

L.T., JR. - K. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1954

(L.T. skiing at Sun Valley)

/ GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Radio friends of this program know that L.T. is an ardent skier. For him it's the Fountain of Youth. This week he's in the Saw Tooth Mountains of Idaho, swinging down those vast slopes of powder snow at Sun Valley. And he has asked me to fill-in for him - something I am glad to attempt.

As far as I'm ~~ERE~~ concerned, Dad could ~~not~~^{nt} have picked a better time for a week off, because this evening a privilege has come my way, second only to meeting Tibet's Dalai Lama. The privilege - of introducing to you the guest on this program tonight. ^P But first - let's take a quick look at the news.

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Sir Edmund, it was good of you to leave your reception at the English-Speaking Union, long enough to tell us something of your epic climb with Sherpa, Tenzing, Norkey.

Let me ask - what was your most difficult problem on the final dash to the summit? Altitude, physical weakness, freezing of oxygen equipment, or the snow conditions, the wind and cold?

Was the summit in sight all along? How did you know you had reached it?

~~was~~ ~~running~~ ~~through~~ ~~your~~ ~~mind.~~
What ~~were~~ ~~your~~ ~~thoughts~~ as you climbed the last few feet?

What did you see from the summit? Any Tibetan towns or lamasaries? What other peaks, such as Katchenjunga?

What were your thoughts as you stood on the top of the world? What did you and Tenzing say to each other?

What did you leave on the summit?

SUBSTITUTE JAPAN - SOVIET OFFICIAL

The latest tonight is an explanation of a mystery in Tokyo. A member of a Russian diplomatic mission to Japan was missing, and the Moscow mission charged -- he had been kidnapped by U. S. Intelligence agents. That was the news earlier in the day. Now -- the headline:--

From Washington we hear that the missing Soviet diplomat, Yuri Rostovorov, went over to the side of Liberty. The same word comes from Tokyo -- that Rostovorov is now disclosing the operation of a Soviet spy ring in the Far East.

He vanished on January Twenty-fourth, only a few hours before he was to have taken a plane for Moscow -- along with a Russian skating team which had been appearing in Japan. ~~It is all the more embarrassing for the Reds, because the chief of the Soviet Mission today stated that Rostovorov had been "kidnapped" by American Intelligence for the purpose of "provoking"~~

~~Soviet Russia.~~ One report is -- that a Red official with the skating ~~team~~ team had gone to Japan to take Rostovorov back to Moscow. Because he was considered "undependable." Apparently, he was all of that, because he deserted -- and has come over to the side of freedom.

KOREA - AIR

The State Department in Washington says - we won't make an issue of that air battle off Korea. It happened on January Twenty-second, but is made public only now - sky fighting, while an armistice is on.

A swarm of enemy Jets attacked a U.S. reconnaissance plane out at sea - over "international waters," says the State Department. The reconnaissance plane was accompanied by American Sabrejets, and these engaged the Communist aircraft. One of the enemy shot down - no damage to ~~our~~ our planes.

The supposition is that the hostile Jets came from North Korea, but nobody really knows. They may have been flown by North Koreans, or Chinese - or even Russians. The uncertainty about the nationality confuses the issue - and, in any case, our planes had the better of the encounter.

So there'll be no protest. We'll just pass it up.

BIG FOUR

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Russia, today, presented a Soviet plan for the reunification of Germany. Molotov - outlining a scheme at the meeting of the Foreign Ministers in Berlin.

His proposition is that a peace treaty ~~should be~~ should be concluded, under which, a unified government would be set up. Then, under this unified government, political freedom would be established. The regime, thus put into power, would be a combination of the present governments of East and West Germany. The Communists of East Germany given a partnership in a government that would establish a democratic system.

Well, we know what has happened in other countries, when the Reds were let in. ^{Their} ~~The~~ way was - to organize a conspiracy for the seizure of power.

RA
The Soviet plan, presented today, conflicts on all points with the program announced by the Western Foreign Ministers, when the conference began. We want free elections first - a unified government elected by the people of all Germany. Then - a peace treaty, to be concluded with that government.

~~Today's Russian proposal, moreover, calls for the removal of a unified Germany from the orbit of the West. Cancel - the Western alliance that West Germany now has. This, also, is in opposition to the program which our side has presented.~~

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Today, Western officials called the Molotov address - "very disappointing." They point out that the Soviet plan is - the same old thing, the same scheme which the West has repeatedly rejected.

The meeting today was in East Berlin - the conference having moved across the line into the Communist area. The Foreign Ministers - crossing through the Iron Curtain.

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We'll hear him ^{now} in a recorded interview.

~~In a recorded interview, let's ask Sir Edmund~~

~~what was his most difficult problem on the final dash~~

~~to the summit. (Hillary's reply to follow this).~~

FOLLOW GUEST

Many thanks, Sir Edmund Hillary, for being with us
this evening and telling us about your magnificent achievement.

