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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, cleared of all suspicion about his loyalty. The Security Board of the Atomic Energy Commission, finds that Dr. Robert Oppenheimer has done nothing that would make him disloyal. The scientist, also called "discreet."

The three-man Board, headed by former Army Secretary Gordon Gray, now President of the University of North Carolina - was unanimous in its ruling.

But it divided two-to-one on the question of his reinstatement. And the majority voted - in the negative. Oppenheimer not to be reinstated as consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission. Among other things, he's described as too susceptible to influences which could have serious effects on this country.

Dr. Oppenheimer's counsel says he'll ask for an

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immediate review of the case - by the full Atomic Energy Commission. In the meantime he is cleared of all suspicion on the matter of loyalty.

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BROADCAST

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CARRIER

Where did the explosions aboard the air-craft carrier BENNINGTON begin? Today, Commander John Fair, of Battle Creek, Michigan, told the Board of Inquiry that he thinks it all started in the warrant officer's pantry. That in turn touching off another in the catapult room. He said a relief valve had been blown off, releasing more than four thousand gallons of oil. Which turned one part of the BENNINGTON into a raging inferno.

The President of the Investigating Board, Admiral Hoskins, says he hopes all witnesses will be heard by the end of this week. Then the Board will report on its finding.

BUDGET

President Eisenhower ~~ask~~ asks Congress for more than a billion dollars. The sum, to provide for ~~the~~ guided missiles. The President, asking for the establishment of many more installations similar to ^{the one that will protect} ~~that which will guard~~ Washington.

Washington officials decline to ^{indicate} ~~say~~ where the new sites will be located. But the White House has already said that some of the funds will be set aside for use in Alaska.

~~Mr. Eisenhower said he would ask for the money when~~
~~the delivery of the bill he delivered his budget message last~~
~~January.~~ Approval ~~of the bill~~ by Congress would bring defense appropriations ^{up to} ~~at about~~ twenty-nine billion dollars for the next fiscal year.

SEGREGATION

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In Birmingham, Alabama - a challenge to anti-segregation. A special referendum being held - to restore segregation in sports. The amendment would forbid Whites and Negroes to play together in any kind of game - even dominoes.

Last January, Birmingham began an experiment in non-segregation. Most sports, thrown open to a mingling of the races. The Mayor, pointing out at that time - that his city was the only one with a segregation law in sports.

There was an instant protest from some ^{quarters} ~~of the~~

^{So,} ~~citizens~~ The law was amended to apply only to professional

football and baseball. But then, a group started circulating

a petition against non-segregation. About ten thousand persons

signed the petition. ^{And} now the citizens of Birmingham get their

chance to vote on the issue. As soon as the votes are in,

Birmingham will either outlaw segregation in sports, ~~the~~

~~football and baseball.~~ ^{or} Whites and Negroes will not

even in football and baseball.

be permitted to play together ~~in those pastimes.~~

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GENEVA

A dispatch from Geneva announces that French^{PA} and Viet Minh officials will meet tomorrow - to begin discussions on a cease-fire for Indo-China. The agreement, announced after a meeting by military advisers of both sides. They also decided the general principles for an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners. Details to be worked out on the spot in Indo-China. Among other points, the French revealed that they have more than five hundred Viet Minh prisoners ready to be released.

Meanwhile, the Big Three held a strategy meeting. France, proposing a neutral nations' commission to guarantee any armistice. The commission, to be composed of the Soviet Union, Britain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Britain^{de} reported to have turned down the French proposal. Because the British feel that an Asian representative should be on the commission, probably India.

Yesterday, the Soviets proposed India, Pakistan, Czechoslovakia and Poland. But Under-Secretary of State Bedell Smith rejected that proposal. Bedell Smith saying, that

Communist nations have no place on a neutral commission -
because Communist nations, in the Under-Secretary's words,
"cannot be neutral."

We rejected the Russian proposal. The British have
rejected the French proposal. Which means that the problem
will have to be discussed again.

INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, the Reds have seized a foothold on the vital Hanoi-Haiphong highway; the road along which American supplies are carried from the seaport of Haiphong to the capital of northern Indo-China.

The rebels overran a French strong point near the highway - only nine miles east of Hanoi. It's important - and the French fought to hold it. And, they admit their losses were "serious" when they were thrown back.

