

KENNEDY

L-1 - Olds, Wed. Jan. 31-62.

The time given to one point at today's presidential news conference - was unexpected. Subject - strategic stockpiling of material. Things we might need - in case of a national emergency. The issue - the size of <sup>said</sup> ~~our~~ stockpile. President Kennedy, admitting that he was astonished to find - more than seven billion dollars' worth of goods <sup>piled up!</sup> Much more than we would need - even in case of war, <sup>said he,</sup>

Has there been - any profiteering? <sup>The</sup> President ~~Kennedy~~ refused to speculate <sup>on that.</sup> He simply said he wants a full investigation - and promised to cooperate with Congress on the matter.

Turning to Punta del Este, <sup>Dec</sup> ~~the~~ Kennedy told his news conference - he's satisfied with the outcome. Happy that the nations decided to get on with the alliance for progress - without Castro's Cuba.

What about the President's plan - for a Secretary of Urban Affairs? Mr. Kennedy denied - that he was playing politics when he sent his plan up to Capitol Hill. He repeated -

that he simply wants to deal with a national problem. The problem of - our cities.

Relations with Russia? *He said he will not* ~~President Kennedy would~~ visit

Moscow - until Khrushchev eases the tension he's been stirring up. For example, in Berlin - and Laos. But, our chief executive *does* approve of his Press Secretary - making the trip.

As for the way Khrushchev torpedoed the atomic ban talks - Mr. Kennedy pointed out that other nations might begin testing. *By that does he warn* ~~could that be a warning to~~ Moscow - that Red China may soon start exploding nuclear bombs?

## CONFERENCE

The conference at Punta del Este <sup>Turns out to be</sup> ~~was~~ a political triumph - for the United States. A personal triumph - for Secretary of State Rusk.

That's the verdict of many pundits - who are busy analyzing the results. They point out that Dean Rusk came to Punta del Este - to get a condemnation of Castro's Communism. And - he got it.

Even the bare majority in the voting - doesn't compromise the Rusk achievement. After all, the so-called "soft six" - didn't disagree with the objective. Only - with the method. That question of - the legalities.

Even Cuba's Red President Dorticos - made clear the extent of his defeat. When the conference opened, he adopted a practice of - sarcastic laughter. But Dorticos quickly stopped laughing - and began to snarl. His mood, growing more savage - with successive defeats. Now he has to go back to Havana - and explain to Castro what went wrong.

Meanwhile, the free nations of this hemisphere can go ahead with their alliance for progress.

## ALGERIA

One question about Algeria - is being asked more frequently. How does the Right Wing underground - finance its operations? Where does the money come from - to keep so many terrorist operations going?

Part of the answer - bank robberies. Like today - in Algiers. Agents of the OAS, hitting two big banks - within a matter of minutes. The pattern - identical. The employees, forced to lie on the floor - while the manager opened the vault at the point of a gun. The robbers, filling a suitcase - with money from the vault. Then speeding off - in their get-away car.

The haul from the two jobs - more than a million francs. Enough to pay for - quite a few plastic bombs, ~~And~~ - for the agents who plant them.

The Senate has confirmed John McCone - for the third time. In the Truman administration it was for - Under-Secretary of the Air Force. In the Eisenhower administration - Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. *Now!*

*/* In the Kennedy administration - head of the Central Intelligence Agency. The Senate vote, overwhelmingly in favor - seventy-two to twelve. John McCone, taking over from Allen Dulles - as boss of the hush-hush cloak-and-dagger CIA.

## WEATHER

In the east, the word for the weather is - "changeable!"

The weatherman can't remember when the thermometer - skidded up and down so rapidly. Moving through thirty-five degrees - within twelve hours. Yesterday, in New York, it was - a pleasant forty-six. Today - a frigid eleven. Even colder - throughout New England. And, oddly enough - below the Mason-Dixon Line.

~~Hardest hit, needless to say - the midwest.~~

~~Symbolized by the Kaw River, in Kansas. Tonight the Kaw is backed up by a massive ice jam - causing floods at Lawrence and Leecompton.~~

## MORMONS

Every so often, I make a slip. The most recent example - my account of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church.

The question - where was Joseph Smith murdered?

Listeners have been pointing out to me that it all happened at Carthage, Illinois. Joseph Smith, in jail awaiting trial - when a lynch mob broke in and shot him.

Then some of his followers founded - the Reorganized Church in Missouri. The others, joining Brigham Young - on the epic trek to Utah.

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## CIRCUS

The old adage of show business that "the show must go on", never got a more magnificent endorsement - than it's getting from "The Great Wallendas." The two able-bodied members of the high wire act would have gone on today - except that the circus wouldn't let them. Even so - Hermann and Gunther Wallenda are preparing - for tomorrow's act.

You can judge what this means from the fact - that five members of the troupe are gone. Two dead, one in serious condition - two others in fair condition. This, the casualty list after that spill from the high wire - in the Michigan State Fair coliseum.

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## ASTROLOGERS

~~Over~~ In India - the insurance business is <sup>reported</sup> booming.

Reason - those astrolog~~er's~~<sup>er</sup> predictions for this weekend.

The soothsayers of Hindustan, foretelling calamities- from revolutions to earthquakes. The Indian public, taking their astrologers - seriously. Rushing right out - to buy insurance. Especially - accident insurance. The companies, writing ~~policy~~ policies - at a furious rate.

Just one catch. The customers are demanding - one month policies. Covering - the month of February. <sup>Then</sup> After that, the sinister sign of Capricorn, will be gone from the sky. Those insurance buffs of India, intending to cash in - and then return to their old occupations. Or at least, to what's left - after the astrological cataclysm.

## TWIST

The twist has claimed its first victim - in the home of the waltz. Vienna, putting aside - the lilting strains of Johann Strauss. Having a go at - the latest American dance craze.

Leading the Viennese twisters - Friedrich Gartner.

He and his partner, writhing to the tune of - "Let's Twist Again." As the high spot of the dance - he was supposed to whirl her through the air. But Viennese frauleins aren't always sylphs - not with all that pastry and whipped cream.

Friedrich Gartner struggled and strained to lift her - until he felt something snap. He and his partner - landing in a heap on the floor. The doctor's diagnosis - broken ribs. Friedrich, a casualty of the twist - in Vienna. Dick, I'll bet Johann Strauss is laughing.

## CARRIER

An American aircraft carrier is headed for - the Mediterranean. No, not part of - our Nato defense system. This warship will never launch a plane - or fire a round of ammunition. Its mission - to become a floating hotel.

The ship, a small carrier - was declared superfluous. Auctioned off - in Chicago. She was built at a cost of - two million dollars. Today, knocked down to a business man from Milan - for a hundred and thirty thousand. Carlo Camossi says - he'll anchor his hotel in Italian waters <sup>/off the Riviera.</sup> Shuttle his guests back and forth - by helicopter. <sup>He'll put 'em</sup> ~~put 'em~~ up in ~~2~~ two hundred rooms. The flight deck, to be used for - swimming pool, shuffle board, and so on.

~~A remarkable~~ <sup>The</sup> transformation of <sup>an</sup> American warship into <sup>an</sup> Italian hotel.