[If I may be allowed to express an opinion on this program,
I would say that the climb you and your colleagues made,
and the way you are describing it to the world, ^{is doing} has done a
tremendous amount to further international cooperation --
by the stirring example of the fruits of selflessness,
modesty and teamwork.]

~~say~~ and your colleagues
Best of luck to you on your lecture tour here in
America and on your future climbs.

BRICKER

✓ Senator Knowland of California says - he believes President Eisenhower will support a compromise version of the Bricker Amendment. If - certain legal aspects are "clarified."

[The California legislator was at the White House today, talking over the question with the President. The interview - a long one, lasting for two and a half hours.]

Senator Knowland gives no details about the compromise, which has to do with a basic problem in the treaty-making powers of the President.

[Senator Bricker has already said that he would accept the compromise, which was worked out by Republican leaders in the Senate. So now President Eisenhower falls in line - but requiring "clarification." So says the Republican Senate leader - Knowland of California.]

JAMES ROOSEVELT

At Los Angeles, today, James Roosevelt issued - a complete denial. He repudiates the letter he wrote to his wife, in which he confessed he had been guilty of misconduct with nine women - and gave their names. He says - there was no truth in the statement. There was no misconduct with any of the women he named - in the letter.

11 He claims he was "blackmailed" into signing the letter. His wife - forcing him to do so. He explains that she was unreasonably jealous of women with whom he was merely acquainted - and drew up the list. Then, threatened to begin divorce proceedings, naming the nine women, unless he signed the letter.

2 This was in February, Nineteen Forty-Five, when his father was beginning his fourth term as President - and he didn't want to add such a scandal to the weighty burdens borne by Franklin D. Roosevelt. James Roosevelt says - that would have been a - "horror." So he signed the letter. His wife pledging - that it would never be made public.

But now, adds James Roosevelt, she has made it public - in claiming a property settlement. He says his wife was excessively concerned about - financial security. Hence, what he calls - "blackmail."

[At a news conference today, James Roosevelt added - that he has not completely retired as a candidate for Congress. Although - he has released supporters, who had pledged themselves to back him. He did this, following advice from Democratic leaders - that he step out of the race for Congress.]

BEAR

12 Here's the way an elderly man saved himself from freezing to death - in the wilds of British Columbia. He got lost in a blizzard, and was wandering around - apparently hopeless. Then he saw - a hole in a hillside, a sort of cave. He could guess what was inside, and it reminded him of a trick used by the frontiersmen of old, a trick - they learned from the Indians.

So he crawled into the hole - and snuggled up alongside a bear. The bear was hibernating, sound asleep for the winter. Snug and warm - and what a comfortable place for an elderly man lost in a blinding snowstorm.

He snuggled up beside the bear until the weather cleared, and a party of searchers found him. Saved - by a hibernating bear.

The Federal Trade Commission indicates the possibility - that the rise of coffee prices was, in part at least, because of a "corner." Speculators buying up all available supplies - then raising the prices to suit themselves. So says the Chairman of the Commission, Edward Howrey, who told a news conference, today, that the possibility of a "corner" is being investigated.

[The inquiry is on at New York - with officials questioning the National Coffee Association and heads of the Sugar and Coffee Exchange, where trading in coffee "futures" is done. At the same time, it's announced in Washington - that hearings by a Congressional Sub-Committee will begin next Monday, - To investigate - the ~~xxx~~ high price of coffee.]

DI MAGGIO

Details of the Di Maggio story in Japan keep coming in - and they-re fantastic.

A huge crowd at the airport - to greet Mr. and Mrs. Di Maggio, accompanied by Lefty O'Doul of the San Diego Padres. The two ball players are going to coach baseball teams in Japan. Marilyn Monroe - intending to visit G.I's in Japanese hospitals. The Japanese fans mobbed the Pan-American plane -- pushing and shoving in a tremendous jam.

But the scenes at the Imperial Hotel were even more remarkable. A huge mob broke through police lines, and pushed into the luxurious lobby. A glass door was shattered, and ~~xxx~~ several people - were nearly drowned. The hotel has a pond and a garden - and, in the melee, several individuals were pushed into the pond. Which was - ice cold.

Later, Marilyn Monroe made an appearance on a hotel balcony - receiving the cheers of the multitude outside.

A couple of Japanese tried to climb up the wall, but the police pulled them down.

Between the baseball fans and the movie fans - Tokyo went wild.

At Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Railroad, today, paid its taxes. With money - plus poetry. J.A.Appleton, Central Region Vice-President of the Railroad, sent a check for one million, three hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars, to the city of Pittsburgh. Together - with comment on how it feels to pay so much taxes. He said it with a quotation from the far famed ballad of railroading - Casey Jones. The lines reading as follows:

,"Headaches and heartaches and all kinds of pain,
Are not apart from a railroad train;
Tales that are earnest, noble and grand,
Belong to the life of a railroad man."

Yes, headaches, heartaches - and taxes.