Meanwhile, the defenses of the Red River delta are being strengthened. A mobile unit of the French army is on its way - in American Globemasters. Other divisions have been formed from units taken out of other areas of Indo-China. Also, special armored cars and tanks, adapted for use in the flooded rice paddies of the delta.

Today, the medical unit captured at Dien Bien Phu, arrived in Hanoi. The medics, flown in after a brief delay - caused by Communist quibbling over French credentials.

NURSE

The "Angel of Dien Bien Phu" - back in Paris.

Nurse Genevieve flying in to Orly Airport. Wearing the dark blue uniform of a French Air Force nurse. The police lines collapsed as the crowd rushed in to surround her plane.

Representatives of the government were there - but all speeches were ~~drum~~ drowned out by the shouts. Bouquets for her were crushed in the surging of the crowd.

Nurse Genevieve embraced her mother, and delivered a little speech - also drowned out by the crowd.

The "Angel of Dien Bien Phu" brought with her a package of letters, names, messages and phone numbers. All given to her by the men who are now in Red prison camps - the men who fought at Dien Bien Phu. Nurse Genevieve took down the information on scraps of paper during the last days of the siege.

What does she think of her heroism? Well, all she says is, "I only did what any other French girl would have done in my place."

PAKISTAN

The Pakistan government announces that it has arrested about two hundred Reds and fellow travelers. A Karachi statement giving the figures, following a nationwide crack-down on Communists.

Most of them were arrested in East Pakistan - the area which is causing ~~much~~ trouble to the Karachi government. We already know how Premier Mohammed Ali deposed the Chief Minister of East Pakistan, Fazlul Huq, ^{who} ~~he~~ has been ordered not to move out of his house - in order to avoid incidents. Troops have cordoned off his home - and are patrolling the streets.

Huq's objective is described as "an independent Bengal," and, according to Mohammed Ali, this is treason. So Huq is deposed. And the Reds who might have tried to capitalize on the issue, ^{are} ~~is~~ now in jail.

UGANDA

A dispatch from Kampala, Uganda, states that the province of Uganda is again in a state of emergency. British Governor Sir Andrew Cohn, setting up special measures for the second time within a year.

In an official statement, Cohn said that Uganda Nationalists are carrying on a campaign of terror. The campaign beginning with a boycott of shops handling European goods. The Nationalists, then terrorizing anyone who ignores the boycott.

So the Governor sets up a special police force to patrol Uganda. An army battalion, on the alert in case of violence. Natives, forbidden to carry sticks or weapons. Or to assemble in groups of more than five. Three nationalist newspapers, suspended.

The situation, much the same as that of last November. That was when the Governor exiled the King of Uganda for anti-British activity. Now he's trying to handle another outbreak of nationalism, in Uganda.

EGYPTIAN

The Egyptian archeologist who discovered the "solar boat" of the Pharaoh, Cheops - has also come upon an unknown tomb of an ancient Egyptian nobleman. Kamal el Mallakh, *now says* he found the ^{de}tomb while exploring the walls of the ~~chamber~~ chamber which contained the "solar boat." Mallakh estimates that the man buried in the tomb lived perhaps thirty-five hundred years ago. *Archaeologist* and Mallakh adds that he *thinks* the tomb will turn out to be intact - ~~including the mummy and all,~~

~~So unless the tomb has been looted, like so many of those in which the ancient Egyptians were buried - the~~
and that soon we will
~~archeologist will soon~~ know more about how the aristocracy lived in the land of the pyramids, more than three thousand years ago.

HILLARY

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That British expedition in the Himalayas - almost ran into disaster today. An avalanche smashing into the six-man team on Mt. Kanchenjunga. Two men hurt. The leader of the expedition, Dr. D.S. Matthews, suffering a broken arm and a broken finger.

High winds, battering the mountaineers as they descend that peak of more than twenty-eight thousand feet.

The natives of the Himalayas ^{are} said to be worried about the mountain gods. The natives ^{claiming} ~~saying~~ that Sir Edmund Hillary ^{and Tensing Norkay disturbed} ~~disturbed the peace of~~ the gods - when ^{they} ~~he~~ climbed to the peak of Everest last May. Well, whatever the reason - the expedition is having a hard time.

