

L.T. - DELCO. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1957  
(Given by Alan Jackson, L.T. in Africa)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight, President Eisenhower is in the sky, above the Atlantic - but not up too high. The presidential plane, the Columbine - piloted by Colonel William Draper, is keeping to altitudes less than twelve thousand feet. Above that level - even pressurized planes have difficulty maintaining sea level atmosphere - inside the cabin. And White House physicians, want Mr. Eisenhower to remain in normal atmospheric pressures, better for him - as he recovers from that mild stroke he suffered several weeks ago.

The President still has a slight impairment of speech - but is sure he won't have any trouble getting through the only two speeches that he's to make. One - a few words of greeting, when he lands at the Paris airport. The other - a fifteen hundred word address, at the opening of the Nato conference on Monday.

## EISENHOWER

Here's a proposal, to make Mr. Eisenhower - a general. Which may sound rather like making a canteloupe - a melon. The advice comes from the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal, which urges Congress - to take action, after the President completes his term. And restore his rank - of General of the Army.

In Nineteen Fifty-Two, upon winning the Republican presidential nomination, Dwight Eisenhower resigned ~~with~~ that (Which he earned in World War Two.) highest military rank. So why shouldn't he have it back, when he completes his term in the White House?

Mr. Eisenhower would, then, become General Eisenhower again. Sounds more natural, anyway.

## AIR FORCE

The Defense Department has cancelled an Air Force order - setting up an Air Force office on space projects. The order - having been based on a "misunderstanding", they say.

The Defense Department plans an over-all space agency, and one charge is - that the Air Force tried to jump the gun. Which created an uproar in other branches of national defense.

Today's cancellation is only temporary. The Air Force - to establish its own space office after the Defense Department has established its ~~own~~ agency. The Air Force office - to serve in keeping contact with the larger Defense Department set-up for space-rocket development.

## SATELLITE

In Washington, an admission - that it was a "mistake" to turn the development of an American satellite over to the Navy. Instead - of letting the Army do the job. So stated by the missile chief of the Defense Department, William Holladay - at a Senate Sub-committee hearing today.

The point is - that the Army had its own rocket, the Jupiter. While the Navy, with its Vanguard project - had nothing to begin with, and had to start from scratch.

~~and~~ The Sub-committee has a letter from Dr. Ernest Stulhinger, of the Army's Jupiter missile project. Stating - that the Army, with its Jupiter, could have launched a man-made moon last year, Nineteen Fifty-Six.

Missile Chief Holladay told the Sub-Committee, today, that the plan is to send up a thousand-pound earth satellite - though he did <sup>NOT</sup> say when. Sputnik number two, Russia's dog-carrying satellite, weighed eleven hundred and twenty pounds - including the final stage rocket, which went along in the orbit.)

## STRIKE

New York's Mayor Wagner, today, rejected the terms laid down by the subway strikers. Telling a representative of the Motormen, in the walkout, that he will not discuss any proposal - until the strikers have gone back to their jobs. Meanwhile, the New York Transit Authority began a crash program to train six hundred new motormen. The strikers, threatened with the loss of their jobs.

Today, subway service was improving - according to transit officials. ~~More people assuming old habits of getting to work via the subway.~~

## EARTHQUAKE

The earth - in convulsion. A series of devastating earthquakes - in northwestern Iran. One shock after another - some of the tremors lasting as long as two minutes.

The country shaken is a remote area, near the borders of Turkey, Iraq, and Russia. Mountain villages - in ruins.

Death list <sup>Reported</sup> - in the hundreds. While thousands - are homeless.

The earthquake struck at the worst possible time - as the people of northwestern Iran were in the grip of winter storms. Great blizzards - burying the country in snow. Sending temperatures down - to sub-zero.

All of which creates a relief problem of desperate emergency. Roads - blocked by landslides. Stricken communities - isolated. It may take days to get through, on the ground, to reach the blizzard-swept highlands, ravaged by earthquakes.

GREECE

More anti-American activities - by Greek terrorists.

Two time-bombs exploding - at <sup>2</sup>~~the~~ U.S. air base. Four American airmen - slightly injured. Which follows an explosion in the Athens office of the U.S. Information Service, last night.

Plenty of damage - but nobody hurt.

There's talk, that Communists may be responsible for the bombings.

SAILOR

The Navy gives a salute - honoring Gunner's Mate L.W. Beckhaus, a member of the crew of a naval tanker. The hero - of a thriller of the sea, yesterday.

In a violent ~~stun~~ storm off the coast of Portugal, the tanker was transferring fuel to the destroyer Gearing. An emergency operation - the destroyer desperately short of oil. ~~They~~ They were braving the tempest. The destroyer,   
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pitching like a cork on the sea - when a sailor went overboard.

He looked like a goner. The towering waves made it impossible - to get a line to him.

But then, on the tanker - Gunner's Mate Beckhaus also went overboard. Without hesitation, he took a dive, swam to the sailor, and held him up.

The key to the story is - the time element. It was an hour before a line could be thrown to Beckhaus. In the water, holding up the sailor - all that time. Before - both were hauled aboard the tanker.



SAILOR - 2

A salute of twenty-one guns, at least - for  
Gunners' Mate Backhaus.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight, reporting from North Africa, Lowell Thomas tells of an interesting aspect of affairs - in newly independent Morocco.

