

Tonight, the President of the United States again turns to folk wisdom - to make a point. President Kennedy, quoting the proverb, "an error doesn't become a mistake, until you refuse to correct it."

Subject - news coverage of our national affairs.

President Kennedy, addressing the American Newspaper Publishers Association - in New York, <sup>expected to</sup> ~~Appealing~~ for more responsible journalism - in the interest of public safety. Pointing out that we ought to have some war-time reticence - because we are in a life-and-death struggle with Communist imperialism.

What <sup>is</sup> ~~does~~ President Kennedy <sup>expected</sup> propose? Simply that our newsmen ask ~~whether~~ whether a given story - is news, And then add the question "is it in the national interest?" If the answer is "no" - the story should be handled with care. Not splashed all over - our front page, as was the story of the invasion of Cuba. President Kennedy's slogan - "responsibility, not censorship."

## ALGERIA

The President of France may pass a sentence of death - on the world's most famous fighting outfit. DeGaulle, threatening to disband - the French Foreign Legion; so long associated with walled forts deep in the Sahara; and that provided material for popular novels like - "Beau Geste" and "Under Two Flags."

As you know the legionaires have been implicated in - the anti-DeGaulist revolt. They rose to the cry of - "Algeria is French!" That may seem astonishing since eighty percent of the French Foreign Legion is actually German. Soldiers of fortune from beyond the Rhine, getting away from it all - soldiering in the desert, under the tri-color of France.

Today the Legionaires blew up - their base camp at Zeralda; then hit the dusty road - to Sidi Bel Abbes; and possibly - oblivion. The French Foreign Legion, marching out of French politics - into French history.

CUBA

The captured invaders of Cuba - may not face the firing squad, after all. Except - the leaders marked by Castro for execution. Leaders like Roberto San Roman - who was field commander of the abortive invasion.

Today Castro staged a television extravaganza - with his captives. Even offering - to answer their questions. But when one prisoner asked whether the present Cuban regime is Communist - Castro became coy, Evading the issue by terming his government - "socialist."

The dictator's clemency - may be brief. Carefully coached crowds are shouting "to the wall" <sup>enough to give</sup> ~~giving~~ Castro a semblance of bowing to the popular will - when and if he decides to defy public opinion in this ~~hemis~~ hemisphere; <sup>if he</sup> Decides to order - mass executions.

LAOS

In Laos, the fighting is heavier than ever - despite the agreement on a cease-fire. The Red rebels, attacking the key city of Luang Prabang - hoping to have it in their hands when the shooting really stops.

When will that be? Our government is trying - to find out. Asking Khrushchev to enforce an armistice - on his puppets, Permit us to call off - our military aid to the Laotian government. Allow negotiations to begin - for a <sup>real</sup> settlement, ~~of the crisis.~~

## CHURCHES

The Russian Orthodox Church has asked for membership in - the World Council of Churches. That may not sound ~~very~~ dramatic, - but, it took fifteen years to get that far. The Russian clergy had to proceed cautiously - because of the Soviet government. Besides, the orthodox church has a tradition - going back to Czarist times. A tradition of - hostility toward the western denominations. The West, reciprocating -- by viewing orthodoxy as first a Czarist mouthpiece. Later, a Communist mouthpiece.

The mutual suspicion - finally ending today.

It's expected ~~that~~ the Russian Orthodox church will easily get enough votes - to ~~join~~ join the World Council of Churches.

## SATELLITE

America's latest satellite is too small - to be seen with the naked eye. "Explorer Eleven" is ~~only a~~ <sup>called a</sup> moonlet <sup>and</sup> ~~weighing~~ <sup>s only</sup> ninety-five pounds. Circling along the Equator - three hundred miles out in space, when it's closest to the earth. A thousand miles away - at the "ceiling" of its orbit.

But, for all its limited size <sup>we hear</sup> ~~and~~ this is one of our most important satellites. "Explorer Eleven" is carrying - a telescope. Its mission - to study gamma rays beyond the earth's atmosphere. Gamma rays - fundamental in ~~the~~ cosmology, ~~The~~ science that deals with the origin, structure, and destiny ~~of~~ of the universe.

