

JOHNSON

W.P. - Helco. Tues., Jan. 14, 1958.
Good Evening, Everybody —

The Democratic leader in the Senate calls on the Eisenhower administration - to make the conquest of space international. — Lyndon Johnson of Texas saying we should invite all members of the United Nations to participate, — Scientists from all countries - to work together, — This, to prevent national claims to outer space - by the nations that happen to get there. Senator Johnson thinks that if we don't act now - the result might be three or four nations ~~xx~~ reaching the moon independently - and then fighting a war over it.

SCIENCE

A Princeton scientist has come up with a new proposal - for unifying our scientific research. Professor John Wheeler, saying we should set up a university composed simply of research laboratories. Under the Wheeler plan, each major field would have a lab of its own - missiles, nuclear energy, space travel, and so on. In the center of the campus - a central laboratory - controlling the work of the rest. All members of this central lab - to have access to scientific work in the field of national defense. Professor Wheeler thinks we might have twenty thousand scientists at work in such a specialized university. And he believes, his idea would get around the inter-service rivalries of the Pentagon.

TITAN

Washington red tape is holding up one of our intercontinental ballistic missiles. So says George Bunker, President of the Glenn-Martin Company, ^{which} ~~the company is~~ developing the "Titan" for the Air Force - a missile with a range of five thousand miles. Today, Bunker told a Senate Sub-committee - the project is hampered by too many civilian authorities. Too many officials - who have to say "yes" - ~~no~~ before the Company can go ahead, ~~with a government contract.~~

Bunker pointed out that the Air Force missile - would be a big step for us - a step into outer space. He added, "The Titan should be ordered into production - immediately."

ARMED FORCES

Uncle Sam's armed forces, will get a raise in pay - if Defense Secretary McElroy has his way. McElroy - is asking Congress for an extra half billion - to put in the pay envelopes of one million, eight hundred thousand service men. The increases to cover all ranks from private to four-star generals and admirals.

One important point about the McElroy scheme - he's throwing overboard the old "Methuselah" system of military pay, whereby the rate of income in each grade - depended on length of service. The Secretary of Defense wants the pay to be based upon skill and merit. He hopes to keep key personnel in uniform - by making a military career more desirable financially.

NATIONAL DEBT

The Administration is asking Congress - to raise the limit of our national debt. The request, sent by Secretary of the Treasury, Robert Anderson - to the Finance Committees of the Senate and the House. The present ceiling of the national debt - is two hundred and seventy-five billion dollars.

Secretary Anderson wants the figure increased to - two hundred and eighty billion\$. The five billion jump - to make sure our government has enough money on hand - to pay its bills in the months ahead. But the new ceiling, if Congress gives its okay - will be only temporary. Secretary Anderson saying, we can get by with the higher ceiling - until June of next year. After that, he thinks the national debt can be lowered again.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment in this country was higher in December - than in any previous December since Nineteen Forty-Nine, - So reported by the Commerce and Labor Departments. The number of unemployed, ~~increasingly~~ jumping to over three million, three hundred thousand. The reason - cutbacks in building and manufacturing.

KHRUSHCHEV

The boss of Soviet Communism - rattling his rockets again. Khrushchev, warning Denmark and Norway - not to permit American missile bases on their soil. He told a Danish newsman ^{that} Russia will take counter-measures against any American bases. He refused to say exactly what he meant, - But he hinted that both Scandinavian nations are in danger of atomic annihilation - as long as they remain ^{allies} ~~an ally~~ of the United States.

ALGERIA

In Algiers, the French army reports a ~~big~~ battle near the Tunisian frontier, - A band of rebels, skirting south of a four hundred mile long electrified fence - erected by French engineers. The terrorists invaded the Constantine Department, ^{where} ~~there~~ they were discovered by French scouts - and a ~~big~~ battle followed. The entire rebel band of twenty-three men -- wiped out.

Paris declares that German arms have been seized in Algeria. But West Germany denies sending weapons to the rebels of the great French territory in North Africa.

SARAH CHURCHILL

This afternoon's T.V. production from Hollywood, of "The Makropoulos Secret" - was a triumph, for Sarah Churchill. A lot of people thought the daughter of Sir Winston - wouldn't be able to appear, after what happened yesterday. That was when she was accused of using bad language over the phone. Two policemen, who investigated, saying that she was "obviously drunk." When hauled out to the squad car - she jumped into a deputy's lap. And they had to put handcuffs on her - before they got her to the station house.

Well, Sarah Churchill did show up for her television play this afternoon, described as "calm and confident". And she went through her role, without a mistake - didn't "blow" a single line.

Practically everyone who watched the play over T.V. - agrees that she did a fine job of acting. So what was wrong yesterday? Some of Sarah Churchill's friends say she has been despondent ever since August - when her estranged husband committed suicide.

TELEVISION

The American public probably will get a chance to decide for itself - about ["]pay-as-you-go["] television. Under this system, each viewer would put a coin in his set - before he could ~~get~~ ^{receive} a picture. - The plan, introduced into the House by Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia. And John Doerfer, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission - says ~~he~~ ~~believes~~ the only thing to do - is to try it out. Let the audience have a chance to pay for the programs it wants - and then see how many complaints there are.

