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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight those twenty men from Station A - are way over in Thule - in Greenland. Their condition reported okay. No casualties, after being adrift in ~~xx~~ rubber boats on the Arctic ocean - for five days - most of the time on the largest remaining cake of their ice island.

They - or rather their predecessors, told us at Station A last November - a year ago - that their ice island might break. It had happened once before, dumping an expedition into the Polar Sea. Since then I'd all but forgotten that IGY group, little thought - I'd be reporting that the ice had split into pieces - the largest one only a thousand square feet! Anyhow they had their rubber boats and were able to use them, and they managed to get across to the largest hunk of ice. And today word came that an Air Force plane had picked them up. A jet-assisted takeoff. Flying them down to Thule, in Greenland.

Since I was on that floating polar ice floe a year ago the entire personnel had changed. Only one familiar name. Tom Cunningham of Point Barrow. But that's dramatic too. For the Rev. Tom Cunningham is the most famous of all living Arctic missionaries. His regular parish is all the Eskimo part of Alaska, north of the Yukon. Tom Cunningham is a legendary figure. His life story would make a thriller. Station A, out there on the ice of the Polar Sea, was just one more point for him to cover on his rounds - and this time when he happened to be there - in the middle of an Arctic storm the ice island broke up. One more hair-raising tale for the North Pole missionary, Tom Cunningham to tell! The last time I saw him we were having coffee together, with a group of Eskimo, at Point Barrow.

SOUTH POLE

New from the North Pole to the South Pole. To

The air lift from McMurdo Sound to the South Pole. -- They are in the middle of ^{this} ~~it~~ right now -- ^{and it} could be historic. Because it may mean permanent American occupation -- of the ultimate South.

The air lift, ~~made up of~~ ^{by} Globemasters -- flying the eight-hundred-mile run between McMurdo Sound and the Pole. Destination -- a temporary station atop an ice plateau -- ten thousand feet high. ^{A globemaster will carry 200 men.} Our scientists hope to make this ^{South Pole} station permanent. Beginning now -- with the Antarctic summer -- the season for exploration.

Meanwhile, the Russians announce ^{that} they are going to undertake a four-thousand-mile trek across the Antarctic continent. ^{An even} longer trek than the one led by Sr Vivian Fuchs -- earlier this year.

SPENDING

President Eisenhower today called in two of his top aides for his first important post-election conference. Subject - economy. Present Budget Director Maurice Stans, and Veterans' Administrator Sumner Whittier. The President, starting to make good on his campaign promise - to cut Government spending.

QUEMOY

The Chinese Communists have begun to pull back their artillery -- from the coast facing Quemoy.

So says the Defense Ministry in Taipei. Giving the reason -- accurate return fire by Nationalist guns on Quemoy. Chiang's men using -- American howitzers.

Knocking out Communist gun emplacements -- forcing the Reds to move further back.

But the bombardment from the mainland -- continues. Two thousand rounds -- falling on Quemoy today.

MOSCOW

The Russians, celebrating the forty-first anniversary -- of the Bolshevik Revolution, ^{this time put} less emphasis on the Military, ^{Today!} ~~today~~ the parade through RedSquare -- lasting only fifteen minutes. No rockets in sight -- not even any tanks. Defense Minister Marshall Malinovsky, sounding a pacific note -- by stressing industry, agriculture, and science.

ATOMIC

~~Tonight~~ The question of atomic testing ~~seems~~
more confused than ever. President Eisenhower announc^{ing}
that the Soviets have exploded two nuclear devices --
this month. A peculiar commentary on Khrushchev's
demand for an immediate cessation. While his delegate
at Geneva -- has kept the conference in a deadlock
since it began.

Does that mean -- we'll go ~~right~~ ahead, with
~~our~~ tests? No, ~~it doesn't~~. The President ^{says} ~~declaring~~,
we'll keep our suspension in force -- for the time being.
But we no longer feel morally bound. If the Russians
keep touching off nuclear devices ^{then} -- we'll ~~begin~~
begin again, too.

ISRAEL

In Jerusalem, Israeli sources predict -- another big Arms deal between -- Nasser and Khrushchev.

These sources point out that in Nineteen Fifty-six, the boss of Egypt justified his arms from behind the Iron Curtain -- by charging Israel ~~fx~~ with aggression.

Now Radio Cairo is making the same charge. Hence Israel's fear that more weapons may be on the way to Egypt, -- ~~from the Communist bloc.~~

LOANS

Our Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs thinks we should increase our Development Loan Fund - to one Billion dollars a year. Douglas Dillon, speaking in San Francisco, points out that we already spend seven hundred million a year. Adding, this country is economically strong enough - to hike the figure to One Billion. Which would be a good investment - keeping under-developed countries from disappearing - behind the Iron Curtain.

MOON

Tonight's report from Cape Canaveral -- sounds like a repeat from last night. The moon rocket, standing on its launching pads -- ready to go up tomorrow morning. At least, they hope it's ready this time.

They had to call off the attempt early this morning -- only a few minutes before the ^{hour} rocket was scheduled ^{for the count down,} ~~to be fired.~~ "Technical difficulties" _^ causing the delay.

As the scientists get set once more -- they've lost a distinguished observer. Queen Frederika of Greece, leaving -- for an inspection tour of ^{the} ~~our~~ atomic laboratory _^ at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

OPAL

A dispatch from Adelaide says the Australian government is trying to decide what to do -- about the case of the world's biggest opal.

Here's the story. Three natives ~~discovered~~ ^{— abos —} discovered ^{the} ~~the~~ enormous gem -- out in the bush. Word getting around -- bringing white men on the run. One of them, persuading the finders to sell it to him for a thousand pounds. But according to the experts -- this ~~enormous~~ opal is worth -- seventy thousand pounds.

The transaction so flagrant -- the Australian government is considering a suit ~~xx~~ in behalf of the natives. The buyer, to be forced to pay the finders -- the true value of the jewel. Seventy thousand pounds -- for the world's biggest opal.

CALLAS

Soprano Maria Callas says she can't follow the schedule lined up for her. Manager Bing of the Met, having Maria Callas down for - Verdi's "Macbeth," - then Verdi's "La Traviata" - followed by "Macbeth."

Well, those two roles are about as big a contrast - as you can find in the world of opera. The part of Lady Macbeth - Shakespearian - calling for tremendous range and power. "La Traviata" - in the romantic style, based on the sentimental play - "Camille."

So you can see what would happen - if a soprano should confuse the two roles. Imagine the delicate Lady of the Camillia's singing as if she were Lady Macbeth!