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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

First I want to salute my colleague Walter Cronkite, and Lowell Jr. for taking over for me while I have been in Africa gathering material for our T.V. series that gets under way two weeks from now.

As for today's important news, it comes from Arabia, and Moscow.

## SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia makes an official announcement - that King Saud is willing to mediate in the dispute between Syria and Turkey. Saud - repeating his former offer. The statement adds - that there have been "conflicting" reports.

Conflicting, to say the least - but not on the side of Turkey. The Turkish government - accepting the Saudi Arabian offer, without "ifs" or "buts". The bewildering confusion - on the side of Syria.

First, the Damascus government said - yes. Then, reversed that affirmative and said - no, Syria would not accept mediation by King Saud. Which was followed by another reversal - the second acceptance.

That was followed by a declaration - that Syria had not received official word from Saudi Arabia. No formal offer - of mediation. Then, on Saturday, a spokesman for the Damascus government said - that King Saud had withdrawn his offer.

Had sent a "verbal message" - that he didn't want to mediate.

This confusion of contradictions provoked the formal

declaration, today - that King Saud reaffirms his offer to mediate in the noisy dispute. Syria, backed by Soviet Russia, charging - that the Turks, incited by the United States, plan to attack Syria.

Reports are that Soviet Russia has been trying to get Syria to reject Saudi Arabian mediation. Hence, the confusion, in Damascus.

U.N.

Soviet Russia presented a disarmament suggestion to the U.N., today. Proposing that negotiations be taken out of the hands of the "Big Five". That is, the atomic powers. The problem - turned over to the U.N. Questions of disarmament - placed before a permanent Disarmament Commission, representing the eighty-two countries of the U.N.

Which proposal was promptly criticized by the United States delegation - as a Soviet scheme to avoid effective negotiations.

MOSCOW - FAIR

( There will be an American Trade Fair - guess where?  
In Moscow. The first one - in forty years of Russian Communism.  
The U.S. Industrial and Agricultural Fair - to be held in  
Gorki Park. Four large buildings - to be constructed - with a  
total of two hundred and fifty thousand square feet, indoors  
and outdoors, to be devoted to an exposition of American  
products.

The Russians will have a look at all kinds of household  
gadgets - with which American housewives have long been  
familiar. Another exhibit - an American style cafeteria,  
covering eighteen thousand square feet, and equipped to serve  
twenty thousand people a day. The agricultural exhibits -  
will include all sorts of tractors, and automatic milking  
machines.

Negotiations for the American fair in Moscow have  
been going on for two and a half years. Ending, now - in both  
American and Russian approval. The Soviet Foreign Trade  
officials declaring - that they'll allot up to fifteen million  
dollars, for purchases from American exhibitors.)

## ZHUKOV

Here's the latest in the newest guessing game - what's the meaning of the dismissal of Marshal Zhukov as Moscow Defense Minister? Is it a demotion, or does it mean that Zhukov is on his way to a still higher post? The surmises have been - both ways. Tonight, however, <sup>it all</sup> veer~~s~~<sup>s</sup> to the side of demotion. Zhukov - ousted by Khrushchev.

Tonight's dispatch from Moscow says - diplomatic circles in the Soviet capital believe - that the Red Marshal lost out because he insisted that the Soviet Army be free from political control. The surmise being - that there was a clash between Zhukov and Khrushchev, head of the Communist Party.

One important sign - an editorial in Pravda, today. Which official newspaper praised Soviet achievements<sup>s</sup>. Never mentioning - Marshal Zhukov. Instead, the editorial hailed<sup>s</sup> the Communist Party <sup>for</sup> ~~in~~ the exploits of the Red Army in war. Saying that the victories in World War Two were, in the words of the editorial:- "thanks to the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and its Central Committee."

Not a mention of ~~is~~ the Red Marshal <sup>who had been</sup> hailed, previously, as a Soviet war hero.

It is noted that there were similar references in Pravda, when top men of the Kremlin were tossed out - as in the recent ousting of Malenkov and Molotov. Equally significant - the fact that all these Moscow speculations about the downfall of Zhukov - were passed by the Soviet censorship, today.

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In Paris there's a rumor that Marshal Zhukov has been dropped from the presidium, the ruling committee of the Communist Party.

CYPRUS

Trouble again - on the island of Cyprus. Where things have been relatively quiet - for months. Rioting - in the Cypriot cities. The largest outbreak - in Nicosia, the capital.

Today was "Oxi Day". Oxi in Greek, meaning - "no." Commemorating the time when the Greeks answered "oxi"! - to Mussolini's Italy. Leading - to the Fascist invasion of Greece in World War Two.

Today - the seventeenth anniversary of that cry of Greek defiance, "oxi"! On Cyprus, the anti-British underground ordered popular demonstrations - in favor of union with Greece. At Nicosia, huge crowds went marching, shouting, and singing. Advancing toward government buildings - where British soldiers barred the way. A free-for-all ensued - with clubs and tear gas used against the mob. Scores - injured.

They were saying "oxi" to the British.



## PHILIPPINES

They're having the wildest kind of ~~praid~~ presidential election campaign in the Philippines. Voters to go to the polls on November Twelfth - and political terrorism is reported in twenty-two provinces and cities. Local politicians - resorting to violence and shooting. Four killed - and scores injured.

Today, the authorities in Manila said, a drive is on to disarm political partisans. Seven thousand of the Philippine constabulary - going around and confiscating guns.

