

L.T. OLDS. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

Soviet reconnaissance planes have flown over our ships at sea - but not over North America. So stated by the Secretary of Defense - at today's news conference. Secretary McNamara revealing that the Russians are scouting - both the Atlantic and the Pacific. Nothing illegal.

But we're keeping a close watch in case any soviet pilot takes it into his head to have a look at the United States. One newsman asked what we would do - should the Russians go into action in Cuba. Would we allow Havana - to become a second Budapest? Secretary McNamara answers that we won't permit military action by the Russians - of any type, anywhere in the hemisphere.

IDEOLOGY

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The amazing thing about Peking's latest attack on Moscow - is that the criticism resembles western criticism. Winston Churchill used to say - that the Russians were more afraid of our friendship than of our enmity. Afraid that our ideas - would disintegrate their ideology.

That - is exactly what the Peking Radio said today. Khrushchev, termed "scared to death." -- of Mao Tse Tung's ideology.

So scared - that he refuses to print Mao's interpretation of Marxism. and, /jams the Red Chinese Radio.

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"Why are you afraid - to publish what we say?" That's what Mao Tse Tung - is asking Khrushchev.

VENEZUELA

The chances that the President of Venezuela will be overthrown - appear smaller tonight. President Betancourt, receiving the biggest welcome - ever seen in Caracas. One hundred thousand people - lining the streets from the airport. Waving flags - and shouting "El Presidente! El Presidente."

The point of course, is that the Reds first threatened to keep Betancourt - from visiting the United States. And then vowed to prevent - any triumphal reception on his return.

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~~Well~~, The President of Venezuela went to America. Here he ^{promised} to work with the other democracies - against Communism and Castroism. ^{today} And ~~returning~~ home - to a heroes greeting.

Freedom, stronger than ever - in Venezuela tonight.

BUDGET

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As far as the budget is concerned, the question tonight - is how much the G O P will try to slash from the Kennedy measure. The firm of "Ev and Charlie" suggests - ten billion dollars. Halleck of Indiana and Dirkson of Illinois, proposing that three billion - be cut from defense spending alone. Some Democrats - agree with them.

Will the Administration defend the budget during debate on Capitol Hill? The answer is - "yes", according to ~~xx~~ the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Cannon of Missouri telling newsmen ~~gm~~ after a conference with the President - "we found ourselves in perfect agreement that it has been a mighty cold winter."

CIVIL RIGHTS

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The congressional reaction to the President's civil rights proposals - was inevitable. It always is. That familiar pattern of - strong opposition within the President's own party while the G O P thinks the proposals - don't go far enough.

President Kennedy wants - broader duties for the civil rights commission, Protection of - voting rights; And federal aid - for schools that are desegregating. All these things, to be accomplished - through congressional legislation.

Two opinions - sum up the reaction. ^{Says} Republican Keating of New York: "a good message, ^{only} ~~strong~~ it doesn't go far enough." ^{Says} Democrat Williams of Mississippi: - "the Congress should ignore it."

ISLAND

When an island is described in these terms - "withered vegetation, atmosphere full of poison ~~gases~~ gases", ~~was~~, that doesn't sound exactly like an island paradise. Who - would want to live there? Answer - the former inhabitants.

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The island, Tristan da Cunha - in the South Atlantic. We had the story over a year ago - Tristan volcano, erupting for the first time in almost four thousand years. Covering much of the island with boiling lava, ruining fields and homes. The population taken off - and brought to London. ^{But} all three hundred of them, vot~~ed~~^{ed} to return - if it was humanly possible.

Today, the royal society told them - it's humanly possible. The vegetation - starting to come back to life. The poisonous gases from the volcano - blowing out to sea. The volcano itself - dormant again. For another four thousand years they hope.

The people returning to the island that was first settled - by soldiers of the garrison guarding Napoleon on St. Helena. Back - to Tristan da Cunha.

CONVICT

A court in Nagoya, Japan has just wound up the case of - Japan's "Count of Monte Cristo." In fact, Ishimatsu Yoshida makes Alexander Dumas' novel - look rather pale. The original Count of Monte Cristo never spent fifty years - vindicating himself. But his Japanese counterpart did.

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Back in Nineteen Thirteen - at the age of thirty three - Ishimatsu Yoshida was convicted of murder, ~~he~~ went to ^{prison} ~~prison~~ - for twenty-one years. After his parole, his appeal dragged on through the courts - for another thirty years. This, despite the fact - that the real criminals had been caught.

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Today, the Nagoya judges declared the eighty-three year old plaintiff - innocent, innocent of a crime committed - when he was thirty-three. In Nineteen Thirteen - fifty years ago.

DOGS

In Pittsburgh - they sure have their Irish up. Beginning with a couple of Irish Setters - named Brickland - and Sunny Birch. The dogs once belonged to Mrs. Ida Capers, who thought ~~as~~ that she was the only one who knew how to take care of them. So in her will, she directed - that they be destroyed.

Now, how do you suppose that sounded - ~~as~~ to the Ancient Order of Hibernians? and, the Knights of Equity? And, the local police station? It sounded anti-Irish - that idea of doing away with two Irish Setters.

Today, lawyer Pat Boyle promised - a fight to the finish, in court. ^{Dick,} And, Larry Meloney says ~~that~~ the Hibernian canines - will be in the line of march, come St. Patrick's Day.

TELSTAR

The trouble with Telstar is - radiation sickness. You'd think that only living things would be affected by - that ailment. But our communications satellite - gets dizzy spells too. Can't think straight. Loses its voice, begins to make mistakes.

A kind of undulant fever, caused by the rays in outer space. Telstar, coming down with radiation sickness - every time it enters the Van Allen Belt, that circles the globe.