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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The latest Soviet note is, in the words of the State Department, "fairly nasty." Stronger than others arriving recently - from the Kremlin. Subject, this time - refugees escaping from East Germany.

Specifically - West German border guards protecting the refugees by returning the fire of the East Germans.

It's not that Comrade Khrushchev objects to the killing of refugees at the wall. He doesn't think enough of them get killed, and he warns the West to keep hands off - when his Red puppets open up with machine guns.

Khrushchev is also being a bit nasty - about the Common Market. He insists that he's not worried about the economic union of western Europe. But he doesn't in insulting language that suggests he's worried.

In spite of Khrushchev's fulminations - today produced the most dramatic escape since the wall went up. To understand it, you have to remember - that Berlin is divided by the River Spree. The Reds keep small craft on the river. And the crew aboard one of these boats decided - to highjack it. Which they did - by getting the captain drunk. They kept filling his glass with beer, champagne and schnapps - until he slipped under the table. Skipper - ~~stagnant~~^{out} cold.
Unable to ~~so he didn't~~ offer any objection when the crew headed the boat west - and sailed across the river to freedom,
along with ~~them~~ eight other refugees. All fourteen, getting away unharmed - in spite of a hail of Communist bullets. A fusillade that was returned by - the West German guards.

DEFECTOR

The American turncoats - are still turning their coats. The latest - Lee Oswald of Fort Worth, Texas. In Nineteen Fifty Nine, Oswald went to Minsk - and became a student at the University. He also became - a defector. Announcing that he intended to stay in the Soviet Union - permanently. Reason ^{he said} ₁ his studies proved that Karl Marx was right. America, the land of - exploiting capitalists and degraded wage slaves. Russia - the happy land of the workers. Russia - the place for Lee Oswald.

Alas, something went wrong in the workers paradise. Oswald, fed up - after three years of it. Now - on his way home. Turning his coat again, the American who once told Soviet newsmen - "when I left America, it was like getting out of prison." I wonder if they remember that line - back in Fort Worth?

MASSACHUSETTS

At Springfield, Massachusetts, the political temperature was hotter than ever today. With a head on party collision and of strength that is shaking the party - all the way, from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania Avenue.

At the State Democratic convention, the Kennedy and McCormack clans, clans - in the political sense - were making last minute attacks on one another, and trying to collar or cajole undecided delegates.

Both sides are claiming victory. Those for Ted Kennedy, and those for Ed McCormack.

Ted Kennedy repeated today that, if elected - he'll represent Massachusetts in the Senate, independently of the White House. Ed McCormack charged that a Kennedy victory would mean a Kennedy dynasty in Washington. Senator, Attorney General, President.

As for the outcome of this political Donnybrook,

spectators are not predicting - but there is wide interest. We'll know - in a few hours.

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million in a Swiss bank - against a rainy day.

Somehow, any trip to Switzerland for Billie Sol Estes
may be postponed - indefinitely.

ATOMIC

The bulletin from Christmas Island - is like most of its predecessors. Merely a few lines, stating - that an intermediate atomic bomb was exploded today. Once more - an air drop. The bomb, going off - high above the Pacific. The fifteenth nuclear explosion - in "operation dominick."

DOUKHOBORS

In British Columbia, ^{a town} ~~an entire village~~ burned
to the ground - today. ~~The buildings,~~ Nothing but smoldering
ashes - when a detachment of mounted police arrived. The
mounties found the people of the village - on a hilltop, ^{watching,}
^{Many in their birthday clothes,}
~~watching,~~ You'd think they would have been grief-stricken --
at the sight of their earthly belongings going up in smoke.

Ah, but these villagers are - Doukhobors. Members
of the ^{an} ~~an~~archic religious cult - that originated in Czarist
Russia. They deliberately set their homes on fire - as a
demonstration. A demonstration in favor of - freedom. ^{Altho'} ~~Now,~~
there's ^a lot of freedom in British Columbia, ~~But~~ it isn't
~~exactly~~ what the Doukhobors have in mind. ~~Namely~~ - the
freedom to take off their clothes whenever they feel the
urge.

Why did they burn their own homes? Retorted one
Doukhobor indignantly - "you don't think we'd burn somebody
else's do you?"

GYPSIES

The British have a saying "as dead as Queen Anne".

Tonight, the gypsies have a saying - "as dead as Queen Annie".

Annie Adams, for a quarter of a century - monarch of the American branch of the colorful wandering nomads. She used to say that gypsies came from all over the world - to consult her about the lore of their people. Her specialty - reading the stars, and drawing up horoscopes. In short - astrology.

Now dead in Stockton, California - at the age of seventy-nine. Her subjects, pouring into Stockton - for the wake. The town, echoing with the mournful dirges - of the gypsies. A final tribute to Queen Annie - who reigned twice as long as Queen Anne.

SHIP

The only square rigger flying the Stars and Stripes - is at sea tonight. The "Eagle" hoisting sail - slipping out into the Atlantic from New London, Connecticut. Catching a strong wind - scudding toward Scotland. On board, two hundred and fifty cadets of the U.S. Coast Guard. ~~They're~~ on a summer training cruise - aboard the ~~the~~ three masted windjammer. Before they drop anchor at New London again, they'll have covered - nine thousand miles. With shore leave at Edinburgh, Amsterdam, and the Canary Islands. *Would you like that, Dick?* Like the salty days of old - ~~sailors~~ *down to the sea, going to* in a sailing ship.

SPACE

Judging by what the space agency says - quite a few Americans would like to fly to the moon. Some two hundred and fifty eager to go with the first rocket. Fifty-three applications from the armed services. Four times that number - civilians.

Most of them are sure to be disappointed. When the screening is finished - the two hundred and fifty will be down to twenty. The twenty? Fly to the moon - maybe.