

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

DeGaulle, in Canada, this evening. Welcomed -  
with full honors at Ottawa. And - in two languages -  
English - and the French of Quebec.

Then here - for important discussions - with  
President Eisenhower in Washington.

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## LONDON

London, in all it's long years - has rarely seen a crowd like the one today. A hundred-thousand people - jammed in Traflager Square, for a demonstration of protest - against atomic weapons.

Previously, there had been similar manifestations. Crowds marching from the British Nuclear Research Station at Aldermaston, fifty-three miles from London. Trudging their way - to the metropolis. Last year, for example, the crowd in Traflagar Square numbered about six-thousand.

Today, ten-thousand set-out from Aldermaston - on a four-day hike. This time joined by thousands more until there were forty-thousand in a column seven miles long. People of every sort - beatniks with beards, factory workers, clergymen, scholars, members of Parliment.

In Traflager Square, to greet the marchers - another throng, bringing the total for the demonstration

- to a hundred-thousand. With banners on display -  
denouncing the atomic arms race; demanding - that Britain  
destroy her Nuclear weapons. The 100,000 jammed in  
Trafalgar Square chanted, in one vast chorus: - "Ban  
the Bomb! Ban the Bomb!"



## SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa - more arrests by police today.

Four-hundred and fifty - rounded up. All called agitators and gangsters. The authorities - also cracking down on bootleg liquor sales. Precaution - in advance of a crisis which some think will come tomorrow.

Underground organizations opposing the white supremacy laws of the South African Government, have called - another stay-home strike for this week. Which didn't mean much for today, Easter Monday, a legal holiday. Workers - not called upon to go to their jobs. The effectiveness of the stay-home strike, to be shown - tomorrow.

## KRIPALANI

The head of the principal opposition party, in India, has just arrived on these shores.

*But* Dr. Kripalani ~~is~~<sup>i</sup> is here not as a political figure. Accompanied by his wife, he is visiting America to express appreciation for what help we have been able to give ~~the~~ Tibetan Refugee ~~Committee~~<sup>^</sup>. Dr. Kripalani is the head of the Committee, in India, ~~which~~<sup>that</sup> has handled ~~the Tibetan~~<sup>this</sup> Refugee problem.

Dr. Kripalani says he is much impressed with the young Dalai Lama, who is still in India. He says the young man ~~seems to have~~<sup>has</sup> dignity and wisdom beyond his years, and lives in the hope that he will find some way to free his people from the Chinese tyranny.

Dr. Kripalani confirms what we have heard, that the Chinese are attempting to wipe out the Tibetans as a race. He calls it - "the murder of a nation."

Dr. Kripalani<sup>^</sup>, along with Ghandi, Nehru and many others, spent some years in prison, before the British left

the Hindustan peninsula. For a long time he was closely associated with Nehru, but finally broke with him, politically. However, Dr. Kripalani's wife is still one of the top officials of Mr. Nehru's Congress Party. Mrs. Kripalani also has played an important role in connection with the Tibetan refugees. She believes their rehabilitation has been quite a success, and both of the Kripalanis are eloquent in their thanks to Americans who have contributed to the Tibetan cause. They will be in this country for a month or so, and will visit the west coast.)



## DI SALLE

In Ohio, Frank Poindexter will not ~~go to prison~~ <sup>walk that last mile</sup> tonight. Governor DeSalle ~~granting~~ <sup>granting</sup> the convict murder, a delay.

The governor ~~has~~ <sup>had</sup> a solemn Easter week-end in Hamilton, Ohio, the scene of the crime and the conviction. Investigating-- a point that passed him. Two men--involved in the murder. Poindexter--sentenced to death. The other, Hollis Leigh--given a life sentence in prison. Allegable for parole--in twenty years. Why the difference--in the sentences? Should they not--be equalized?

Hollis Leigh was the instigator of a robbery-- that ended in murder. Poindexter--~~following~~ <sup>following</sup> along. So, at Hamilton, Governor DiSalle spoke to the prosecutor, who had demanded the death penalty for Poindexter. But not--for Leigh.

Prosecutor Robert Marrs explained--that Leigh had cooperated. Pleading guilty--and throwing himself on the mercy of the court. But Poindexter, in ~~the~~ the words of the prosecutor, "Stood Defiantly," saying: "You'll have to prove me guilty."

