

L.T. OLDS - FRIDAY APRIL 12, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

There was much going places on foot today, this Good Friday, as usual. In Jerusalem, of course, thousands of Pilgrims making their way along the via Dolorosa. So many - that it was impossible to pass through the crowd. The old city of Jerusalem jammed with worshippers - accompanied by the silence that is always the sign of Good Friday, the most solemn day of the Christian year. Where else - were Christians making their way afoot? In Britain - for one. The annual Easter trek of the campaign for nuclear disarmament. This time some ten thousand, walking sixty miles from Aldermaston to London, from the atomic research center to the Prime Minister's residence at number Ten Downing Street.

Also, in West Berlin, where the destination was the Red wall. There Pilgrims gathered in another Good Friday demonstration.

THRESHER

The case of the "Thresher" has now become both a matter of mourning and investigation.

The solemnities, led by President Kennedy, who ordered flags on all government buildings flown at half-staff. This tribute, to be continued until sunset Monday - in honor of the one-hundred-and-twenty-nine men who were lost aboard the submarine that sank to the bottom of the Atlantic.

The investigation, conducted by a Navy court of inquiry in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Portsmouth - which the crew of the "Thresher" knew as their home base.

But first - the evidence has to be gathered. The position of the nuclear sub, to be pinpointed on the floor of the Atlantic. There a television camera will be lowered through eight thousand feet of water - for an electronic view of the wreck. Also, the Bathysphere now on its way across the country - will take its two-man crew down to the site.

That's the Navy plan. Meanwhile - the Navy Chief of Information points out a basic reason

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why just what happened to the "Thresher" may never be known. Adm. John McCain points out that sunken submarines have been discovered in the past. But still remain among the mysteries of the sea.

Take "Oh Nine" which went down off Providence, Rhode Island, in nineteen forty-one, in water less than five hundred feet deep. Although Navy divers got to her, says Admiral McCain - "to this day we haven't the slightest idea why she sank.

The Navy does hope for greater success with the "Thresher". First - to prevent another such accident. Second - because the least that can be done for those who were lost, is to find out what did happen.

FLEET

As for our nuclear fleet - it is not being affected, except for greater safety measures. The subs, on duty as scheduled. Including the second to be assigned to the Mediterranean. She arrived today. A third - due a bit later. Uncle Sam, putting Polaris missiles in the Mediterranean - in place of the obsolete Jupiter missile.

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RUSK

The talks on Berlin, revived in Washington today - should continue, says Secretary of State Rusk - even if there is little hope. This, to keep the Russians from starting - another Berlin crisis. Talk, however fruitless, is better than that.

So what is Ambassador Dobrynin saying now? Oh, the old line about the U.N. replacing the Allies in West Berlin. Which the West already has turned down - repeatedly. Still, Dean Rusk would rather listen to the Soviet Ambassador talking propaganda than to the Soviet Premier making threats.

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INTEGRATION

A Congressman from Michigan wants the House Judiciary Committee - to hold its hearings in Mississippi. Which wouldn't make much sense - Michigan being a long way from Mississippi, except for the subject of the hearings. Namely - civil rights.

Congressman Charles Diggs, reacting to the fire-bomb attack in Clarksdale, Mississippi. What the Congressman calls a "Molotov Cocktail" - hurled through the window of the house where he was staying, in Clarksdale working for Civil Rights.

So, to secure Civil Rights - "hold committee hearings in the Mississippi Delta" - says the Congressman from Michigan.

MUD

In Avellino, Italy they've finally discovered the reason for their rain of mud. A mixture of earth and water falling on Avellino, at the southern end of the Italian boot, all over houses, cars, and citizens. All muddied up.

The explanation? Sand from the other side of the Mediterranean - the Sahara, whipped into the air - by the jetstream and carried across to Italy, all mixed up with moisture. Avellino getting a rain of mud.

TRAIN

The train that jumped the tracks in Indonesia- was the express from Bandung to Jakarta. Overloaded - as usual. ~~Passengers~~ Passengers, pushing through the coaches - into the baggage car and even into the locomotive. One group of Passengers ^{even jammed} packed ~~solidly~~ behind the ~~engineer~~ - when the train ~~pulled~~ ^{iff} out of Bandung.

1/2 Near the town of Tage Kapu, the express hit a curve - too fast. It rocked violently from side to side for a moment - and went off the rails. Careening ~~three~~ three hundred yards -before plunging two hundred and fifty feet into a ravine.

The Impact, so shattering - it left the train a heap of smoking wreckage. The toll - at least forty dead, ~~say~~ according to first reports from Tage Kapu, in Indonesia.

PALEOZOIC

~~I wonder~~ ^{How would} you ~~react~~ react if you were to meet - a
Segocephal ? Or maybe - a Labyrinthodont ? Or ^{possibly} ~~possibly~~ - an
Intazukid ?

They sound like - ferocious monsters. And they were -
three hundred million years ago. So say soviet Paleontologists,
who have just excavated - what they term "an underground
zoological Park", ~~Dating~~ dating back to Paleozoic times - the beginning
of life on our planet.

The Segocephal ~~was~~ a giant crocodile. The
Labyrinthodont - a sea-going Dinosaur with three eyes. The last
member - of the Paleozoic trio ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~everybody~~ ^{everybody} baffled, ^{Dick}
^{USSR} Even ^{the} Paleontologists haven't been able to figure out ^{just what} ~~the~~ the
Intazukid ~~was~~.

CAR

Ever dream of driving along a railroad track and running into a train? Ed Baldyga - of Camden, New Jersey, did it - and it wasn't a dream.

Ed took a wrong turn at a corner, and says he couldn't understand why his wheels began to jolt. He was driving over railroad ties. Suddenly a freight train, coming - nearer and nearer. Then - boom! Freight and auto head-on. Fortunately, the engineer had managed to slow down - so Ed is still around to tell the tale.

No dream. But Ed says it was a nightmare.