

L.T. OLDS - TUESDAY, APRIL 9 1963

Good Evening Everybody:

The Prime Minister of Canada tonight? Still John Diefenbaker. But for how long? It's quite a story. Diefenbaker's conservative party - lost the election. But the point is - that nobody won a clear majority. The Liberal Party did gain more seats than any of the others - one hundred and twenty-eight, but that leaves Liberal Leader Lester Pearson - five short of an absolute majority. Five less than enough to force Diefenbaker's resignation.

In America, we are used to a President reaching the White House even without a complete victory - a majority. But under the British Parliamentary system this results in an unstable government that is a coalition government - with the Prime Minister depending on other parties for support.

Anyway, John Diefenbaker, if he so decides, can now try to form a coalition instead of resigning. And the indications are that he'll do just that.

AMERICA

Seldom has The United States been so concerned about a Canadian election. During the campaign the Prime Minister kept calling for fewer ties between Ottawa and Washington. While Lester Pearson, leader of the opposition kept calling for closer co-operation between the two good neighbors.

So - how does Canada look tonight, from Washington? The White House is maintaining a strict "no comment" attitude. But on Capitol Hill there's little attempt to hide - both satisfaction and concern. Satisfaction, because Lester Pearson made such a strong showing with his pro-American platform. Concern, because Canada may be entering a period of political indecision with a shaky coalition government.

CHURCHILL

In bestowing honorary American citizenship on Sir Winston Churchill today - President Kennedy rose to the occasion with a touch of Churchillian eloquence. Addressing the audience at the White House, he said - "Sir Winston is the most honored and honorable man to walk the stage of human history in the time in which we live".

What could be more Churchillian than that? Maybe the following from Churchill's response to the American tribute. "In this century of storm and tragedy, I contemplate with high satisfaction - the constant factor of the interwoven and upward progress of our peoples".

At any rate it has now been finalized.
Honorary Citizenship for Winston Churchill. A unique honor for one of the true giants of our era.

LAOS

Western Observers are more certain than ever that the crisis in Laos reflects the crisis in the communist block. And they are almost unanimous that Red China is now the commanding Red power in Southeast Asia. Mao Tse-tung, seizing control from Khrushchev. Pushing Laos into a civil war - that Khrushchev doesn't want.

That was Dean Rusk's theme today - when he spoke before the Seato conference in Paris. The American Secretary of State, warning his colleagues that they may have to take more energetic measures to save Laos.

CUBA

The nine Americans who returned from Cuba today took the long way home. They left Miami on January twentieth - for skin diving in the Bahamas, they said. But before they started diving their craft sprang a leak, and went down. For five days and nights they floated in a lifeboat. When they did reach shore, they were on Castro's Cuba, where they soon found themselves hustled off - to a Havana jail. Castro telling the world that he had caught nine yankee spies. Then the man of the hour arrived. He seems to be the man of the hour for Americans in communist Cuba, Attorney James Donovan, who convinced the bearded dictator of the innocence of the captives.

So, at last the nine skin divers are back in Florida, after an adventure they had not anticipated.

EXECUTIONS

Meanwhile, Castro's executioner may be headed in the opposite direction. Herman Marks of Milwaukee who once commanded rifle squads of the Castro revolution, who once boasted of killing two hundred of the prisoners convicted by Castro's star chamber tribunals.

But Herman Marks no longer boasts about his Cuban career. He says he prefers America - Milwaukee. To which a Federal Judge replies - that Marks broke the law by serving in the armed forces of another country, hence should be deported. So, tonight, Castro's executioner is a man without a country. Quite a Herman Marks of Milwaukee, who rode high as the hatcherman of the red dictator of the Caribbean.

BANK

The two men who robbed the bank of Marianna, Florida -
were they
~~were~~ ~~rob~~ pros? They pulled the job - as if they were acting
out a script. Construction helmets, and scarves across their
faces - for disguise, ~~Nickle~~ ^{Nickle}-plated pistols - in their hands.
Timing, exactly right - ^a half-~~an~~-hour after the bank opened.
And they cut the phone wires ^{so} expertly - that no one saw them
do it

The bandits, making the clerks lie down on the floor -
and the bank Vice President fill their ~~laundry~~ ^{laundry} sacks with money.
Getaway car? Simple. - They took the keys and ~~the~~ car belonging
to one of the clerks.

The ⁱⁿ Haul ~~of~~ ^{from} the bank in Marianna, Florida - one-hundred-
thousand bucks.

FLOOD

In the middle East, the word "Wadi" means a dry guch or valley, and is found all over the map - as in the case of Wadi Alyutum near Petra in Jordan.

Which information is a lead into tonight's story from Wadi Alyutum. A flash flood sweeping down, inundating a campsite of tourist and guides. The toll - twenty-five drowned. The age old menace of the Middle East - the Wadi and the flash flood. Ive been in that wadi - long ago when I was with Lawrence in Arabia. But then it was hot, desolate, some desert flowers, but no flood.

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MINERS

In Minidoka, Idaho, two gold miners have retired from mining. Darrell Hamilton and Floyd Gambrel, swearing off - after an experience in a mine shaft.

They were down five hundred feet yesterday when the winch slipped. The heavy mine bucket full of equipment - plummeting down the shaft until it got wedged. Blocking the way up.

There they were - five hundred feet underground no food or water, only a flashlight. Bitterly cold. And - they didn't know how long they'd have to wait for help.

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MARRIAGE

If you happen to be a "marrying Sam" - you'll find it tough to marry anybody in Nevada from now on. Nevada's Governor Sawyer signed a bill today - aimed directly at you.

It all began with the development of a "wedding mill" in the sagebrush state. Clergymen, arriving in Reno and Las Vegas and Carson City - for the sole purpose of tying the knot, collecting the fee, then disappearing - back to their home states. They were called "Marrying Sams", Dick. Governor Sawyer is out to put the quietus on them.

FIRST_LADY

When Jacqueline Kennedy goes to church on Easter Sunday, will she wear a hat or a scarf? Is it important? It is to the millinery institute of America.

Since the First Lady influences the women of America - the milliner's hope that Jacquie will appear in a real Easter bonnet, to give fashion a boost, start a boom in bonnets.

When one milliner inquired at the White House back came the answer that so far there is no answer. As Mrs. Kennedy's secretary put it - "It's a woman's privilege to change her mind, even the First Lady, even about an Easter bonnet."