

L.T. SUSTAINING, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1966

(Dallas Townsend, Sub.)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Security Council invokes mandatory economic sanctions for the first time in UN history. That action taken this evening against Rhodesia.. in an effort to crush the rebellious colony's white minority regime. And the sanctions include an oil embargo -- which the African members demanded, and to which Britain reluctantly agreed. However, the Africans did NOT win another of their demands -- the council failed to provide for the use of force to compel enforcement of the oil embargo -- and that raises a question about how effective it's going to be. All the Africans got in this respect was an amendment -- asking all UN countries to prohibit the use -- on their soil -- of facilities for land or air transport of oil

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to Rhodesia. And two of the countries directly concerned -- South Africa and Portugal -- have already said they will not comply with the Council resolution. In short, a compromise -- even though an historic one. The Security Council has approved mandatory economic sanctions -- but it hasn't provided the muscle to make them work.

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NEW YORK

A show cause order was filed today in New York State Supreme Court -- in behalf of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy.

The first step in Mrs. Kennedy's promised legal fight -- to block publication of "Death of a President;" the book which she claims is in unfair account -- of circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

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VIETNAM

Another round today of charge and counter-charge -- over that alleged American bombing of Hanoi. Red China -- latest to escalate the war of words. Asserting that American warplanes -- "brazenly dive-bombed" the Chinese embassy in Hanoi; during Wednesday's supposed raid -- on the North Vietnamese capital. Peking calling the incident -- a direct "threat of war."

The U.S. reply -- in effect: Nonsense. A State Department spokesman saying -- there is "no basis" for charges that any American bombs fell on Hanoi.

Be that as it may -- the Communist Viet Cong today were reported mounting a series of "revenge" raids -- in the northern provinces of South Vietnam. Prompting U.S. forces to launch a combined land, sea and air offensive -- against suspected Communist strongholds in the area.

IKE

When President Johnson was in the hospital last month -- one of his first visitors was former President Eisenhower. With Ike in the hospital this month -- a chance for LBJ to return the compliment. Which he did today -- paying a call on the general -- at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The President later reporting Ike in excellent condition -- his recovery from surgery apparently progressing rapidly. The President further stating that he had sought his predecessor's counsel -- on "one or two" problems he had been pondering. "Now" -- said Mr. Johnson -- "I know what I'm going to do about them."

PRESIDENT FOLLOW IKE

The President meeting tonight -- with his top Vietnamese advisers. Among them -- Defense Secretary Robert McNamara -- U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg -- and U.S. Ambassador to Saigon Henry Cabot Lodge.

The talks -- beginning at dinner -- extending into the evening. After which a flight to Texas -- to get ready for Christmas at the Ranch.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

Lowell Thomas is en route home tonight -- and he should be back at the old stand -- come Monday. In the meantime -- a final observation tonight -- on a perennial feminine problem. Lowell....

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Hello Dallas and Good Evening Everybody:

Lives there a woman with soul so dead - who has never turned to her husband and said: "I just can't go out - I haven't got a thing to wear." The answer -- yes, of course, and at the head of the list - a group of happy, spirited African women: The Nubas of the Sudan.

Whatever the occasion - a Nuba woman, or man, for that matter, is always dressed just right. For he or she - normally wears no clothes at all. The only concession to vanity - a series of decorations, pictures patterns - carved directly into the skin.

You may have read about this - in a recent issue of National Geographic. It's explained by Oskar Luz - a German anthropologist - how the scarring begins when a Nuba girl is about seven or eight years old. Bit-by-bit - tribal artists covering virtually every inch of her body - with intricate art work.

NUBAS

Much the same process for young Nuba men - only moreso. By the time a boy is grown - his body is covered with elaborate patterns, symbolic motifs, and ferocious animals from head to toe. In addition - the male carvings are much deeper -, producing a ~~xxx~~ amazing designs in higher relief.

The Nubas have another custom - that is rather strange according to ~~xxx~~ our thoughts on it. Tending their own children - only until about age five or six. By Nuba custom - a youngster then becomes the responsibility of the mother's brother - his maternal uncle; who must raise the child from then on as his own.

The reason - we're told it strengthens the bonds between families. Other tribal peoples who are more concerned with self - they've been driven to extinction.

Something to think about? I wonder. Solong.

WESTON

A new era of prosperity was born today -- in the sleepy little village of Weston, Illinois -- population Three Hundred and Fifty. Though it has no post office -- no schools -- and only a makeshift town hall -- Weston selected as the site for a giant Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Million-dollar atom smasher. A government facility originally sought -- by forty-six of the fifty states.

Selection of Weston--announced by Chairman Glenn Seaborg of the Atomic Energy Commission. Based -- said he -- partially on the fact that it has plenty of free land; also on the fact that its near Chicago -- with its great universities; and finally -- because it's close to the Argonne National Laboratory.

PARIS

The final Paris meeting of the NATO Council of Ministers -- a study in compromise as disclosed today -- in the meeting's final communique.

Where U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk had asked for strong support of the American stand in Vietnam -- he got none. No mention of North Vietnam -- or of Red China. Failing to come to a common stand -- the NATO ministers confining their comments almost solely to East-West relations in Europe.

Here, too -- a major question. Whether NATO would support the United States -- which wants NATO itself to play a major role in easing East-West tensions; or whether it would support the French precedent of *g* by-passing NATO -- in pursuit of bilateral understanding with the Communist bloc.

In the end, the NATO ministers pledging simply --

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to continue working for better East-West relations; either
by the efforts of individual countries -- "or in a wider
international framework."

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rumors and slanders -- about China's great cultural
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Zedong's political opponents.

PEKING

Moscow and Peking -- at it again today in their intra-Communist feud. The Chinese ordering expulsion of three -- of the last six Soviet correspondents in Peking.

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VIRGINIA

Air Force Sergeant Herbert Beckenhaupt was indicated late today by a Federal Grand jury at Alexandria, Virginia. He's accused of conspiracy to spy for Soviet Russia. The Twenty-Four-year-old Beckenhaupt has been in jail since he was arrested at March Air Force base in California in October. The indictment asserts that Beckenhaupt conspired with Alexei Malinin -- then a Soviet Embassy official, since ~~expelled~~ expelled from the U.S. -- conspired to deliver code books, signal books, maps, instruments, sketches, photographs and other information about U.S. defense plans.

Committed -- he faces a maximum penalty of death.

JAKARTA

President-for-life Sukarno of Indonesia -- again under sharp fire today in Jakarta; after weeks of relative immunity from political attack -- during which he had slowly begun to reassert his presence -- in the new Indonesian military regime.

A powerful Indonesian student front organization known as KAMI -- first to the firing line. Demanding a formal investigation of Sukarno's alleged "affairs with women -- during his frequent trips abroad." Said "affairs" aired this week -- in the London press.

More to the point -- a pair of Indonesian bar associations demanding Sukarno's immediate dismissal from office; on the basis of evidence -- in the current trial of former Air Vice Marshal Omar Dhani; allegedly casting new doubt on Sukarno's conduct -- during that abortive Communist coup in October, 1965.

BERLIN

A final story comes tonight -- from Berlin,
New Hampshire. The temperature about Ten degrees --
in that Northern New England community; when a little
girl walked up to the Yuletide creche on the Berlin
Common -- looked it over carefully -- and then returned
to her home nearby.

Passersby puzzled by the performance -- until the
little girl returned a moment later. Carrying a warm
blanket -- which she placed gently over the Christ child.

Dallas Townsend -- says Good Night.