

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, JAN. 1, 1962

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

They buried a legend in Washington today - with the interment of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. The eighty-nine year old widow of the late President, as you know - died on Thursday. The last rites were held in Washington Cathedral - as three hundred mourners looked on. Among them, Secretary of State Musk and Mrs. Musk - and members of the Washington diplomatic corp.

The legend of Mrs. Wilson was that of a shy, retiring widow from Virginia - who became one of the most outspoken partisans ever to preside over the White House. The change in her personality was caused, needless to say - by her marriage to Woodrow Wilson during his first term of office. The new First Lady defended the President - in all of his furious battles with Congress, the press, and the public.

After his death, she continued to defend his memory
- until she herself succumbed on Thursday. Now gone
from the Washington scene to take her place in American
history - Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

HONORS

If you have any doubt about Great Britain being a Democracy - take a look at the list of honors published in London today. The men and women receiving titles - from Her Majesty the Queen.

Not so long ago, titles were reserved for aristocrats, Prime Ministers - and an occasional steel king or railroad magnate. But in the Twentieth Century, and especially since World War II - British honors have been filtering down to the masses.

A perfect example, today - Miss Nelly Bennion, who grades cheese for the dairy board. Nelly the cheese grader, receiving the O.B.E. - the Order of the British Empire. And test pilot John Fifiield is also - a brand new O.B.E.

Then there's Learier Constantine - a cricketer, and a West Indian. Because of his skill at hitting a cricket ball with a bat - he becomes a Knight. Sir Learier

Constantine.

There are two new barons - in this new year's honor's list. Neither - an aristocrat. Sir Russell Brain, often called the world's most brilliant nerve specialist - and Sir Leonord Lord, an automobile tycoon.

All of these titles are granted by Queen Elizabeth - amid the stately formality of the British monarchy. But - a cheese grader and a cricketer? I wonder what Queen Victoria - would have thought of them.

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PORTUGAL

That attempted coup in Portugal got nowhere - because the government had been warned. Prime Minister Salazar, receiving an intelligence report - that the target was an army barracks more than a hundred miles from Lisbon. The rebels, hoping to storm the barracks - and start a national insurrection.

The first part of their plan - succeeded. They got in - because the place was undermanned during the holiday. The trouble was - that they couldn't get out. Salazar's troops moved up quickly - and encircled the barracks. The rebels were overwhelmed - in the battle that followed.

Tonight, the Prime Minister announces - that he has the situation under control. Still, there's tension on the banks of the Tagus River - because of recent events. First, the hijacking of the luxury liner - Santa Maria. Then, the loss of Goa - to India. It doesn't help Portuguese nerves - to have armed rebels inside Portugal.

KENNEDY

A medical bulletin on the President's father indicates - that he must be a fan of the Green Bay Packers. It says that Joseph P. Kennedy enjoyed watching yesterday's football game - on television. And if he enjoyed the way the Giants were steamrollered and shut out thirty-seven to nothing - the implication is that he must have been rooting for the home team.

Anyway, the elder Kennedy is now able to move around - in a wheel chair. The paralysis caused by his stroke - has partly cleared up. The date of his departure for home - already under discussion. So the whole Kennedy clan is more optimistic - about 1962.

President Kennedy, of course, has a number of political reasons - for limiting his optimism. He expects another tough year - of dangerous international problems. Khrushchev won't go away - or Laos or Cuba or the Congo. Or, indeed - a dozen other points of conflict between East and West. That's why the President is resuming his

schedule tomorrow - with high level discussions
concerning our military needs for 1962.

WEATHER

Way down south in Dixie - no, not magnolias and mockingbirds - but snow. Lots of it. Eight inches - in the Great Smokies of North Carolina. Three to six inches - from Virginia to Alabama. Wet, heavy snow - falling in great masses. Breaking telephone lines - forcing traffic to a standstill in many cities. Freezing into treacherous ice - that is causing cars to skid off the highways.

Mountain communities - snowbound. The sunny south - not quite so sunny.

Meanwhile, the Midwest is still - the nation's icebox. The thermometer, plummeting to nine below zero - in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Five below - in Michigan and Illinois.

It's not that cold in the East - which is being plagued by more snow from the Great Lakes to New England. In Buffalo, where they were just dug out of yesterday's horrendous blizzard - they're back digging again tonight.

DOMINICAN

The new government of the Dominican Republic - is an interim regime. Its purpose - to maintain order until elections can be held in December. In February, the seven man junta now headed by President Balaguer - will give way to officials chosen by the Dominican people.

Balaguer, however - will be out sooner than that. He says that he intends to resign as President - once the sanctions are lifted by the Organization Of American States. Which should be soon - now that the apparatus of democracy is ready to function. The apparatus of - free elections, free speech, free press, and ~~xxx~~ so on.

The fate of Balaguer remains - undecided. As a holdover from Trujillo regime - he has many opponents in the Dominican Republic. As a chief architect of the new anti-Trujillo system - he doubtless feels that he has a right to stay in his homeland. Perhaps - even run for elective office. A possibility that is making a lot of Dominicans - feel rather jittery.

ACCIDENTS

The National Safety Council uses the phrase - "discouraging reversal." Meaning - a reverse trend in the pattern of holiday accidents. This New Year's weekend started out - as one of the safest on record. Leading to the hope - that we wouldn't have the tragically familiar holocaust on our highways.

Then the toll picked up - hour by hour. At the present rate, traffic fatalities may exceed the Council prediction of - three-hundred and thirty. Add the deaths from all causes - and the final figure will go far above that.

New Year's may be a time - for celebrating. The terrible irony is how many celebrations end - in tragedy.

LONDON

Here's a remarkable figure. Over in London, the number of drunks picked up on New Year's day - was exactly six. Half a dozen, hitting the bottle too hard - in one of the biggest cities in the world.

But - there's a catch to it. Only six were able to get stoned, and make themselves a public nuisance - because the others couldn't stand the weather.

Britain is in the grip of - it's worst freeze in more than a century. Nine degrees above zero at London Airport - where all planes were grounded today. A record three inches of snow, falling on the British capital - which isn't used to that sort of thing. Even London's celebrated subway - I mean, underground - was slowed to a crawl.

Two hundred hospitals are on emergency duty tonight - because of the number of influenza cases. The fear is - that an epidemic may be in the making.