And what about Sir Edmund Hillary? We know that he suffered a fractured ^{rib -} ~~leg~~ and later came down with pneumonia.

The British Ambassador to Nepal, Christopher Summerhayes, declares that Hillary has probably recovered. Because otherwise, word would have been rushed down by runner.

There's no ~~any~~ word of whether or not he was hurt when the avalanche hit his expedition today.

BANNISTER

Two famous Englishmen cooperated on a relay race through London today. Winston Churchill giving the signal to start. And Roger Bannister running in the race.

It was all part of a campaign to raise funds for London churches. The race started from in front of Number Ten Downing Street. Churchill coming out of his official residence to raise the flag that got the race under way.

Roger Bannister, the famous four-minute miler, was one of the ^{two} runners who ^{today} raced through Downing Street into Whitehall, then under the Admiralty Arch, and ^{on} past Nelson's Column, to the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Each of the runners carried a check for five hundred pounds. At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, they handed the checks on to a second group of runners, who fanned out through London to carry the checks to ~~the~~ churches *damaged during the Blitz.*

~~Well, Winston Churchill and Roger Bannister each had an appropriate function in the race. Churchill working to save London churches. And Roger Bannister running in the race.~~

Will New York City be linked with Canada by a new canal? The question arises because of the St. Lawrence Seaway - which is to be constructed jointly by America and Canada.

Senator Aiken of Vermont says he has been informed that our Ambassador in Ottawa will discuss another water project with Canadian officials - a canal that would link the St. Lawrence Seaway with Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. The canal, to provide ship transportation. Also a vital artery between the two countries - in case of war.

FOSS

A dispatch from Pierre, South Dakota states that the Republican candidate for Governor - is Joe Foss,, Marine Ace. Joe Foss is assured 55 percent of the total vote. This means that he is almost sure to be the next Governor - because South Dakota is almost always heavily Republican.

FLANDERS

Senator Ralph Flanders of Vermont - attacks Senator

McCarthy again. Last March, Flanders called McCarthy "a one man party." Today, he said in the Senate that someone should investigate - the personal relationship between McCarthy and his aides. (He referred to the Wisconsin Senator as "a real life Dennis-the-Menace", and he suggested that the Sub-Committee get into what he termed "the real heart of the mystery." Meaning, the relation between McCarthy, Cohn and Schine.

(Flanders)
The ~~planned~~ attack came while the Sub-Committee was in its morning session. When the Senators came back, McCarthy referred to the attack, and said that Flanders should be asked to testify before the Sub-Committee. As McCarthy put it: "If the Senator from Vermont has any information - he should not refer to it on the Senate floor. He should take the oath and testify."

Acting Chairman Mundt did not take any immediate action on the McCarthy demand. But Senator Flanders announces his willingness to appear. He adds - he gets all his

information from the newspaper. Says he: "I have none of the unusual sources of information - to which the Senator seems to have access."

HEARING

The McCarthy Committee, today, produced evidence to disprove a venerable tradition -- that women are talkative, loquacious and gabby. While men -- are the strong, silent sex.

We all know how long-winded those proceedings have been. Senators, counsel, witnesses -- talking, talking, talking. Then, this afternoon -- up came Mrs. Mary Driscoll, secretary to Secretary McCarthy. She testified, and showed herself to be -- a woman of few words. Her replies -- short and sharp.

Counsel Jenkins would ask her one of those long, involved questions. Mary Driscoll would reply with a monosyllable. "Yes," or "No." Or maybe -- "I don't know." The stately gentleman from Tennessee was -- rather baffled. So were the Senators on the committee when they questioned her. Even the suave Army counsel, Mr. Welch, was obfuscated slightly by -- Monosyllable Mary.

She seemed contemptuous -- of those long-winded questions. I thought she might have been a bit contemptuous -- of the menfolks. If so, I don't blame -- Monosyllable Mary.

Her testimony concerned office routine, in connection with some files -- memoranda pertaining to the McCarthy charges against the Army. It all ended in a long, verbose wrangle -- among the men.

Finally, for a climax, Senator McCarthy hit a headline by proposing -- the lie detector test. For himself, Roy Cohn, Army Secretary Stevens, and Army Counsel John Adams. He said the controversy could be settled in a hurry -- if all the principals in the case were to submit themselves to the lie detector test.

Harry, that rather startling suggestions was put over until tomorrow.