~~Here is~~ One basic question - that our cosmologists want to answer: ~~Are~~ Are Gamma Rays created by galaxies building up - or breaking down? You can see the importance of ~~it~~ the question. If the galaxies are building up - our universe could still be in its early stages. If the galaxies are

breaking down - we could be headed toward the end of the world. The final big ~~ga~~ bang, according to the cosmologists - who are afraid that we may not have long to go, ~~Only~~ about - two hundred billion years.

U A W

Tonight a <sup>powerful</sup> ~~great~~ American ~~union~~ institution is celebrating - its silver anniversary. The United Auto Workers - twenty-five years old, <sup>holding</sup> a union birthday party - in Detroit.

At its first convention in South Bend, in Nineteen Thirty Six, the U A W had seventy-five ~~hundred~~ members. Now the enrollment is - over a million. That many workers in the auto industry, led by <sup>the able and</sup> ~~Walter~~ often controversial - Walter Reuther.

## BASKETBALL

Three basket ball players, accused today of taking bribes - were in the national collegiate tournament. Johnny Eagan, Vince Kempton, and Frank Majewski - of St. Joseph's College. Key players on <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ team that <sup>had</sup>~~run up~~ a spectacular season <sup>with</sup>~~and had~~ a chance for ~~the~~ top honors - until ~~they were~~ knocked off, in the semi-finals. Now it appears they were "shaving points" - in the games they played. Winning by less than the number of points - mentioned by the gamblers. Taking a pay-off - in return.

Eagan, Kempton, and Majewski were expelled from St. Joseph's - as soon as the Grand Jury finding became official. Six players from other schools - are also mentioned in the indictment.

The real villain of the piece, evidently - Gambler Aaron Wagman, who faces a charge of conspiracy, <sup>and</sup>~~also~~ thirty-seven <sup>other</sup> charges of bribery and corruption. Still, the sports experts are flabbergasted - at the supidity of the players.

~~After all~~ <sup>For</sup> it's only a decade - since the first "point shaving" bribery case rocked basket ball.

FILM

A Soviet court today handed down a conviction - in as bizarre a negligence case as I've ever heard of. The defendant - Alexei Slesarenko, one of Russia's top movie directors.

Slesarenko was making an anti-religious film -- one scene of which included a sacrificial fire of pagan times. The script called for the leading lady, portraying a priestess - to throw herself into the flames.

The actress objected that the scene was too realistic. Protesting that she didn't have enough protection - from the fire. But the Director was after realism - and he insisted that she jump into the middle of the blaze. Which - she ~~in~~ finally did.

As a result - the actress was fatally burned. The director - accused of criminal negligence. Sentenced to five years - by the Soviet court. The Russians go in for - movie realism. <sup>Dick -</sup> ~~But~~ Director Slesarenko ~~was~~ a bit too realistic.

WEDDING

You don't often find irony at a wedding - but they sure had a dose of it in Chicago today. The ceremony itself - straight forward enough. Linda Lee Accardo - looking the picture of the pretty bride. Marrying - Mike Palermo. A ~~st~~ solemn ceremony, with all the Catholic pageantry - in St. Luke's Church. The pews, full of spectators - in formal dress.

The real story is - the ~~man~~ father of the bride. ~~And - that's no joke;~~ Anthony Joseph Accardo, <sup>called</sup> kingpin of the Chicago underworld, known as - Tough Tony. He turned up at the church just as the father of the bride should - in black cutaway jacket, grey vest, and grey striped trousers.

~~Needless to say,~~ <sup>Also many of</sup> Accardo's boys were <sup>at hand - likewise</sup> ~~there - also~~ tailored for the occasion. They're not in the habit of saying - "no" to the boss. And the boss wanted a good turn out -- at his ~~in~~ daughter's wedding. St. Luke's church, crowded with - some of Chicago's roughest citizens. All looking ~~very~~ smart and correct -- as the priest performed the marriage ceremony. ~~Irony?~~ ~~What do you think?~~