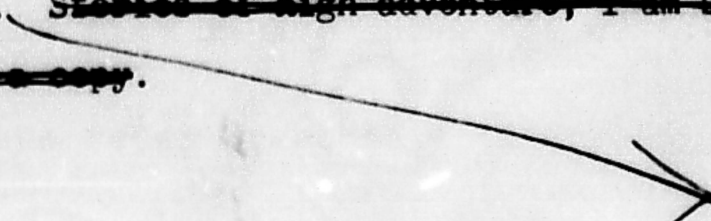
INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight we have another report from my Dad. This time he's bound for the land of tropical jungles and Hindu mystics - the great subcontinent of Hindustan - India. The recording, made aboard his airliner - several thousand feet up.

L.T. Freuchen lead

Here I am again in a plane, on another long flight, bound for Asia. Ever since a group of us ~~from~~ flew to one of the ice islands in the Arctic ocean, and paid a visit to the North Pole, I seldom set forth on a flight of this sort without thinking ^{of} ~~about~~ my friend Peter freuchen, the gay Danish explorer who started with us for the North Pole, and then died so suddenly in Alaska.

He was carrying with him the proofs of a book that he had just completed and which has now been published. ~~Stories of high adventure, I am sure you will want a copy.~~



I have a further reason for thinking of Peter Freuchen. At the moment we are flying over the ocean. The volume, the proofs of which he was carrying, is called Peter Freuchen's book of The Seven Seas. Incidentally, we are flying in a land plane. I wonder if the day will ever come when airplanes that span the Seven Seas will be designed so they can land on the sea. As I fly round and round the world it seems as though most of the time we are above one of the Seven Seas.

Says Peter Freuchen:- "Everybody talks about The Seven Seas, but hardly anyone can name them or tell just where one begins and the other leaves off. That is really not so surprising when you realize that the number is pretty artificial. It might just as well be five, and might better be one. For in fact, the whole ocean is a single expanse of water with the continents

just islands in it.

Then Peter Freuchen ^{adds: -} ~~goes on to say:~~ " The Seven Seas is a very old phrase and a very new one, too. In between nobody tried to count. The Ancients of the Mediterranean world knew seven large bodies of water, so they thought these were all the seas of the world. They thought, too, that the world was mostly land - six-sevenths, the men of the Bible supposed. For a long time people were content with this, but when the age of exploration began, they learned that the Ancients had made a slight error. There was not only a lot more water than the scribes believed, but men were ~~gan~~ going out and finding new great seas ~~at~~ all the time, and giving them names. So the expression Seven Seas dropped out of use for many centuries." ^R The expression, The 7 Seas,

~~It~~ came back in Eighteen Ninety Six, says Peter Freuchen. And then he ^{adds: -} ~~says:~~ "That year Rudyard Kipling was looking for a title for a new volume of his ~~books~~. He

poems. He selected "The Seven Seas" and because he was a great man, and a popular man, the world had to make his words good. So the geographers figured out a way to divide the ocean into seven parts. Adds Freuchen; "it isn't a very good way, but we get along with it even if few of us can remember what the seven are. The whole thing is a triumph of poetry over reality."

Its an exciting book - if you enjoy high adventure.

That's my message as I fly on across one of Peter Freuchens of Seas.

Solong.

VETERANS

In Naples, Florida, two Army veterans turned up pretty well battered - after two weeks in the Gulf of Mexico, without food or water. Jim Hathaway and John Green, both of Tarpon Springs, Florida. They left Tarpon Springs December Thirtieth, for a little Gulf fishing. Then, two days later - dirty weather - a big squall, smashing into their sailboat and carrying away the sails. They tried to make it back to shore on their motor, but the wind was too much - and they ran out of gas - and began to drift. Then the final straw - their boat sprang a leak. Hathaway and Green, taking turns - bailing.

Before long they ran out of food and water. And when thirst began to grip them, they tried the old trick, that has tempted so many men in the history of sailing. They drank salt water, which only made them sick. Becoming desperate, they poured vinegar in the water - to take away the taste of the salt. But they still got sick. Finally, they grew so weak from hunger and lack of

sleep - that they couldn't even shout when a fleet of shrimp boats one night, passed by within a few hundred feet. Said Hathaway today: "They were so close - I could have hit them with a rock." He did manage to fire three flares - but the shrimp boats kept on, without noticing.

At length, their boat was washed aground on Marco Island. Tonight, Jim Hathaway and John Green are described as in fair condition. But they say they're not anxious to go fishing again in the Gulf of Mexico. Well, Don, next time I bet they'll read that weather forecast more carefully!

SAILOR

The oldest pensioner of the U.S.Navy - receives a letter from the President of the United States. Ike Fassett, of Philadelphia - getting personal congratulations from Ike Eisenhower. The President, signing his note simply "Ike" - then adding, "By Ike, to Ike."

Ike Fassett joined the Navy in Eighteen Eighty-One. He served thirty years - taking part in both the Spanish-American War, and the Boxer Rebellion in China. He retired in Nineteen Eleven. And tomorrow is his birthday. Ike Fassett, of the U.S.Navy - one hundred years old.

*Now for h. t. — So long until
tomorrow!*