

L.T.-OLDS. FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1960.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Boston - number one victim of the weather, today. The New England metropolis buried in snow, which lies on the streets chest high. Pedestrians - unable to use the sidewalks. Compelled to walk in the middle of the streets, many of which are jammed with hundreds of abandoned automobiles.

Today the city fire commissioner said - that if a major blaze broke out it would be practically impossible to control it. The streets impassable for fire engines.

WEATHER-ESKIMO

In West Virginia, three Eskimo- in distress,
With a veteran missionary priest- from the Arctic circle. All
Snowbound. Their automobile caught in the blizzard.
Marooned; and they missed an appointment at Wheeling,
West Virginia.

The Eskimo and their missionary guide came down from
the Arctic to the temperate zone. Only to find, that what
they needed-. Was a sled and a team of huskies.

EISENHOWER

It's no wonder- that President Eisenhower has an irritated throat. His voice hoarse- when he addressed the Caribbean Assembly, today, at Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico. Talking to American and Latin representatives, he said:•

"If I have to apologize for my voice, I could do so by saying- that I left most of it in South America."

His doctors explain-^{that} it's irritation caused by dust. The President, in South America- having ridden around so much in open automobiles, in which he stood- waving to crowds, inhaling - the dust of the South American summer.

Or, sometimes, he was pelted by rain- or by showers of confetti. Not to mention a whiff of tear gas- when Anti-American students were dispersed in Montevideo.

Then, of course, he made one formal address after another. Not counting-discussions in private, with political leaders everywhere he went.

Surprising-that he was able to talk above a whisper today. But there's nothing more on the Presidential schedule, except relaxation-between now and Sunday, when he flies home.

CUBA

Havana, today, had a shattering explosion - when a French munitions ship exploded. It was unloading weapons and explosives - when it blew up at the dock. The death list is numbered at twenty-three. All Havana shaken.

The Chairman added that the trade commission is also looking into "plugs." Hidden commercials - paid for secretly. Program - giving plugs to products other than those of the sponsor.

He said they are investigating eight firms, - which, apparently, sell these commercials, at prices from two hundred to three hundred dollars for every plug placed in television program. Kintner told the congressional sub-committee that he favors legislation to provide criminal penalties for both "plugs" and "plugs."

This was followed by a statement from the sub-committee that television plug jockey left there was an interest-

PAYOLA

The Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission gave congressional investigators, today- some figures about payola.

Chairman Kintner declaring- that record companies made payments to two-hundred-and-fifty-five disc jockeys and other broadcasting people, in-twenty-six states. Also - that seven stations received money.

The Chairman added that the trade commission is also looking into "plugola." Hidden commercials- paid for secretly. Programs- giving plugs to products other than those of the sponsor.

He said they are investigating eight firms,- which, apparently, sell sneak commercials, at prices from two hundred to three hundred dollars- for every plug planted in television programs. Kintner told the congressional sub-committee- that he favors legislation to provide criminal penalties for both "Payola" and "Plugola."

This was followed by a statement from the Sub-Committee that television disc jockey Dick Clark had an interest-

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in seventeen record and music publishing firms.

Interest - ranging from twenty-five to one hundred per cent.

Dick Clark- having, meanwhile, agreed to get rid of these holdings. He may be called before the Congressional investigators- to answer questions concerning payola.

FILIBUSTER..

The filibuster - broke all records today. ~~XXXXXX~~ It began on Monday - and now ^{is} in its fifth day, passing the one hundred hour mark - this afternoon. The Southern senators continuing their non-stop oratory - trying to talk the Civil Rights Bill to death.

Tempers are becoming edgier, with sharp wrangling. Nor were matters helped - by a power failure at about noon, which cut off the bell - by which senators were summoned to answer quorum calls. A favorite device of the filibustering senators being - to demand a count. Calling - for a quorum of legislators to be present. The sergeant-at-arms had to use the telephone - to call senators for those quorums.

The filibuster continues - based on ^{the} ancient parliamentary right of unlimited debate.

MICHIGAN

In Michigan- a scramble of prospective candidates for governor. Now that Mennen Williams has announced- he won't run for a seventh term. "Soapy" Williams- having served six. A record- for governors of states. In the competition to succeed him, the front runners are Lieutenant-Governor John Swainson and Michigan Secretary of State James Hare.

Mennen Williams is forthright in saying- that he's available for a spot on the Democratic Presidential ticket. He will go to the convention- as the Michigan favorite son, in control- of fifty-one convention votes. Not that he's likely to get the number one place-, but Michigan politicians are booming him as a natural candidate for vice-president.

"Soapy" Williams declares that he has made - "No commitments." No deal, for example- with Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts. But he'll try for the number two spot,

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And, if he doesn't get it, he'll settle for a post in the cabinet or as an ambassador, if- the Democrats win.

reception.

At Michigan, Germany, Bill... Larmer calls himself a rocket expert and a former spy for the British.

Claiming- that, recently, he was in Russia, working for a rocket research team there. Witnessing- secret experiments.

Reveals his knowledge- of a super -missile driven by atomic power, developed- by the Reds.

Western rocket people express skepticism about information from the self-styled former spy.

ROCKET

Sensational statements- about a Soviet Atomic Rocket, twice as powerful- as anything known in the West. But it comes from a source that excites- a good deal of skepticism.

At Hamburg, Germany, Nils Werner Larsson calls himself a rocket expert and a former spy for the British. Claiming- that, recently, he was in Russia, working for a rocket research team there. Witnessing-secret experiments.

Hence his knowledge- of a super -missile driven by atomic power, developed- by the Reds.

Western rocket people express misgiving about information from the self-styled former spy.

FINCH..

At Los Angeles, the case went to the jury this afternoon - in the trial of Dr. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff, charged - with the murder of the Doctor's wife.

The prosecution contending - that both are equally guilty.

The seven women and five men of the jury can bring in one of several verdicts:- Guilty of first degree murder - with the death penalty, guilty of second degree murder - unpremeditated, guilty - of conspiracy of murder. Those last two counts - punishable by prison sentences. Or, of course, the jury can acquit the defendants.

The belief in the courtroom was - that the jury was likely to take a long time to reach a verdict.

PRINCESS

London - having a lively controversy. Over the question - who brought about the first meeting of Princess Margaret and her fiance, Anthony Armstrong-Jones. Several dowagers - claiming the credit. But the best bet is the Earl of Leicester who speaks with the authority of a peer of the realm.

Three years ago, his daughter, Lady Anne Tennant, got married. Princess Margaret - a wedding guest. A pictorial record was made. The Earl - engaging a photographer; Anthony Armstrong-Jones, who of course spoke to Princess Margaret, because he told each one of the wedding party - where to stand for the photographs.

He is now giving up the camera in exchange for a Royal bride. But there's a newspaper demand - for him to get out his camera once more.

The London papers are complaining because there are no pictures of the Queen's baby. Though the new

prince - is all of two weeks old. So who should be the
photographer - to take pictures of the Royal infant.

Why, what could be more appropriate - than Anthony
Armstrong-Jones. Let him go back to the camera for one
last job.

And now - let's go east across the U.S.A. to
snowbound New York - to Dick Noel.

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WIFE

Now let's all agree- that Mrs. Louisa Spence of London had reason to be indignant

For breakfast Mrs. Spence eats a crackling kind of cereal- and you know how that can sound. Mrs. Spence- crunching. Her jaws- rattling away.

Which Mr. Spence- didn't like. But he never protested- not in a direct way. Instead, every morning he'd inquire "Are there any rats or pigs around" Which the London judge, today, considered- cause for divorce.