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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Now that the dust has settled on the Soviet cosmonauts - Western experts are taking a second look at the flight of Mikolayev and Popovich. The consensus seems to be - that little is changed internationally. The Communist bloc, no stronger - than it was. The West - no weaker.

Perhaps the best commentary - comes from Paris, that the Russians have cosmonauts, even if they don't have shoes and razor blades. The French say that "shoes and razor blades are what the Soviet people want." The Paris spokesman, summing up in these words - "The Americans have basic consumer goods; and, they have their astronauts as well."

Perhaps a point worth pondering. Wonder what Khrushchev's inner thoughts are about that? While his

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"Falcon" and his "Golden Eagle" - flew high and far into outer space, but on the ground, millions - tens of millions of his people may have to wait quite a while - for shoes, and razor blades.

## NEWSMAN

The expulsion of American Correspondent Whitman Bassow, from the Soviet Union - follows an old familiar pattern. The Soviet authorities, objecting to his dispatches - terming them "slanderous." Giving the author a week - to go home.

Bassow's publication, "Newsweek Magazine" - denies the charge - and says the dispatches were "through and objective." Adding that - it intends to apply for another staff man to be accredited in Moscow.

The moral of the Bassow expulsion -that the threat of the censor still hangs over the head of Western correspondents. The direct blue-penciling of dispatches in the Soviet capital - ended over a year ago. But, the Kremlin still has ways of cracking down on members of the news corps - who are too far out of step with the Red Line.

## NEW GUINEA

Sovereignty in New Guinea seems to be a matter of - flag waving. Three flags - to be exact. Although tonight, the Dutch flag - flies over the big island off the northern coast of Australia, U.N. representatives are on their way - to hoist the banner of the U.N. This, the first step - following last night's agreement between the Netherlands and Indonesia. So two flags will soon be flying - over New Guinea.

The next step - lowering the Dutch flag in December. Replacing it - the Indonesian flag. Finally, next May - the U.N. flag to come down permanently. Leaving only the symbol of Indonesian authority.

It will be interesting to see what the hostile tribesmen of New Guinea do about this!

HUMPHREY

The former Secretary of the Treasury flatly denies - that he made windfall profits while serving as a member of the Eisenhower administration. George Humphrey, telling Senate investigators - that the Hanna Company, with which he was connected, did not wangle government contracts. That, on the contrary - the Company was reluctant to go ahead with the sale of nickel ore. Reason - its new method of smelting was still in the experimental stage.

Why were the contracts - accepted? Because the government wanted the nickel in a hurry - according to George Humphrey. Profits? The former Secretary of the Treasury estimates them at a figure - far below that alleged by government auditors.

## BANDITS

A dispatch from Chiquinquirá, Colombia - revived memories of an old Latin-American custom. The custom of - the bandit. With overtones of - Murietta and Pancho Villa.

Like a page out of history, today's headline; - a gang of bandits holding up a group of Colombian farmers en route to market. The farmers, modern - riding in a bus. The bandits, with more local color - riding beautiful Palaminos - at the gallop.

They rode them across the road, made the passengers get out - encouraging slower ones with guns; and shooting - those who resisted. After robbing everybody, they galloped off into the hills.

According to Bogotá, the leader of the gang is - an ex-farmer named Efraim Gonzalez. Efraim Gonzalez, leader of the bandits.

# ROBBERY FOLLOW BANDITS

~~After that old Latin American custom - let's take a  
look at one of our own. Robbery - of the U.S. mails.  
Something that was known in this country - long before that  
episode the night before last. The biggest robbery in the  
history of American crime.~~

Today, the Post Office Department in Washington -  
sent its top agent, and ten assistants, to Boston. Inspector  
Henry Montague, <sup>checking</sup> ~~running down~~ clues - to the thieves who got  
away with <sup>the</sup> ~~one~~ million, five hundred thousand, <sup>from the</sup> ~~dollars.~~ ~~The~~  
~~lost, from the hijacking of that~~ mail truck - on the highway  
south of Boston.

The belief is - that five men and one woman were in  
the gang. The men, robbing - the mail truck. The woman,  
driving - the getaway car.

## STAGG

I'd like nothing better than to be at that celebration in Chicago tonight - in honor of a legendary American. Amos Alonzo Stagg. The grand old man of football.

Stagg - one hundred years old today. When he was born on August Sixteenth, Eighteen Sixty-Two - the American version of football hadn't even been invented. In fact, Stagg became - one of the game's inventors. Now, he is the only survivor of the original faculty - at the great University of Chicago. The group that began classes - in Eighteen Ninety-Two, with Stagg, as - Athletic Director, and Football Coach.

His football teams ran up a great winning record - before he retired from Chicago at the age of seventy. With fabulous stars like Walter Ekersall. Then, at '70, Stagg went to the College of the Pacific - still winning. He set an unparalled record - before



he did retire. Seventy years - as a football coach.

Finally retiring - at the age of ninety-eight. Tonight,

- still going strong - even joining in the celebration.

One of the greatest figures in all history of sports -

celebrating his first century, Dick. Amos Alonzo Stagg!

## ARCTIC

The Canadian government reports - no danger to shipping - from the breakup of the Ellsmere ice shelf. It won't all come floating south past Greenland - to menace ocean liners and freighters in the North Atlantic.

The ones really interested in this phenomenon - not the sailors - but the glaciologists - and Arctic experts. For eons, an ice shelf two hundred miles square - clung to the northern shore of Ellsmere Island. The ice, never melting - way, way up there beyond the Arctic Circle - facing the Pole. Glacier experts figured it would cling right where it was, nebbe for a few hundred years more.

But, the ice shelf broke off suddenly - with a low roar and a Polar tidal wave. The reason - still a scientific mystery. Tonight, the Ellsmere ice shelf is - a group of Ellsmere ice islands. More ice islands

to roam the Arctic Ocean. Some of them big enough for scientific bases - like those we have on that ice island near the North Pole where my son was marooned last April with a group of scientists - and a few polar bears. I wonder who will occupy these islands - our Scientists - or the Russians? The Reds have their Arctic experts far out there on the ice of the Polar Sea - and so have we!