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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today's announcement about Administration Diplomacy - is what was expected. The President said during the campaign that he wants more emphasis on negotiations at a lower level than the Summit. Now Secretary of State Rusk announces this - as official policy. So there won't be any rush by Mr. Kennedy - to meet with Khrushchev. The American President, to wait until the ground has been prepared by our diplomats; starting - with the Secretary of State; with more responsibility given to Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson in Moscow.

## CUBA

The firing squads will be back at work in Cuba - tomorrow. So stated by a Castro aide - referring to the summary execution of accused counter-Revolutionaries. Castro suspended the judicial murders - on Friday. Apparently as a gesture to - the new American President. Just what impression the bearded Dictator hoped to make in Washington - isn't clear. Even Castro could hardly have thought that a weekend lull in the reign of terror - would change Mr. Kennedy's opinion of the tyranny now dominating Cuba. Anyway - the lull is ending. For Cuba - more Castro terror.

## LAOS

A dispatch from Luang Prabang tells one of those sardonic stories - that pop up in the news every so often. Communist troops were moving up in Laos - armed with the latest Soviet weapons. Their Commander, a Colonel - especially trained for jungle warfare.

The Colonel, leading his men through the jungle - toward Luang Prabang. Suddenly - a thunderous roar just ahead. A giant tiger came bounding across - an open space. Hurling itself - on the Colonel. Bowling him over - clawing him to death. The Communist troops - fleeing in terror from one of the historic dangers of Laos. The tiger - disappearing with his victim. The only thing left - the Colonel's automatic pistol, which he got half way out of its case just before the tiger was upon him.

## NEW GUINEA

The Dutch believe the next collision between East and West - will take place in New Guinea. The Hague is reported braced for an Indonesian attack - on that vast island off the north coast of Australia; an attack - supported by Moscow. Indonesia has been claiming the Dutch half of New Guinea - ever since Java, Sumatra, Borneo and the rest of Indonesia shook off Holland. Now Jakarta is said to be ready to enforce its claim to huge New Guinea with the aid of Soviet destroyers, torpedo boats, submarines and planes.

Actually New Guinea is not even a close geographical neighbor to Indonesia. It is more closely related to Australia.

ISRAEL

In Israel - the end of the "Lavon Affair". The dispute that split the Israeli Cabinet - and <sup>led</sup> ~~made~~ Prime Minister Ben Gurion <sup>to</sup> threaten to resign. The "Lavon Affair" - very hush-hush. Said to be connected with - an espionage ring operating in Cairo. Israeli spies, captured - and executed. Ben Gurion denounced Lavon - and criticized the committee that cleared him. Hence - the bitter fight inside the Cabinet, ~~Ending~~ today - with Ben Gurion appologizing to the Committee.

## STRIKE

The end of the New York Transport Strike seems to be a triumph for the new Administration. Secretary of Labor Goldberg came to New York - for a round-the-clock discussions; and that settlement - as you no doubt know - was reached - early this morning. The key dispute between Labor and Management - to be submitted to a special White House Commission. Meanwhile, the tugs and ferries - are running again. So are - the trains. New York - getting back to normal.

## RAYBURN

House Republicans today rebuffed - the Democratic Speaker of the House. Sam Rayburn appeared before a closed meeting - to defend his plan for enlarging the Rules Committee. The idea - to put more Liberals on that Committee. Get Kennedy legislation out of the Committee - onto the floor of the House more quickly.

The Republicans, strongly opposing the Rayburn idea - at today's meeting. Liberal Republicans had been predicting - forty votes for the Speaker when the House votes on his motion. Now the prediction is - about twenty in favor of enlarging the Rules Committee. "Mr. Sam", getting only half the Republican support - he had expected.

## NEWS

During the Kennedy Administration, Presidential News Conferences will last - as long as the News Men want. Or, at least until Senior Newsman, Marvin Arrowsmith of the Associated Press - decides to call a halt by thanking the President in the name of the group. This will be a departure from the Eisenhower system - of thirty-minute news conferences. White House Press Secretary Salinger adds - that President Kennedy intends to meet newsmen every Wednesday - that is Presidential business permitting.



## CARRIER

When news of the fire aboard the "SARATOGA" reached Washington - Navy men were saying, "What, again?" <sup>The</sup> ~~en~~ big carrier - dogged by bad luck. Last May, she side-swiped a freighter - off the Virginia Coast. In July six of her pilots were killed - when they crashed attempting to land. Two other pilots were lost - when they failed to make it back to the carrier.

Today's accident - the worst of all. A fire, erupting far below decks - as the "SARATOGA" cruised off Greece. Cause - a broken oil line. The blaze, flaring out of control - for two hours. Filling the ship - with dense black smoke. The toll - seven dead. Asphyxiated by the smoke.

The fire - finally put out. The carrier, making it to Phaleron Bay near Athens - under her own power. A Naval Board of Inquiry <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ investigating.

## BRACELET

A skier took a spill today - in the Swiss Alps. Nothing unusual about that - skiers go tumbling head over heels on every ski slope in the world. But the case of Fraulein Greta Henzel - is something special. Last year Greta went skiing - and lost a silver bracelet somewhere in the mountains. Any idea of searching for the bracelet - was hopeless. Greta had covered too many miles - out there in the Swiss Apls.

Which brings us down to - today's spill. Greta, tumbling through the snow - in a pinwheel of arms and legs. Stopped from sliding down the slope - by a bush. Greta, bruised and shaken - by the spill. But she felt a lot better - a moment later. Pushing herself up - she felt something hard under her mitten. You've guessed it. Greta rubbing away the snow - finding the silver bracelet she <sup>had</sup> lost a year ago.

## HEGEL

Here's an interesting observation - "The progressive self-realization of the Absolute involves the non-existence of the transcendental unity of apperception in Kantian terms." What does it mean? Well, I'd hate to try to answer that - considering that a lot of philosophers are baffled by it. Anyway - here's the story.

In Bonn, West Germany, they've just discovered a hidden cache of books and manuscripts - by the Philosopher Hegel. Hidden during the war, discovered today - by construction workers in a basement of a university building. Hegel - one of the greatest thinkers of modern times. Also - one of the most difficult. A dominant influence behind - Marx and Nietzsche. An Hegelian Idealism - is popular today in the United States. But what it all means - that's another matter. As you can judge - Dick - from Hegel's remark about: "The progressive self-realization of the Absolute, and so on."

ART

Our new First Lady has scheduled some top level conferences - for tomorrow. The conferees - an interesting group, to be vititing the White House. William Walton, - a Washington artist. John Walker - a member of the Fine Arts Commission. David Finley - former Director of the National <sup>art</sup> Gallery, ~~of Art.~~

Subject of discussion - paintings for the White House. Mrs. Kennedy, a patron of culture - anxious to hang some good canvasses on the walls of her new residence. The First Lady - especially interested in the works of American artists. She'll discuss her choices - at tomorrow's talks.

How does the President feel - about art? Ex-sailor John Kennedy has asked Mrs. Kennedy to find - a rousing picture of a naval battle. Meanwhile, the Kennedys are already admiring - one new artistic acquisition. Subject of the painting, appropriate - the Kennedy Inauguration<sup>l.</sup>. The aartist~~s~~, rather unusual - Band Leader Xavier Cugat.