

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1963

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Rescue workers are busy tonight -- in four states.

Pulling men, women, and children out of flood waters, and caring for the homeless - in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio. Rivers, rampant -- far and wide. The names -- like a study in geography. The Ohio, the Monongahela, the Wabash -- these, of course. And many lesser streams -- the Cheat River - in Pennsylvania. The Tug River -- in West Virginia. The Scioto -- in Ohio. And the Whitewater - in Indiana, on whose banks some of my ancestors lived a few generations ago -- and some of us still do.

Poignant stories -- coming out of the stricken states, tonight. Stories of rowboats overturning -- in swirling currents. Of cries for help, dying out -- with rescuers only yards away.

BUDGET

The Democrats in Congress counter-attacked today -- in defense of the administration budget. The Republicans, as we know - have been calling for greater economy. Beginning with - a reduction of that hundred and eight billion dollars. ~~Top~~ off at least ten billion - say some GOP leaders.

~~The Democrats call the demand "wild, illogical"~~

*But even* slashes adding up to three billion would endanger the national security - according to Speaker McCormack. ~~And~~ Senator Humphrey of Minnesota describes the GOP position - like this:- "Be tough on Khrushchev, tough on Castro - and, tough on Kennedy."

## BIDAULT

A bitter question on both sides of the Channel tonight - how did Georges Bidault get in and out of Britain? And why was he permitted to appear - on the BBC? Bidault, an enemy - of DeGaulle, saying over the BBC - that DeGaulle will be overthrown.

Bidault, leader of - the underground Council of National Resistance, a terrorist organisation - actually pledged to get rid of the tall President of France. Bidault dodged questions about whether he and his colleagues are planning to assassinate DeGaulle.

While many Britons may not care - for DeGaulle, to let a conspirator bent on assassination speak his piece over the BBC - they say that isn't cricket - to put it mildly. Many British feel it's a diplomatic faux pas - of the first magnitude.

STRIKE

The French strike, <sup>tonight even</sup> ~~is so broad - it even~~ includes members of DeGaulle's party. The New Republicans of France, in a sympathy demonstration - while the head of the New Republicans is threatening to draft the strikers into labor battalions.

The figures on this walkout - are impressive. Two hundred thousand miners - demanding higher pay. Half-a-million French workers - downing tools in support of the demand.

The figures are also - dangerous. Liable to cause - a breakdown in the French economy. Hence, DeGaulle's determination to end the strike - by force, if necessary.

## RUSSIA

On the tenth anniversary of the death of Stalin - some experts say that while Russia is better off than it was under the murderous tyrant, Communism - is worse off.

Under Stalin, Moscow used to claim that the Soviet Union and the Communist movement - had identical aims. Khrushchev still says so, but who believes him? Not his former comrades in Peking. They are calling him a revisionist and a traitor.

What Mao Tse-Tung means - is this: Russia is prosperous - compared with Stalin's era. The Soviet people - getting more consumer goods. Less anxious to endanger their place in the world - for the sake of an ideology. So that's why Khrushchev has re-edited the ideology - away from Leninist violence. Pretending that Lenin always wanted - peaceful co-existence.

Result - the split in the Communist bloc. The Red giants, too busy with their struggle for power -

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to launch a common offensive against the free world.

As President Kennedy has said - "the Communist bloc is in disarray".

Russia strong, Communism weak - ten years after the death of Stalin.

## EXECUTION FOLLOW RUSSIA

Not that the Soviets have become averse - to killing people. Khrushchev's draconian penal code - is still in force. Embezzlers and profiteers - of whom there seem to be many in the Soviet Union - still turning up ~~at~~ the wrong end of a gun, ~~or rather, it should be~~ plural - the guns of the firing squad.

The latest scandal - in Baku on the Caspian.

Twenty-one defendants, found guilty - of speculating in rags and paper. Western courts would send them - to jail. The sentence of the Soviet Court in Baku - death before the firing squad.

## CHURCHILL

The House Judiciary Committee didn't spend much time today - on one particular bill. The Committee, unanimous - about giving honorary citizenship to Sir Winston Churchill. So it looks as if Congress is about to create an honorary citizen - for the first time in American history.

True Lafayette was granted all the rights and privileges - of native-born Americans. But the French Marquis, Washington's friend - received the accolade from two states, and then they made an American of him - when they ratified the Constitution.

Another "first" for Winston Churchill - coming up. The first honorary American Citizen - by Congressional decree.



## VACCINATION

In Opheusden, Holland - they've begun vaccinating the school children, injections - to head off a polio epidemic.

The story is that the good burghers of Opheusden belong to a sect - that doesn't believe in vaccination. Who put their trust in Providence - rather than medical science. Although one of their pastors pointed out that inoculation for polio could be considered Providential, the villagers - refused to budge. That is - until eight of their youngsters came down with polio. Then all of the pastors made a plea - for mass inoculation in the schools, and now amid the growling of the old-timers in the village square - all the boys and girls are being vaccinated in Opheusden, Holland.

## WELSH

What would you do with this - if you were an East German border guard? A party of sixty Westerners arrive at your checkpoint. They produce their papers, and half of them claim to be named - either Jones or Evans.

Could they be a contingent of undercover agents about to infiltrate the workers' paradise? The East German Red - thought so. But he had never heard of Wales - where you meet a Williams or a Jones or an Evans or an Evans Evans every time you turn round.

It turned out to be a Welsh choir, on tour, from Wales, just a chorus of Joneses and Evanses. But that took a bit of explaining - in Welsh and German, Dick, before the Welsh choir went singing past that checkpoint into East Berlin, singing Men of Harlech.

## MONEY

Are you interested in money? How to get it in a hurry? Look under that chair where you are sitting!

In Blackburn, England - Alice Renshaw couldn't afford to buy coat for her fire. She decided - that her old rocking chair would have to go. Alice, attacking the chair with her hatchet - knocking it apart, found a bag - under the seat, and in the bag - four hundred pounds sterling. Alice Renshaw, rocking all these many years on all those pounds while she might have been spending it.

So, shall we all jump up and start breaking up the furniture?