Governor DiSalle then visited the home of Herschel Hires, whose wife--was the murder victim. The husband and the

Governor--renacting the crime. Hershel Hires--also puzzled by the unequal sentences. Saying: "They don't seem right."

Returning to Columbus, Governor DiSalle--pondered.

Then, today--granted a stay of execution for four days, So he can have more time--to make a study. Reading--law and history.

Seeking enlightenment in the question--should he commute the death ~~SENTENCE~~ sentence? Equalizing<sup>e</sup> the penalty.



## FIRE

The authorities at Memphis are investigating-- the baseball-park fire of last night. ~~Stating that the~~ <sup>a</sup> blaze <sup>that</sup> raged so rapidly through the grandstand of wood and steel, That arson--is now suspected.

The fire--almost produced a major horror. The Russwood Ballpark--home of the Memphis Chicks of the Southern league. Situated--in the middle of the Memphis Medical Center. Hospital--nearby.

Yesterday, the Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox, of the American league--played an exhibition game there. Then, some hours later, the outbreak of the sudden fire that swept so quickly. Blown--by a high wind.

Next door to the park--the John Gaston Hospital. Across the street from it--the Baptist Hospital. The wind--blowing the fire <sup>toward</sup> ~~at~~ the two medical institutions. Chunks of burning wood--flying like incendiary missiles. The heat--so great, it broke the seven-hundred windows of the two hospital. Both <sup>hospitals in</sup> ~~the~~

## **FIRE-2**

**imminent peril of going up in flames.**

**Hundreds of patients--hastily evacuated. Including--  
sixty-eight new born babies. Some of the patients--affected with  
smoke poisoning. But there were no casualties, as the doctors  
and nurses did a fast and skillful job of getting the patients  
out.**

ENGLAND

Over in England, a motorcade--consisting of a tank truck, police car, and a fire engine. Speeding--for a wild ride.

Which began at Stratford-on-Avon-- home town of Shakespeare. The truck--rolling through. The driver-- shouting to a policeman;

"Get help! If I stop~~ped~~, the whole thing <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ blow up."

The police--mistified. Sending a patrol car-- to catch up with the truck. The patrol car--speeding along side. A policeman in it--talking to the driver.

Who said he had a cargo of two-thousand gallons of ethylene gas--violiantly explosive. The tank had sprung a leak--and, if the truck stopped, the escaping vapor would collect, and would explode--on contact with the hot exhaust pipe of the motor. <sup>Blow up with</sup> ~~was~~ a blast--powerful enough to destroy a whole town, <sup>of Stratford.</sup>

The only hope--to keep going. The wind--blowing the gas away.

The tank truck was bound for a chemical plant near Manchester, where--they could unload the gas quickly enough to avert a blast.

The police radioed the information ahead. A couple of



patrol cars--speeding in advance of the truck. Warning traffic--  
along the line. A fire engine joined the procession. ~~XXXX~~  
Following the truck--ready to go into action if an explosion  
occured.

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The frantic motoreade speeding one-hundred miles--to the  
chemical plant. Where, warned in advance-- they were ready for  
fast action. And got the gas--out of the leaking tank, <sup>in a hurry,</sup>  
Anyhow, <sup>Dick</sup> they made it and Shakespeare's  
home town did not get blown to  
Kingdom Come.

## BASEBALL

The American League season began today. Featuring-- a couple of baseball veterans. One--President Eisenhower, who, in Washington--tossed out the first ball. The starting pitcher, ~~for the season~~ Pitcher Ike may not have as blazing a fast ball as he had forty years or so ago. But he threw the ball like an old pro.

Then, in the second inning--that other veteran. Star of the Red Sox--Ted Williams. Outfielder Ted--not quite as old as pitcher Ike. So what did he do? First time up--he hit a home run. The four-hundred and ninety third homer--in his <sup>major</sup> ~~league~~ league career.

However, that was the only tally for Boston. With the Senators--achieving their own <sup>prodigy</sup> ~~prize~~. Camilo Pascual, the Cuban speed ball ace--striking out fifteen of the Red Sox. Which broke the Washington record--established by the immortal Walter Johnson in nineteen-twenty-four, when he struck out--fourteen. *The Senators won - 10 to 1,*