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EISENHOWER - PARIS

(Given by L.T.Jr.-L.T. in
" Africa)

Good Evening Everybody:

In Paris, the top level conference of Nato began

today - with a brief, but impressive, opening session. Fifteen heads of government - sitting around the conference table.

All eyes - on President Eisenhower. All ears - open for what he said.

In an eighteen minute address, the President affirmed the continuing military superiority of the Western World. What he called - its "margin of power over Communism." But he warned - that "heroic efforts" are needed, if we're to maintain that "margin of power."

The West,

He stated, - ~~the West~~ is willing to join Soviet

Russia in a sincere endeavor to control the terrible forces of Nature that science has mustered. Which statement brought immediate reactions from West Germany and Italy - Chancellor Adenauer and Premier Zoli calling for new negotiations with Soviet Russia.

In his address, President Eisenhower was forceful.

Making his points - with emphasis. But it was noted that he

stumbled over a number of words. Ten times at least, he had a little trouble in pronouncing such words as "assumption", "inevitable", "irresistible." And he tried a couple of times with the word "abhorrent", then skipped it.

Later, however, White House Physician Major General Snyder, said that he didn't think the slurring was caused by the mild stroke the President suffered last month. Today's trouble just - the slips of speech that come about normally, according to the doctor.

Tonight the President is not attending the dinner for the "Nato" chiefs. He was tired after the day's proceedings and decided that the dinner would keep him up too late. And this decision, according to Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty, was not on orders from the doctor.

Later, at the first work session of the Nato Conference, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles offered to supply atomic warheads to Western Europe, for defense against Communist aggression.

EISENHOWER-NEHRU

New Delhi states that President Eisenhower's message to Prime Minister Nehru has received - a "cool" reception. —
Because it contains - "nothing new."

The Indian Prime Minister urged Mr. Eisenhower - to put forth new disarmament proposals. The President replying - that the United States is willing to stop nuclear atomic tests at once, providing that this is part of a general disarmament agreement with Soviet Russia. An agreement - with safeguards against a surprise attack.

Indian officials call this - a repetition of the previous American stand.

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MISSILES

In Washington - word that the United States is on the verge of having ballistic missiles, with a five thousand mile range. Rockets - capable of hitting a target accurately at an intercontinental distance.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Garrison Norton, says, we're "very close" to having those ultimate weapons.

But how soon are we likely to have them? The Assistant Secretary said - he couldn't answer that in public. He told the Senate Preparedness Committee the question of time could be discussed - only at a secret hearing.

SUPREME COURT

Today, the Supreme Court gave a verdict in the case of a man - who gambled with his life. Taking a chance of the electric chair - rather ~~xxxx~~ than spend the rest of his years in prison. The high tribunal representing - the last resort, in a desperate throw of the dice.

This fantastic affair began with a fire at a rooming house in Washington - which resulted in the death of an eighty-three-year-old semi-invalid woman. The rooming house proprietor - accused of setting the fire. Sixty-seven year old Everett Green - tried for arson and murder in the first degree. ^{And} He was convicted of arson and murder ^{but} - in the second degree. Given - a long term in prison. He said - he'd prefer the electric chair, instead. So he made an appeal to the higher courts - on the ground that either he should have been convicted ^{of} ~~for~~ murder in the first, with which he was charged. Or - acquitted.

The Court of Appeals agreed, and ordered another trial. Which was held - and Green lost out. Not acquitted -

but convicted of murder in the first.

by now he had changed his mind about that
But ~~he now decided he would not go to the electric~~
electric chair.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. So, he went to the Supreme Court, arguing - that,
because he had been put on trial twice for the same offense,
his Constitutional rights had been violated. The Constitution
forbidding - "double jeopardy".

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So that was how, today, the Supreme Court gave a
final ruling - in the case of the man who gambled with his
life. If the decision went against him - he had lost for keeps..
But it didn't. The court - deciding in his favor, under the
"double jeopardy" clause of the Constitution.

So now, seemingly, he goes free - having won the
gamble.

FLORIDA

An embargo - placed on Florida citrus fruits. A seven-day ban on shipments - outside of the state. Today, this was imposed by the Florida Citrus Commission to prevent the sale of oranges, grapefruit and lemons - possibly damaged by last week's cold wave. The worst freeze - in years.

The seven-day embargo comes at the Christmas season - the busiest time of the year for the citrus business. But the Commission says - damaged fruit could ruin the reputation of the Florida product.

EARTHQUAKE

Moscow reports a devastating earthquake in Outer Mongolia. Huge damage - and a great loss of life. The Moscow Radio stating - that the magnitude of the disaster cannot be reckoned at the moment - although it occurred last Thursday. Great snows - making it impossible to reach the scene, where the earthquake struck the hardest.

This was the second violent shock in remote Mongolia, and the Moscow dispatch adds - that the quake was probably related to the ~~series~~ series that struck northern Iran on Friday and Saturday.

