finally gagged by cloture.

I don't have to tell the reason - for this dramatic change. The integration disturbances have reached a point so critical - that a civil rights bill seems inevitable. The moderates are ready to support the forthcoming White House measure - unless they consider it unreasonable. Even the Senators from the Deep South admit that for once they are not optimistic - about beating civil rights legislation with the filibuster.

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INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

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and Lowell Thomas.

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Hello Dick, Good Evening Everybody:

Before I say anything further about this strange Island and its even stranger people, I want to salute a surgeon whose name is known throughout the world. A few weeks ago rather late at night, my phone rang and on the line was Dr. Charles Mayo, calling me from the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Mayo had been with General MacArthur during the War in the South Pacific. Wanting his beautiful young wife to have at least a glimpse of wild New Guinea, sometimes called the last home of mystery, Dr. Mayo had returned to the South Pacific. And now what he said to me was this: "Lowell, there are Australian officials in New Guinea who wish that you would bring a camera crew and film an event that may never never take place again." Then he added that Stone Age people, tens of thousands of them, were going to assemble in one of the central valleys of this

the world's largest island, to put on a show such as few travellers to far places have ever had the good fortune to witness.

Dr. Mayo and I had taken part in one of the most colorful and exotic events of our time. We had both represented President Eisenhower as special representatives, special ambassadors at the Coronation of the young King of Nepal at Kathmandu. So I thought I'd better heed his advice and hurry out to New Guinea.

For more than a month the Stone Age people of this central mountain region - the Australians call it the New Guinea Western Highlands - had been making their way through the bush, some of them accompanied by their younger wives, and daughters, too; also, without much in the way of clothing, and right now and for days they have been streaming into this Mt. Hagen section of the Wagi Valley by the thousands, by the tens of thousands. Some of them, that is all of the men,

do wear something special. They wear a head-dress more spectacular than any worn by anyone anywhere on earth.

Thousands of these primitive mountain people adorn themselves with the gorgeous long many-colored plumes of a bird that has often been spoken of as the most beautiful of all living creatures, the Bird of Paradise.

As some of you will recall, forty three years ago, nearly all the nations of the world became concerned about the Bird of Paradise, and an edict was issued right around this planet, an edict making it illegal to wear the stunning plumes of this gorgeous bird of the New Guinea jungle. At that time it was thought they might soon become extinct. Well, they now seem to be as abundant as ever, and Australian District Commissioner Tom Ellis estimates that the plumes worn here at this event will have a value of over Five Million pounds. Today the long-tailed feathers of the lesser and

greater Bird of Paradise are only worn here in New Guinea, home of this bird with rainbow plumage, and in Nepal where the King and some of the top nobles, the Ranas prize these plumes and wear them on state occasions.

There are also a few thousands of the Stone Age men gathered here who add variety to the scene by wearing an impressive head-dress that is fashioned from the black bushy tail of a huge bird that doesn't fly; a bird that is in size and general appearance much like the ostrich of South Africa and the emu of Australia. The bushy black tail of the Cassowary is almost as spectacular as the tall bear-skin hats worn by the Queen's guards who stand guard at Buckingham Palace in London.

I wish I could take over our whole period this evening Dick to tell you more about the gathering of these Stone Age people. But, if you will come with me again tomorrow night I

will tell you more about a people who have never heard of America or Europe, or Asia, or Africa, and who don't even know that there's a continent right next door called Australia.

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END OF TAPE

Well, Lowell, we'll look forward to that report on Monday.

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RIOT

I suppose that the most significant thing about the riot in Lexington, North Carolina - is that no one expected it. The Tarheel State has a rather good record - on civil rights. And until last night - Lexington appeared to be a model city.

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patrolling the streets of the city. Mayor C.V. Sink,
asking crowds - not to congregate.

MACMILLAN FOLLOW MEETING

Prime Minister Macmillan has a more personal reason - for wanting this conference. ^{He} ~~Macmillan~~ hopes to regain some of the prestige ^{his party} he has lost - because of the Profumo scandal. His Minister of War, resigning - after revealing some rather undiplomatic relations with a London playgirl.

The Laborites are pressing home the attack - in the House of Commons. And the Prime Minister could use the kind of prestige - that surrounds confidential talks with the American President.

MEETING

President Kennedy's decision to confer with Prime Minister ^{MACMILLAN} at the end of this month - shows how fast events move in our time. You'd think that ^{the President} ~~Kennedy~~ and Mr. Macmillan would have covered the major international problems - in previous meetings. The most recent of which took place only last December.

But the political kaleidoscope has shifted - since then. Raising ~~up~~ new problems - like the intransigence of Charles DeGaulle. And the plan for - a Nato nuclear force.

That's why President Kennedy will fly from Ireland to Britain - on June twenty-ninth. That's why he'll confer with Prime Minister Macmillan - before continuing on to Rome.

TRAIN

When a watchdog derails a train - that sounds like a mixed metaphor from Capitol Hill. And - it is.

The watchdog - Congressman John Rooney, Chairman of a House Appropriations Subcommittee. The train - the one that used to be at the disposal of our Ambassador to West Germany.

The New York Democrat discovered that the train carried the Ambassador and his guests - on sightseeing trips, to mountain ski resorts, to picnics, things like that. Cost to the American taxpayer - one hundred and nineteen thousand dollars.

Congressman Rooney now has a promise from the State Department - to use cars in the future. The train - derailed by the watchdog.

INTEGRATION

With all the tension below the Mason-Dixon Line - it's easy to overlook the drift toward peaceful integration. Today, the Mayor of Clarkesville, Tennessee ordered city facilities desegregated. And in Washington, D.C. - the taxis have been desegregated. At least - those belonging to the Yellow Cab Company. The white drivers opposed hiring Negro drivers - on the ground that it would be bad for business. But management refused to give in - to a brief strike. And tonight four Negro drivers are on the job - in taxis, in the nation's capital.

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(Richard **And the University of Tennessee was** *Guinea)*
desegregated today - without violence.

The most important development in the Civil Rights dispute today, as you probably know - is President Kennedy's telegram to the governor of Alabama. The president calling upon the governor not to bar the door at the University of Alabama. Not to try to enforce segregation - tomorrow.

So what happens now - is still up to Governor Wallace.

Among other developments on the desegregation front today were - the turning of five keys on about one hundred anti-segregation demonstrators in Danville, Virginia. And an appeal for law and order - by the Mayor of that city.