

LEAD - L. T. OLDS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1963

*Good Evening Everybody:*

*Today at the auditorium of - the University of Costa Rica, President Kennedy pointed to the historical background of - the Declaration of Central America. Arguing that it's nothing new for the American democracies - when they have to fight for their freedom, and predicting that the Soviet menace will eventually disappear - as have all the rest.*

*Who were they? the manaces of years ago? In Mr. Kennedy's words - "George the Third, the Spanish Conquerors, Maximilian and William Walker". Three of those references - are obvious enough. George the Third - who provoked the American Revolution. The Spanish conquerors - Cortez and Company. Maximilian - the French candidate for Emperor of Mexico who got himself executed just after our Civil War.*

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*But do any of you remember William Walker?*

*He was a soldier of fortune - from Nashville, Tennessee.*

*A typical buccaneer of the Nineteenth Century - who led*

*an army of his own into Nicaragua, and became the*

*power behind the then Nicaraguan President. The*

*American soldier of fortune, riding high - till he was*

*overthrown. A reminder of old injuries - not to be*

*repeated in our time. President Kennedy, vowing - that*

*we won't send any more William Walkers to Central*

*America.*

CUBA FOLLOW KENNEDY

*Then he went on to*  
~~President Kennedy~~

used this past history - to clarify  
*saying*  
our stand on Cuba, ~~which is~~ that, as ~~AMRI~~ Americans were not  
allowed to dominate Central America, and as Frenchmen were not  
allowed to dominate Mexico - Russians will not be allowed to  
dominate Cuba. The democracies of this hemisphere, to keep up  
the pressure - until the Cuban people are free of foreign  
domination. Until they too can take part in - the Alliance for  
Progress. By which time, Castro will be only a bad memory -  
a dark page of Cuban history.

AMERICAN

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Three Americans are among more than fifty foreigners being held by the East German Reds - according to an Italian who has just come back to freedom. ~~Paolo Caris~~ Paolo Caris, telling a news conference in West Berlin - that they all were convicted on one charge. Namely - helping refugees to escape to the West. The three - Bob Mann of Sepulveda, California, Jean Loba of Altadena, California, and Gabrielle Hammerstein of New York.

Meanwhile, refugees continue to get past - the wall. And ~~they're~~ not so likely to get shot. The East German Reds, ~~evidently~~ afraid of - world opinion, ordering the border guards to keep their fingers off the trigger - once a refugee has reached the wall. The shooting, to be done inside East Berlin - where it's not ~~quite~~ so noticeable from West Berlin.

## SPACE

The agreement on space between the Soviet Union and the United States - concerns communication satellites. Both nations are already using man-made moons - for weather prediction.

And now they're going into the business - jointly. Deciding at the meeting of scientists in Rome - to pool their know-how.

How many Russian-American satellites - to be launched?

The answer; - ~~rather precise~~ "As many as we find we need" - says one American scientist in Rome.

**SAIGON**

***Fire in Saigon that started - in a Buddhist pagoda. Possibly touched off - by a Buddhist priest knocking over a sacred lamp.***

***The flames, quickly spreading to flimsy buildings in that part of Saigon. The inferno whipping through - them - quickly, turning more than a thousand into heaps of smoking ash.***

***More than ten thousand homeless tonight. A thick pall of black smoke over - the ruins of one section of Saigon.***

*Twenty-six lady friends and bodyguards - more members of the royal household to be killed.*

*Football play suspected, because an eyewitness saw the engine burning - as it passed overhead. But no one can be sure - tonight. The snow covering all traces of the wreckage - from rescue workers. They say it may be next summer - before the plane is found.*

*Meanwhile, King Bhum - cannot be feeling very easy.*

SAUD

The question about that plane crash in the Alps today, "was King Saud's private jet blown up by a bomb?"

There seems to be some suspicion - that it was.

The plane - a Comet specially built for the Lord of ~~the~~ sand and oil. Complete with a throne, heavy carpets, padded arms, armchairs and a royal bedroom. It crashed in northwest Italy - in the area of "Cracy Mountain." All aboard - apparently killed.

The plane - flying to Nice. Where yesterday it had deposited - the King and his entourage of four wives, ~~and~~ twenty-six lady friends and bodyguards. *Today it was* bringing - more members of the royal household to the Riviera.

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Meanwhile, King Saud - cannot be resting very easy.

Even in the Arabian Nights atmosphere of his hotel rooms -  
with leopard skin carpets, and a special bed, ~~And~~ and a throne  
in the private service elevator. Because there too - there has  
been a bomb scare. An anonymous caller - telling police that  
a bomb had been planted. Nothing found however. But it  
wouldn't be surprising if King Saud has <sup>a restless</sup> ~~restless~~ ~~one~~ ~~one~~ night.



FRANCE

*Imagine the scene in Paris today, when the electrical workers staged a nationwide strike - cutting off all power in France for four hours.*

*Trucks, autos, buses, bicycles - and pedestrians - all milling around, trying to make their way across town - without traffic lights. Everybody walking - no subways running. And, it was raining.*

*Meanwhile President DeGaulle has summoned his Cabinet in an effort to solve the problem. The City of Light - without light.*

NATO

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The British Foreign Secretary will not be unhappy if the day should come - when Nato forces will be commanded by Britain. So said Lord Hume - addressing the Nato Council in Paris. His Lordship, referring to - the plan for an international nuclear force. Interesting thought. An international European army, led by a British general - as in the days of Marlborough and Wellington.

WEATHER  
CHURCHILL

The weather - on this last day of winter  
Sir Winston Churchill, age eighty-eight, is  
feeling so well these days that - he's bored.

Nothing to do in London but read - he says.

Adding - that he has to keep turning off his hearing aid

to avoid the chatter around him.

receding.

So - he's off for Monte Carlo.

While in New England we are getting a lot  
more snow.

## WEATHER

### LADY WRESTLER

**The weather - on this last day of winter**

When a bridegroom wants to join the bride -  
**nineteen sixty-three. Floods and storms in the Midwest,**  
that sounds reasonable enough. But Wilbur Warner of  
**and South. Louisville, Kentucky reporting - the Ohio**  
Davenport, Iowa - was lucky he didn't get past the  
**River, along it's entire length, at flood crest.**

But, in Pennsylvania, the Monogahela, is  
happens to be a lady wrestler.  
**receding.**

Maybe you know the bride by her stage name.  
**While in New England we are getting a lot**  
Fern Laverne - last night barred her front door - and  
**more snow.**

prepared to clamp a headlock - a half Nelson - on her  
husband, if he knocked it down. Fortunately for him -  
the police got there first. The groom, carried off -  
to the lock-up. Dick, he might have gone to the  
hospital instead - if he had tried a fall with his bride.

Lady Wrestler Dainty Fern Laverne.

WEDDING

LADY WRESTLER

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Maybe you know the bride by her stage name. Crown Prince Palden Thondup Namgyal, the Maharajahmar Fern Laverne - last night barred her front door - and to Miss Hope Cooke of Bronxville, prepared to clamp a headlock - a half Nelson - on her husband, if he knocked it down. Fortunately for him - at the entrance to the chapel. On it, in English, the the police got there first. The groom, carted off - words "good luck" to the lock-up. Dick, he might have gone to the hospital instead - if he had tried a fall with his bride.

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T. OLDS, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1967

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What was the American touch? A door mat - at the entrance to the chapel. On it, in English, the words "good luck".