~~Well, it's a long way from Iran to Mongolia - but maybe there's a subterranean disturbance all across Central Asia.~~

INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

Tonight, my ~~father~~ father continues with his report on Morocco. Which North African country is all the more important for us - because of American air bases on Moroccan soil.

L.T.

One of the most exciting books I have read in recent years was John Gunther's "Inside Africa", a brilliant job. I think the best in his series. However, John didn't do so well when it came to prophecy. Writing about Morocco he said: "Some observers I met thought Morocco would be free in five years, some not for twenty years, some not for a generation or more."

John Gunther wrote this two years ago, going on to say: "My own feeling is that independence can't come soon, except possibly as a by-product of some much larger event like a general war."

Then he added: "It was World War Two that freed Syria and Lebanon, and the French are not likely to be dislodged from Morocco except by some similar convulsion."

The interesting point about that prophecy is that Morocco got her independence within a few months of the time the Gunther book was published.

"Inside Africa" is still a volume that everyone

should read. Packed with interesting information to be found nowhere else.

When I spent a little time with the new governor of Marrakech, Si Bachir Ben Abbes, I asked him about a picturesque personality John Gunther had described, a prime minister - a grand vizier, who had held office under at least five sultans. John had spoken of him as being 103 years old, and still serving as Grand Vizier, under the last sultan, Sidi Mohammed Ben Moulay Arafa el Alaoui. Governor Bachir Ben Abbes said that this patriarch, the Grand Vizier El Mokri, lived to the age of 114, was in office for approximately fifty years, died only about a year ago, and was able to carry out the duties of his all important office almost to the end.

In Marrakech when we visited the market place, famous because of the variety of people you find there, the veiled women, and the veiled men, camels, acrobats and so on, I met a group of American children. Their

teachers had brought them to watch the performers who were putting on a show for our TV camera crew. Between the acts I chatted with their supervising principal, Miss Caroline Moyer, an attractive young woman from Eastern Oregon, near Pendleton.

We have four important air bases in Morocco. At each our own schools, for children of American airmen. At Nouasseur, near Casablanca, nine hundred attend, from the first to the twelfth grade. Eighty teachers. At Sidi Slimane, near Port Lyautey, four hundred children from the first through the ninth grade; with twenty teachers. Site Eleven near Rabat, one hundred and sixty-seven children and eight teachers. Ben Guerir near Marrakech, one hundred and eighty children. Eight teachers.

One of the interesting things to me about the education these American girls and boys are getting, is that over here, they at least are being taught a language

other than English - that is, at an early age. All are getting French, and some Arabic.

When I first started roaming the world years ago, I discovered something that bothered me. Although I never did anything about it. I found to my distress that the average European, and this included many Asiatics as well, who had any education at all, had a better one than most of my own so-called educated fellow countrymen. To begin with, they had a better command of languages. Often spoke better English than we spoke. And were far better grounded in the classics, and many other subjects.

I mention this simply because it's in the headlines these days, and along with many of you I hope something is going to be done about it.

NEW GUINEA FOLLOW RECORDING

After that report from Morocco, ^{Lowell Thomas} ~~my father~~ should be here - to recite this bit of news from New Guinea. He made an adventurous journey into the wilds of that primitive island, several months ago, in getting material for a television feature, ~~that has already been shown~~ ^{and he could} give us a sidelight on this dispatch from Port Moresby.

An uproar in a courtroom - native soldiers breaking into a riot. Troops of ^a ~~the~~ Papuan Regiment - assailing the Australian magistrate and other court officials.

The trouble grew out of a disturbance, this weekend - when members of the regiment got into a pitched battle with Papuan civilians, tribesmen. The cause of the brawl---a woman. As a result, one hundred and fifty soldiers were arrested - and put on trial today. ^PThe trouble - the doing of other soldiers of the Papuan Regiment. Who stormed into the court - throwing bottles and furniture. A barrage - hurled at the court officials. Who were saved from further violence - only when the soldiers on trial intervened and held back the angry crowd.

Tonight, Australian army headquarters has authorized the use of force, including firearms - to deal with any further disorders among the soldiers of the Papuan regiment.

Wild episode - on a wild island, Joe - where hunting the human head still goes on.

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas, Jr. with a ~~first~~ oddity.

L.T.JR.: Over in Wales, there's a revolt - of husbands.

At the town of - Tonyrefail. I hope that's the way you pronounce it - in Welsh. Forty-five husbands - forming a club to assert the rights of man. And abolish - the tyranny of wives.

Club members are forbidden - to wash dishes, mind the baby, or hand over the pay check ^{- not a} ~~one~~ shilling of it.

And each husband must attend a club meeting every day - at the

Probably -
local pub. [^] to fortify his courage.

But what are the wives doing at Tonyrefail, in Wales?

^{Just}
~~Nothing at all - they're~~ laughing. "Let the boys have their fun," says one stout Welsh woman. "We have ways of getting them to do what we want."