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LATIN AMERICA

*That military coup in Honduras, which today deposed President Ramon Villeda Morales in heavy fighting, is seen as the second major blow in a week to Washington's efforts to foster Democracy in Latin America. Coming after the overthrow of the Dominican Government, the revolt in Tegucigalpa has roused fears that there may be further military uprisings in Latin America. President Villeda Morales had been elected by democratic means - as had Dominican President Juan Bosch. The Honduran President was removed by military elements known for their opposition to his reform programs under the U.S. Alliance for Progress program. A rebel communique said the military decided to act against him to end what it called - "flagrant violations of the constitution and communist infiltration".*

## PRESIDENT

*President Kennedy flew out to Arkansas today to speak at the dedication of the Greers Ferry Dam at Heber Springs. It was a perfect day for an outing, but for Mr. Kennedy - it apparently turned out to be a rather uncomfortable afternoon. Appearing on the same platform with Arkansas' Governor Orval Faubus - the President grimly and silently heard the state leader attack the administration's Civil Rights program. Governor Faubus calling the program an unjustified attempt to deprive citizens and states of their basic rights. Mr. Kennedy ignored those remarks at the dedication ceremony - but in Little Rock he demanded greater equality of opportunity for all citizens.*

*It was Governor Faubus who just six years ago brought on the first major showdown with the Federal Government, over desegregation of Little Rock's Central High School - causing President Eisenhower to send Federal troops to Little Rock.*

# INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

*Time now for our nightly report from the*

*travelling Lowell Thomas. Lowell . . . .*

SOUTH AFRICA No. 2

(Monrovia -- The Bartletts)

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Hi Dick. Hello Everybody. In a recent broadcast I mentioned that if you move around the globe, you are always meeting friends or friends of friends. At Roberts Field, near Monrovia, capital of Liberia, I was welcomed by two Alaskans. As far as geography and climate go, Liberia is about as far away as you can get from Alaska. Here near the Equator, at the gateway to the Firestone Rubber Empire, largest rubber plantation in the world.

Mrs. Bartlett, long years ago went to Alaska as a nurse. Out of Nome, where she flew her own plane and solved health problems for gold miners and Eskimos, she found young Stan Bartlett, panning gold on one of the creeks. They were married by the now legendary "Father Tom" -- a priest from New Zealand, who before he died, recently, played a major role in Arctic Alaska. Father Tom Cunningham was an expert on how to survive on the Arctic ice.

He even picked the ice floe, in the ocean near the North Pole, where our scientists set up their establishment on the Polar ice during the geophysical year. "Station A", it was called. Lowell Junior and I spent some time at Station A, and my son has been out there on the Arctic ocean ice, off and on, ever since.

Now Stan Bartlett is the Pan Am. director who runs the huge airport here at Monrovia, one of the air crossroads of Africa. His wife presides over a house, on a bluff above a wide African river.

We spent hours reminiscing about Alaska, and they spoke of the death of Mike Walsh, long an important figure at Nome. How at one time the people were fed up with the man who was mayor. But the Nomeites had no one in mind to succeed him. Then someone suggested "Swede" Andersen who could hardly read or write. Someone as a joke, told "Swede" he ought to run for mayor. Everybody laughed. Then two or three others said the same. So, he decided to run; and, was elected. Whereupon City Clerk Mike Walsh, helped him "run" Nome. Then "The Swede" ran for the Alaska State Legislature, was elected.

By now Mike was in the State Senate, and again solved "Swede" Andersen's problems for him.

Just one more story about Alaska -- that they told me as we sat in front of their big window overlooking that African river. They knew I had been in Kotzebue rather recently, with two of the flying Wien family - Noel and Ada. Archie Ferguson, has long been a major personality on Bering Sea, at Kotzebue. Quite a character - had his own small airline, a trading post, a movie house, also the town power plant. They told me how Archie, when he went to bed at night often would pull the main switch and plunge the whole town in darkness.

Whereupon the people of Kotzebue would shrug and say: "Well, good old Archie, he's gone to bed! We might as well go to bed too!"

Yes, you meet colorful people - in Alaska - and in Africa. So Long.

**RELEASE**

*The communist world appears to be making another gesture toward the Vatican. It was announced in Rome this evening that the government of Czechoslovakia has released Roman Catholic Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague and four other Bishops. The 74-year old Archbishop was arrested and imprisoned by communist authorities 15 years ago. He ranks in prominence just below Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, the Primate of Hungary, among Catholic Prelates confined behind the iron curtain. Last winter the Russians released Ukranian Archbishop Josef Slipyi, after long imprisonment - and permitted him to leave the Soviet Union.*

## BASEBALL

*Back when the baseball-playing Dodgers lived in Brooklyn, they liked nothing better than to take on the New York Yankees - and beat them. Even though their home is now in Los Angeles, those Dodgers still work extra hard when they meet the Yankees. Again today - the Yankees were outclassed. Game number two of the world series is history, and for the Dodgers, their four-to-one victory, gives them a two to nothing lead toward that world championship.*

## CONGRESS

*The Congressional Record is the day to day history of the U.S. Congress - and, as history, meant to be accurate. Yet, No matter what the Congressional record says - It happened on the floor of the House of Representatives ... and many people heard it. The Gentleman from North Carclina invited the Gentleman from Iowa to "shut up" - while exchanging remarks on a piece of "Housekeeping" legislation. Congressman H.R. Gross of Iowa had denounced junkets - and he applied the term to sessions of the Interparliamentary Union - in which Congressman Harold Cooley of North Carolina is active. The suggestion was then made that Mr. Gross attend one of the sessions and see for himself that they are not junkets. Said Congressman Cooley - "if you don't want to go, why don't you just shut up". The official account of the exchange - in the Congressional Record - is worded differently. It says - "I can't understand why you continue to complain".*