

L. T. OLDS, FISHER. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1963

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CARACAS

The Castro sympathizers in Venezuela

That's where the Communist Guerrillas are attacking - evidently agree with Shakespeare - that discretion is in practical strength. Killing fairly loyalist soldiers, the better part of valor. At any rate, the gunmen who since Saturday Wounding - over fifty were supposed to shoot up Caracas today were discreet enough to avoid the central square - where you can't bring the latest word - on how the Vietnamese war is take pot shots at anyone without getting caught.

By slipping through back alleys - they were able to escape notice. They fired - on buses and police cars. They burned vehicles - at the curb. They killed five persons - and wounded fifty.

Not a big casualty list - in the life of a great city. The people of Caracas - hardly realized that anything out of the ordinary was occurring. The Castroites who want to prevent the election on December 1 were attempting to force a general strike - and failed.

VIET NAM

The Americans converging on Honolulu tonight - will talk mainly about the trouble spots in South Viet Nam. Presumably this means that they'll examine the situation - in The Thien Province, north of Saigon. That's where the Communist Guerrillas are attacking - in greatest strength. Killing thirty loyalist soldiers since Saturday. Wounding - over fifty.

Ambassador Lodge and General Harkins will bring the latest word - on how the Vietnamese war is going. Secretaries Rusk and McNamara will explain - how the problem looks from Washington. Then they will review - our plans for the future.

The watchword right now - is "optimism". The war - going well. The Vietnamese trouble spots - diminishing.

CAMBODIA

You could easily go wrong in placing the following spectacle. Picture an immense mob streaming from the provinces - into the central square of the capital city. Picture their leader telling them - that they constitute the real legislature of the nation. And that all they have to do is should - to signify their vote.

The shouting is very loud - after every anti-American pronouncement. A chorus of boos - at each mention of the C.I.A. A chorus of cheers, following assertions - that economic ties with the United States are unnecessary.

Castro's Cuba - you say? Could be - but this nation is actually on the other side of the world. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, whipping up anti-American sentiment - in Pnompenh, Cambodia. Telling the crowd - that he intends to put an end to foreign aid from Washington.

The Cambodian Prince insists - that he is a neutralist. But he talks of Chinese Communist Economic

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experts replacing the Americans - and sent his sons to study in Red China for three years under the personal supervision of Premier Chou En Lai.

Meanwhile, the American State Department flatly denies - that we are backing opponents of the Cambodian regime.

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IRAQ

The situation in Iraq - is confused tonight.

The new Revolutionary Council has lifted the curfew.

But there are reports of gunfire in Baghdad. So we

can't tell exactly how stable - this regime is. Some

experts on the Middle East believe that Colonel Abdul

Salam Aref is firmly in control. Hence - the end of

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LABOR

The only industrialist ever invited to address a convention of the AFL-CIO - has the government on his mind. Specifically - the policy of keeping documents in the "top secret" file.

John Snyder of U.S. Industries thinks that Washington could declassify a lot of secret information - without hurting our national security. And that this would help our economy - by creating new jobs in consumer products and services. For example - jobs in the field of atomic energy.

Snyder's point is one - about which organized labor is very sensitive. Namely - the loss of jobs through automation. This industrialist told his AFL-CIO audience - that more jobs have to be found. And will be found - if industry can just get at some of those defense and aero-space secrets.

COMMUNICATIONS

Here's a follow-up to a story - we had last week. The story of our artificial satellite - called "Relay." And the new communication system spanning the Atlantic - by way of outer space.

Now we are told that a trans-Pacific system - is about to be added. Television transmission between Mojave, California - and Tokyo. The rays will be beamed from Mojave to "Relay" - when the satellite is approximately over Midway Island. From there, the rays will be deflected down - to the Tokyo receivers.

When this happens on Friday, we will have a communication system - reaching from West Germany to Japan. A big jump toward - a system circling the globe. Including - outer space.

NOISE

The town of Hempstead, New York - is dead serious about its anti-noise ordinance. The town fathers are bringing in - a mobile noise detector. A trailer with fifteen thousand dollars worth of equipment - for measuring sound. And long-range cameras - to photograph the individuals responsible.

I should say - the "things" responsible.

Hempstead will be focussing on - the planes overhead. Some five hundred of which use Hempstead airspace - every day. Many of them, jetliners - that disrupt schools and churches. That jar the solid citizens - into nervousness and insomnia.

Supervisor Palmer Farrington says that the standard of noise - is that made by a heavy truck at a distance of fifty feet. Any plane louder than that - will be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars. Which means - all the jetliners.

At least - that's the plan. How its to be
enforced - is another matter. But they want quieter
planes - flying over Hempstead, New York.

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CANNON

The retirement of the world's first atomic canon known to G.I.'s in Europe as Atom Annie shows how fast armament evolves in the twentieth century.

This is no venerable old field piece - with a long battle record. It was fired for the first time - just ten years ago. And has never been fired - in anger. Never used - in war.

The decisive test took place at Frenchman's Flat, Nevada - in May nineteen fifty three. The forty-two foot barrel - hurling an atomic shell at a target. After which it was declared ready for action - and shipped overseas. It's been on duty in Europe - ever since.

Now, overtaken by - progress. Declared obsolete, and retired from the Army - in Nurnberg, West Germany. Next stop - the Artillery Museum at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Just a museum piece from now on - Atom Annie, the world's first atomic cannon.