The AFL-CIO is planning a public relations drive, at a cost of one million, two hundred thousand dollars - to counteract all those <sup>recent</sup> disclosures of labor union corruption. The fear being - that the exposure of ~~labor union~~ racketeering, made by the Senate Committee - will encourage legislation to restrict union activities. States - passing right-to-work laws, for example.

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~~The AFL-CIO Executive Committee, we hear, has authorized a~~ publicity campaign to the tune of a hundred thousand dollars a month, for next year, ~~The purpose being~~ to convince the public that the racketeering occurs in only a few unions. ~~The AFL-CIO -- doing all it can to force a clean-up. As witness, for example -- the suspension of the Teamsters Union, smeared by scandal.~~

## INTRODUCTION TO RECORDING

Thirty years ago today, the first regular overseas airline route was established. Pan American beginning air service - from Florida to Cuba, with a small Fokker cabin plane, carrying six passengers.

So, what have we today? I can answer that by saying - that I went by air to Africa. Then flew from place to place - on the former Dark Continent. As exemplified - by a recorded report I made over there. Some 20,000 miles of flying in the past fourteen days. Much of it by Pan American in the latest giant Douglas air liners. As I flew I kept a diary, in sound. On the spot impressions of Africa - as I flew. I brought these back - to present like leaves from a diary in sound. Here's one that I made after eight-thousand miles of flight from America to Europe, across Europe and the Mediterranean, and then south across Libya, the Sudan and Uganda to East Africa. So, the next voice you hear will be that of your reporter speaking to you from the Equator!

# AFRICA

## NAIROBI

(Sound of airplane)

Where from this time? I am in a plane, flying west along the Equator on the way from Nairobi, capital of Kenya - bound for the other side of Africa.

So far we have flown north to Mt. Kenya, right on the Equator, then across the great Rift Valley - Kikuyu - Mau Mau country - and at this moment we are above Lake Victoria - largest in Africa - like an inland sea. The part of it just below us is called Kavirondo Gulf. In a little while we'll be landing at Entebbe, in Uganda, to refuel. Then on to the Congo.

Nairobi from which we took off a while ago, is more than the capital of Kenya. It's the political and social metropolis of all British East Africa - which includes Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika; and, the island of Zanzibar.

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To give you an idea of what a boom Nairobi has had - at dinner last night I met an Englishman who looks like a P.G.Wodehouse character, like Bertie. His name Derek Erskine. After Eton, and service in The King's Dragoons, he married and came to Kenya, twenty years ago. Nairobi then had a population of twenty-five thousand. Now, a quarter of a million. The firm that had hired him went broke. So, he started a small grocery store. Today he's a rich merchant, a philanthropist - and, a leader of the integration movement in this part of Africa - here where the racial problem has developed with its greatest violence.

For the moment the Mau Mau have been suppressed. Aside from two-hundred or three-hundred - Kikuyu still hiding out in the forests on Mt. Kenya and the Aberdares, the Mau Mau at last under control.

The concensus in Nairobi is that from now on it

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will be a political struggle between the three groups:- the Europeans, of whom there are about thirty-thousand in Nairobi; the Indians - traders, merchants, clerks - some sixty-thousand of them; and 130,000 or more Africans, with 95% of the population black tribesmen once you are outside the city - still primitive people of the bush.

Some British out here pessimistically predict that the white man will be ousted within ten or fifteen years. But who knows? In the meantime a bitter political struggle is going on, with British Colonial Secretary Lennox-Boyd here this month, trying - so far in vain - to get the three races to work in harmony.

Meanwhile Nairobi is a boom city. Tall, ultra-modern buildings going up. Streets jammed - mainly with small European cars. More handsome homes, of Mediterranean type architecture, being built in the suburbs. The legitimate theatre flourishing far more

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than in any American city of four times its size.

The new Aga Khan has arrived for all the ceremonies that go with his coronation as head of the Ismaili sect of Islamd.

Oh yes, and right now I suppose Nairobi is the most beautiful city in the world - a riot of purple blossoms. For the streets are lined with jacquaranda trees, in full bloom.

But here we are in Uganda - coming down on the shore of Lake Victoria, at Entebbe. So - So Long.

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## ELEPHANT

Here's an item that would get a great laugh in Africa!:-

In the Catskills, today, they finally caught - "Siam", the elephant that has been on the rampage in the Rip Van Winkle country.

The Catskill elephant-hunt began twelve days ago - when "Siam", frightened by a horse, ran away from the circus winter quarters. "Siam" - sighted many times. Scores of hunters out for big game - catching sight of the elephant.

Today, the police located the elephant near the town of Acra, and the circus people joined in capturing the roving pachyderm, hobbling him with a rope. But the elephant got mad, kicked loose - and attacked a police car nearby. Smashing it - and vanishing into the woods again.

However, within a few hours, a safari of state police, forest rangers, and local farmers recaptured



"Siam" and tied him up with chains. And took him back  
to the circus.

How's that Joe, an elephant-hunt in the Catskills!

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Announcer: And now, Lowell Thomas, with a final oddity.

L.T.: A big job of painting - reported at the town of Robertsbridge, in England. Walls - daubed with yellow paint. Featuring the word - "apologize."

So who is it - called upon to make apology?

Malcolm Mudridge - the British writer. Who - in a much debated article - criticized Queen Elizabeth. And - ridiculed her for what he called the "royal soap opera."

That caused much indignation - and, last night, there was a raid on the Mudridge home in the country. With the splashing of yellow paint, and the stern command - apologize!

~~Well, maybe he could apologize for that "royal soap opera" crack, by saying: "royal grand opera."~~

And So Long Until Tomorrow.