(The recording is 3:46)

Recently, as you know, the French gave Morocco its independence. True thousands of French employees of the government went home. But, to the casual observer it almost seems as though nothing had happened. The French are everywhere. I have been wondering why and have come to the conclusion that this may be partly because of the extraordinary work of one Frenchman who did so much to transform Morocco from a medieval hermit country into a modern nation.

As every visitor to Morocco knows, this country for something over a dozen years, from 1912 to 1925, was ruled by a colonial administrator who was a genius. When he came there were no roads. Now there are some 30,000 miles of them - great modern highways. Until he came there were no railways. Now Morocco has more than a thousand miles. True, the people tilled the soil - had to in order to live. Cultivating a million acres of wheat with a stick pulled by a camel and a donkey. But

under this colonial administrative giant, it was increased to ten million acres. Fruit? In the days of the Moroccan sultans of old, there were a few trees, where now there are vast citrus orchards. I could go on and on listing the other miracles he brought to pass: factories employing several hundred thousand people, irrigation works, new cities, and so on. Oh yes, in the old days there was one hospital, for people supposed to be mad. The inmates were kept chained together. Today there are some five hundred modern hospitals. Also a hundred airfields, and so on and so on.

The man largely responsible for this was of course the new legendary Marshal Lyautey. Cities like Rabat, with a population of two hundred thousand or more, and Casablanca, now over six hundred thousand, he started from scratch. There were no seaports. Now there are eight modern ports. Casablanca one of the busiest in the world.

I may be wrong but I suspect the achievements of the French under Lyautey, so impressed the Moroccans, that this has played a part in keeping Morocco as a French sphere of influence in spite of the fact that it is now an independent nation.

Would you like a job as a government official?

Morocco is in desperate need of experts. Although Marshal Lyautey and his successors had brought them far along the modern road, not many young Moroccans acquired an education. Not many were interested. In this country, the size of California, there are no more than ten Moroccan doctors.

I spent an hour or so with the Governor of Marrakech, at a Moorish palace called El Bahia - the glittering palace. Called that because its tiles and mosaics glitter in the brilliant Moroccan sun. The Governor's name is Si Bachir Ben Abbes. As a young lawyer he caught the spirit of nationalism that has been

sweeping the world. When he tried to practice law in Rabat, he soon found himself in jail. Released he went to Marrakech, to practice there. In jail again! To Casablanca. The same story. Seven years in prison. Now, still a young man, he rules in Marrakech as the successor to both the French governor and the legendary Pasha El Glaoui.

In my next report from Morocco, I hope to have something to say about some of the Americans who are over here these days.

FOLLOW RECORDING

Thanks, Lowell, for the Moroccan report. ~~And, now,~~  
~~another bit of news.~~

And how, a story that Lowell  
themselves would enjoy reporting

BLONDE

Over in England, the old city of Plymouth - stern words were uttered, by the Commander of a local army post. Lieutenant Colonel V.S. Baily speaking in a tone of indignation, today. Declaring: "It's just not done - even as a prank. It was a disgraceful performance." *P* Well, you can't blame the Lieutenant Colonel for being shocked - considering what happened. And three junior officers - are in for trouble.

It was late last night - and those three junior officers were coming ~~home~~ *home* from a party - back to the barracks. With them - a blonde. So what happened? Well, it was all done with dignity - proper military formality. That's admitted.

One of the junior officers gave an order to the sentry at the gate. Instructing him - to call out the guard. Which the sentry did. The guard filing out - and standing at attention. To be inspected - by the blonde. Who, ~~she~~ escorted by one of the junior officers, walked along the front rank - and then the rear rank. Much like the queen at the trooping of the colors.

So no wonder the Lieutenant Colonel says - "It's just not done." *But at least it was different - wouldn't you say Joe*



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Announcer: And now Allan Jackson with a footnote to the news.

58:00  
L.T.: Pittsburgh has a champion - and this Christmas they are sure he'll continue the record he has made, ~~xxx~~ year after year.

For twenty-one years, William Jericko has spent Christmas - in jail. Celebrating the Yuletide with liquid refreshment, so enthusiastically - that he'd be in the cooler for a ten day or thirty day sentence, by the time the Feast of the Nativity came around.

To be precise, there was one exception - but only a minor exception. Five years ago, in Nineteen Fifty-Two, Jericko didn't arrive in jail - until December Twenty-Sixth.

But that's considered only a slight failure. And, they're sure he won't be missing at the jail this Christmas.

58:45

## ARMY - GIRLS

The Army says - the G.I's can choose their own girl friends. In far off, lonely places - they can/~~date~~<sup>date</sup> whatever damsels they please. The Army has no intention of getting involved.

This follows a ~~sample~~ complaint by Methodist Bishop Tippet of San Francisco - who visited South Korea this autumn. And - was shocked. Calling the morals of the G.I's - "deplorable." The way - they go around with South Korean girls.

The Methodist Bishop says - that, at one military post, girls were brought in by the truckload. "To see the movies", he says, and adds - "but they stayed on afterward."

The Army counters with a statement made by Episcopal Bishop Kennedy of Honolulu, who was in Korea this year. "In general," he says, "the conduct of our men in Korea is as good as their conduct at home. If one looks for disappointments, one can find them," the ~~adds~~ Episcopal bishop adds.

Maybe the only thing the Army can do is - abolish girls.