

L.T.-OLDS. MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1961.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Washington calls on Castro to cut his ties with Communism. The United States - in a paper published this evening - also promising to support any democratic government established in Cuba - charging that Castro and his followers have "betrayed their own revolution." Copies of the pamphlet being sent - to members of the United Nations and the organization of American states.

SCHOONER

Meanwhile there today,
~~The~~ incident of the American ship intercepted

by a Cuban gunboat - took place in international waters.

The schooner "Western Union," returning from a repair job on the underwater cable - five miles off the

Northeast coast of Cuba, Two miles beyond - Cuba's three mile limit. Suddenly one of Castro's coast guard vessels - hove in sight, Turning it's guns on the schooner - ordering the radio ~~to be~~ switched off. But the radioman managed to send an S.O.S. - to Guantanamo.

Result - an American destroyer and several planes rushing to the scene. Standing by - until the Cuban gunboat withdrew ^{with} ~~until~~ the "Western Union" ~~was~~ able to ^{continue on} ~~resume - it's voyage back~~ to Miami.

SENEGAL

The ancient drums of Africa are beating tonight - in the streets of Dakar, And - in the towns and villages of Senegal. The Senegalese, whooping it up - in celebration of ~~XXXX~~ their Independence Day. At midnight tonight, it will be ~~exactly~~ one year - since France gave Senegal it's freedom.

Needless to say, the Russians are on hand - in Dakar. Khrushchev, sending a big delegation - to spread the word of Moscow's affection for Africa. So far - the Comrades don't seem to be doing too well. All day, they've had to listen to Senegalese orators - ~~xxxx~~ praising the liberation policy of the French. And one of the biggest receptions is being accorded to - the Vice President of the United States, Lyndon Johnson, ^{who is there} turning on his Texas charm - winning friends and influencing people in Senegal.

FIRST LADY FOLLOW FRANCE

President Kennedy will take one big advantage - to Paris with him. Her name ~~is~~ - Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy. The First Lady already has ^{quite a} ~~big~~ following in France. For one thing, they know how to give her name the Gallic pronunciation - Zhockleen Bouviay. They know she has distant relatives in France. And - that she is an unreconstructed Francophile, Graduate - of the Sorbonne, ^s ~~Speaks~~ fluent French, ^{and} ~~Ordering~~ much of her wardrobe - from ~~the~~ Paris fashion houses.

^{So} ~~So~~ at least one Kennedy is sure to be a success in Paris. The President may find it ~~rather~~ tough going, But the First Lady is ^{pretty sure to be a great success,} ~~all set to be - the hit of the~~ ~~season on the Banks of the Seine.~~

FRANCE

The announcement that President Kennedy will visit Paris at the end of May - suggests one basic point. The President wants to sit down with ^{President}~~Charles~~ DeGaulle - and thresh out the major issues deviding the two countries; ~~Issues~~ - of which there are many, ~~Leading~~ to a division - that sometimes seems wider than the Atlantic.

Take ~~the~~ place of the U N in ^{the} world affairs. DeGaulle is openly contemptuous - of the international organization. He'd rather have the Western Allies act more on ^{their}~~their~~ own; With France having a bigger voice - in the common strategy. But we ^{are} throwing all of our support behind the U N - on the ground that the only alternative would be chaos for the world.

Secondly - there's Nato. DeGaulle has pulled several French regiments out of Nato - for service in Algeria. This - while Washington was busy ~~is~~ trying to strengthen Nato against the Communist threat in the East.

Third - the question of Atomic testing.

DeGaulle is pushing forward - with his Nuclear program. His scientists, touching off Atomic devices in the Sahara. Complicating our negotiations with Moscow - for a possible test ban.

Finally - Laos. DeGaulle is sensitive about Southeast Asia - which France controlled until a few years ago. At the Bangkok conference, the French foreign minister insisted on a more moderate joint communique - than Secretary of State Rusk wanted.

~~These~~ Those are some of the differences between America and France - and DeGaulle is not the world's most flexible statesman. At the same time, no one in either Washington or Paris doubts - that some form of common approach will be worked out when Kennedy and DeGaulle meet. After all - the two nations have a lot in common, including a transatlantic friendship that goes back to the American Revolution - Washington, Lafayette, and all that.

LAOS

American helicopters are on the job - in Laos. Assembled by the U.S. Marines in Thailand - and flown to the Laotian front, their mission is to keep supplies moving across the jungle to advance units of the loyalist army. The helicopter pilots - American civilians.

The situation - in Laos? Rainy season still slowing down - military operations; but the Communist rebels claim to be advancing - slowly but surely.

DEMONSTRATION

There were Americans in London's Trafalgar Square - today. No - not sightseers having a look at the Nelson monument. These were participants - in the anti-bomb demonstration. Yankees, marching with ^a~~the British~~ crowd - led by Philosopher Bertrand Russell. The Bobbies on duty in Trafalgar Square estimated the crowd at - fifty thousand. The marchers themselves ^{say}~~insist~~ a hundred thousand. They sang, chanted slogans - and listened to pacifist oratory. Later, a group marched to the American Embassy - and got themselves arrested, for refusing an order to disperse.

IRAK

There are no survivors of that disaster - in
Iraq's Shatt-Al-Arab river. A motor launch left its
slip - with thirty sightseers aboard. Witnesses claim
it was overloaded - listing to one side as it picked
up speed. The man at the wheel, getting it out into the
center of the river - then attempting a right-turn
upstream. The launch, turning over on its side - then
capsizing. The current - too swift for any swimmer.
All on board - drowned.

ROME

In Rome - the Alphonse-and-Gaston act. *Only in this story*

It's Plinio-and-Giuseppe, ^{who} ~~They~~ couldn't decide which should go first until - well, lets see.

Plinio Ranucci stopped his car - to let pedestrian Giuseppe Masi go by. Ah, but Giuseppe stopped - to let Plinio go by. One, waving to the other - the other waving back. The Roman Alphonse - sitting in his car. The Roman Gaston - standing on the curb.

They might still be there - if Giuseppe hadn't whipped out a gun. "Drive on," he snarled, " or I'll shoot you." ~~Well~~ Plinio drove on - ~~straight~~ to the *nearest* police station. Tonight, Giuseppe is in - the psychiatric ward, ^{of the Roman "cooler."} ~~His gun wasn't quite in the Alphonse-Gaston tradition - but it sure got results.~~