

L.T. - OLDS. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

DeGaulle still moving detachments of the French army - into Algiers and Oran. The shopping centers of those two cities, are each patrolled tonight by a battalion - in full battle dress. The soldiers, described as - moving cautiously among the crowds. Holding their guns - at the ready. Acting as if they were in hostile territory - which, in fact, they are. Never knowing when they'll be attacked - by agents of the right wing underground.

The infantry and paratroopers, supplemented by - helicopters. The eggbeaters, hovering over Algiers and Oran - radioing information about any gathering mobs or smaller groups or even suspicious characters.

But in spite of all the military reinforcements - this was Algeria's worst day. Never before - so many

casualties, between sunrise and sunset. About Sixty dead - more than Eighty injured. Today, a new record. Right wing terrorists in Oran, leaving one time bomb - in a crowd of Moslem women and children. This one blast, alone killing more than thirty - injuring more than Fifty.

The movement lead by fugitive General Salan - degenerating into a welter of murder and brutality.

SOUTH VIET NAM

Western observers in Saigon believe that the present crisis ^{there} may reflect - the crisis inside the Communist bloc. South Viet Nam, feeling the backlash of - the struggle between Khrushchev and Mao-tse-tung.

Here's the way the argument goes:- The Red guerrillas aren't strong enough to overthrow the regime of Premier Diem - as long as he has American support. The obvious answer would be - to get help from their big Red brother in Peking. The snag is that Communist leader Ho Chi-Minh - ~~was~~ trained in Moscow, ^{has} ~~has~~ been making an effort to stay neutral - between Russia and Red China. So he's afraid of what might happen to him - if Mao sent volunteers into South Viet Nam.

That's why these westerners in Saigon feel - that we have a good chance to stabilize South Viet Nam. Always allowing for the possibility that Mao may intervene - without waiting for an invitation.

BERLIN

The West is braced tonight - for more Soviet pressure on West Berlin. This, following the Moscow talks between Khrushchev - and Ulbricht, his East German puppet. The fear is that Khrushchev may have been swayed by Ulbricht's request - for a separate peace treaty. And that could turn into reality - the major Berlin crisis that Khrushchev has threatened to provoke so often.

INDIA

One of the world's most popular politicians - has won a landslide victory in the Indian election. No - I'm not refering to Krishna Menon. Nehru's defense minister, did indeed - steamroller his opponent, Dr. Kripalani. Running up a majority of - a hundred-thousand votes. Krishna Menon, popular - in North Bombay. Which means that he'll remain a power - in New Delhi. Riding higher than ever - which makes a lot of people shudder, because they think he's been riding high enough.

However, the candidate I have in mind - will never be confused with the sinister-looking Krishna Menon. For she is a young lady - and most attractive too. One of the old, old aristocracy of India. She's the Maharani of Jaipur, the Indian Princess, who entered politics - in her native state of Rajasthan of which Jaipur is a part, and made a whistle-stop campaign of

villages, in the plains, the desert and the jungle; asking the former Serfs of her family - to back her with their votes. Which they did most enthusiastically - giving her a majority of more than a million. She completely captivated them with her charm, her beauty, and her ability.

Quite a successful politician - the beautiful Begum, the Maharani of Jaipur.

WEATHER

The weather report from Kentucky reads - "rain petering out, but the damage is done." Meaning - the rivers of Kentucky, already flooding over their banks; sending a deluge - into nearby towns. Some three thousand people fleeing from their homes. Causing Governor Combs to ask President Kennedy - to declare Kentucky a major disaster area and eligible for - federal assistance.

The first step in Washington - surplus food to be released and distributed in eastern Kentucky.

Typhoid vaccine rushed in - to head off an epidemic.

With Spring only three weeks away - I suppose rain is to be expected. But it sure seems like the dead of winter in Fraser, Colorado - where the thermometer today went down to 50 below. Sounds like the Yukon or Arctic Alaska. By contrast, summer seems to have arrived - in North Carolina. Temperatures in the ~~Eighties~~ Eighties - flowers blooming - tra la.

PILOT

At Edwards Air Force Base in California - test pilot Ed Murray went up in a bomber - and came down in a capsule. Ed, a guinea pig - aboard ~~the~~^a B-58. Sent up to find out what its like to bail out - at twenty-thousand feet, ~~and at~~^{at} ~~six-hundred~~ six-hundred miles an hour.

When he pressed the eject button - two doors folded over him like a giant clam shell. Two small rockets blasted off - hurling the capsule two-hundred- and fifty feet above the bomber. The capsule, ~~plummeting~~^{then} straight down for a mile - before the ~~parachute~~^{parachute} opened.

This test, important because it means that in case of war - B-58 missions will not be suicide missions. The crew, able to escape - even if their plane is hit ^{way} up in the stratosphere.

ROYALTY

The ceremony in the House of Lords today - was performed with all the pomp and tradition of age old British royalty. After all, it isn't everyday that a new member is admitted - to sit with their Lordships. Moreover, the candidate today - was the Queen's brother-in-law.

Picture a stately procession into the Chamber, led by Her Majesty's messenger - the "Black Rod," General Sir Brian Horrocks. Behind the "Black Rod" - a herald in a dazzling cloak trimmed with gold. After him, the Earl Marshal of England - the Duke of Norfolk, ~~who happens to be the~~ First Peer of the Realm.

Then, the sponsors of the new member - the Earls of Leicester and Westmoreland. Between them, the candidate himself - the Earl of Snowdon. Princess Margaret's husband, outshining the rest of their Lordships - with a ~~sparkle~~ spectacular robe of crimson and ^{ermine} _^

The jolly British still do it in style - with pomp and circumstance.

Slowly, the procession circled the room - before the packed benches. A clerk read the Queen's writ turning Tony Armstrong-Jones into - his Lordship, the Earl of Snowden. Whereupon the Earl took the oath of allegiance - to his sister-in-law; raised his hat three times - and was saluted in turn by the Lord Chancellor.

The ceremony, ending - when the procession gravely filed out of the chamber. And as he departed, Dick, the Earl of Snowden could hear aristocratic voices murmuring politely - "hear! hear!"

KENNEDY

In London, stern criticism - of President Kennedy. The Daily Sketch, charging - American chauvinism, extravagant nationalism. Subject - clothing. The London paper, accusing Mr. Kennedy of dropping his London tailor - to avoid being called un-American. Mrs. Kennedy, giving up her Paris gowns - for the same reason. The London editor, snorting - "absurd!" Asking - "are the President and First Lady compelled to serve California champagne in the White House?" Well, when Parisiens go all out on a party they serve California champagne!