

L.T. OLDS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

The situation <sup>in</sup> Iraq - in Bagdad - remains confused tonite. Reports reaching Beirut tell of street fighting in the city of the Calipho. So the new military Junta may not be in full control. But the Junta succeeded to this extent, at least, that Iraqi strongman, Abdel Karim Kassen has been overthrown. His headquarters blasted into rubble by tanks and artillery, with Kassen said to be buried in the ruins. The belief is that his enemies have done to him about the same as he did to his predecessors. As for the new strongman of Iraq, Brigadier Abdel Karim Mustapha, we hear he is considered an anti-communist. Mustapha, leading this insurrection - to get rid of the reds appointed by Kassen. Perhaps also getting revenge for the many who were killed by Kassen.

One more revolution in an ancient land

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that has seen so many revolutions - old Mesopotamia, home of the Garden of Eden, perhaps Land of Noah and the Flood, of Abraham and his people before they migrated to Palestine. Land of Babylon and Ninevah, of Nebuchadessar, Balshazar and Samson, land of the Tigris and Euphrates, of the Tower of Babel - and of the Caliphs of the Arabian Nights, Bagdad where Kassem murdered young King Feisal and Prime Minister Nuri Said a few years ago. Today Bagdad again the scene of Turnoil.

Two months ago when I was next door, in Iran, Bagdad was celebrating its 100th anniversary. An exciting event for Kassem who tonite lies dead in all that rubble.

## **PLANE**

An American official said in Saigon today - "It looks as if Major O'Neil is in line for the Congressional Medal of Honor". Then he added, "Too bad it has to be posthumous".

The reference to Major James O'Neil of Huntington Station, New York who piloted the plane that crashed into the Viet Namese mountains on Wednesday. The plane - developing engine trouble. The Major staying at the controls - while his co-pilot and radio operator bailed out.

Seconds later, the plane slammed into the mountains killing Major O'Neil. The story, told today, by his co-pilot, Lietenant James Johnson of Mary Esther, Florida.

## VIET\_NAM

The government of South Viet Nam has just launched an attack on a popular song - "Moon over Saigon". That hit tune is termed - "debilitating to the national character", and now is banned - along with all other sad and sentimental songs.

All this is part of a puritannical drive - now on in South Viet Nam. Order of the day - work, exercise, and defense of the fatherland. Henceforth only martial music. No more "Moon over Saigon".

## **CUBA**

President Kennedy, we hear, is negotiating with Khrushchev - about some unfinished business. To wit - those Russian troops in Cuba. The Soviet boss promised to pull them out - "In due course". And the President wants to know - how Khrushchev defines the term; how long we have to wait before the Russians pack up and follow their missiles back to Russia.

## **CEYLON**

The sum involved in our dispute with Ceylon -  
is not large. Less than - four million dollars.

That much - in loans and technical assistance. Our  
food program for the people of Ceylon - not effected

The suspension of American aid to remain in  
effect - until Ceylon compensates to American oil  
companies for the expropriation of their properties.

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## **ATOMIC\_**

The resumption of underground nuclear tests in Nevada - is a result of the way the Soviets are playing the game. We interrupted the series in December - hoping that would help the negotiations for a test ban treaty. But Khrushchev kept stalling, until President Kennedy decided we could not hold back any longer. Hence, today's underground test - which included several different atomic devices. The biggest with a force equal to one million tons of T.N.T.

## PRINCESS

Princess Margaret is in the middle of another bit of a do tonite. No, the sister of the Queen isn't under attack. But the MacMillan government is calling off her visit to France. The cancellation, of course, due to the attitude of De Gaulle. But a lot of Britons who are irritated with the General still think it was stupid to keep Princess Margaret away from Paris.

Admiral Mountbatten was in our party. Ten minutes after we went out Hal had a frozen ear. All over this north-east corner of the U.S.A. and Canada the thermometer has been in the 20's - or below.

Right now I hear it's forty-three below at Mount Washington in New Hampshire. But this means the snow will stay and tomorrow it will be harder, as skiers are happy.

Farther west, the Mississippi is frozen tight between Cairo, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri. Ice and snow are reported paralyzing the great plains.



## WEATHER

For today's weather story, the weather man takes us again to Owls Head, New York. The temperature at Owls Head - twenty-seven below zero. So cold, that "sea smoke" is rising from the comparatively warm water of the wide St. Lawrence. It was at least that cold on White Face Mountain in the Adirondacks where I spent today with Adirondack mountaineer Commissioner Harold Wilm and his colleagues. Hal Burton, well known Adirondack mountaineer was in our party. Ten minutes after we went out Hal had a frozen ear. All over this north-east corner of the U.S.A. and Canada the thermometer has been in the 20's - or below.

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## JEWELS

The theft of those jewels belonging to Mrs. Irene Selznick - reminds the New York Authorities of something they'd like to forget. Since World War Two, burglars have been reaping a harvest in the luxury hotels of the city. Their haul over that period - some twenty million dollars. Nearly three hundred thousand. This time, Dick, from Irene Selznick.

## FASHION

In Paris - Another scandal. Classified documents - disappearing. Stolen by a secret agent - and sold to the enemy. The documents? Designs - for the spring fashions. The Parisien coutouriers, finding their latest creations - in the newspapers. revealed to the public - more than a month before they go on display. Everything - from hats to shoes.

Result - security regulations, to be tightened up in Paris. Newsmen, banned from the spring showings. Dior and the rest, trying to identify the secret agent - who made off with those classified documents. Those fashion designs.

And from WEAV - so long until Monday.