

To Psnk, 1st add: Forgot your note 1/12. I interpreted the hesitation and shift from "unexpected" to "tragic", edited out by the Post, as an indication all was not the best in their relations.. Yours is a more provocative suggestion, and I think it might be good for our STM's to devote some thought to this because if your's is like mine, she'll thing of devious things you might not (if you are as innocent as I!):"..he was intent on pointing out the unexpectedness of his wife's death, then had second thoughts and decided to make it tragic too." One possible inference is that he was anxious to emphasize that the death was unexpected, i.e., completely accidental. Another is that it was other than tragic, i.e., she was more than a hausfrau, his loyal, trusted and able collaborator and important in his great, patriotic labor. Etc. I don't think any one eliminates the other, but I think that if he had been languishing and losing all that weight, the least expectable description of what to most men would be an unimaginable disaster beyond remedy is "unexpected".

Your concluding graph, on the Hew Hunt, squares with what I've sent you. Reborn. Batteries all recharged now. Smiles. The Post has been reprinting The Smiler (credit to Gerold Frank), often. Date of rejuvenation: copping plea. How many man are elated at the prospect of 55 years in jail, i.e., more than they can expect to live?

Kudos to Pacifica reporting: they aired what I didn't get from all the papers, two TV net news organizations, CBA radio news, three all-news radio stations. HW 1/16/73