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Good Evening Everybody:

This is an important day indeed for my sponsor.

Because tonight, for the first time, you are going to hear the big news about their new "fifty-four" Kaiser automobiles.

And that is important enough to hear right now instead of waiting until the end of the program. So I am turning the

microphone back to Mike FitzMaurice and Peter Thomas for a

few moments. And then, I have rather more interesting world

news than usual.

EGYPT

Great Britain has called off Suez Canal

negotiations - because of an upsurge of anti-British violence.

~~So stated by~~ Foreign Secretary ^{Eden as announced} Anthony Eden today - in the House of Commons. Telling

He told the M P's that the situation has, in his words - "deteriorated ~~v~~ry seriously in the past week." More

Egyptian terrorism - in which four Britons were killed.

Several others - wounded. Two - disappearing.

The British government is making demands on Egypt - requiring that the violence be curbed. Meanwhile, until ~~an~~ order is restored, the British government refuses - to renew discussions on the subject of Suez.

BRITAIN

London offers British armed forces for the
European Army. The news from Paris is that it comes as
a result of the conference of the Foreign Ministers in Berlin.
Britain, making the concession in order to persuade France
to go ahead and okay the West European defense force of
Nato.

Hitherto, the London government has rejected
any sort of military union. But now London comes up with a
plan for British divisions and Royal Air Force squadrons
to be "integrated" in the international army.

~~Great Britain not to become an out and out
member of the European Defense Community. (That is Britain
would still reserve the right to withdraw British forces
from an Army of the E.D.C.) (But they would go in, and they
would be under the international command.)~~

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GENEVA

The government of Switzerland is facing a problem - connected with the forthcoming Geneva conference. The delegations attending, have to be housed, and some of the great powers - are not asking much. Their demands are modest. But some of the others! - ^{Well,} heaven help the Swiss, ^{for} they're the hosts. ^{TP} So take a guess - which delegations, attending the conference, want the most magnificent quarters of all? *Yes,*

Soviet Russia and Red China. ^{Asking for} ~~Requiring~~ ^{three} - hundred-and-twenty rooms, and the exclusive use of two luxury hotels. Red China - out-doing even the Soviets. Asking for - two hundred hotel rooms. Moscow - one hundred and twenty. The North Korean Reds want sixty.

Then, away down the line, come the western powers. The United States - less than fifty. Great Britain and France requiring - forty rooms each.

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ITALY

In Rome, today, the "scandal trial of the century" came to a sudden halt. Only - to turn into something more sensational. It's the trial of a journalist, accused of printing false accounts. But now a more sinister element enters:- murder.

One of the witnesses - a young woman, Anna Maria Caglio (cah-lyo), supporting the story published by the journalist, Silvano Muto, who raised a scandal of drug taking in high circles. This, in connection with the mysterious death of a young woman, Wilma Montesi.

Today's halt in the trial was ^{caused} ~~caused~~ by the publication of a "spiritual testament." Written - by the witness, Anna Maria Caglio. This "spiritual testament", placed by her in the keeping of her landlady. Over the weekend, the landlady made it public. And in court today, the witness admitted - she had written it.

The "spiritual testament" names a prominent figure in aristocratic circles - the Mx Marquis Montagna.

Calling him - the chief of the narcotics ring. Another prominent personality styled - the "assassin," Piero Piccioni, son of the Foreign Minister in the government at Rome. The "spiritual testament" does not say, specifically that the son of the Foreign Minister was the "assassin" of Wilma Montesi. But it makes a general charge of murder against him.

Today there were wild scenes in and around the court, when all this developed. The President of the court, calling the trial off, until there is an investigation of the new charges.

~~The case, already has been a political bombshell. Causing - the resignation of the national chief of police. The Foreign Minister offering to resign - because of the involvement of his own son. (The new government of Premier Scelba - in danger of being ~~SEE~~ overthrown, because of the scandal.)~~

FORMOSA

At Formosa - Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek re-elected as President of Nationalist China. Chose[^] by the Kuomintang party, for a new term of six years.

Well, Chiang was first elected as head of the Nationalist government back in Nineteen Twenty-seven - and a lot of water has been flowing under the bridge since then. Chiang - for years the master of China. A hero - in the Second World War. His realm - now ~~is~~ no more than an island. But he's elected President again, and the news dispatch says - a million firecrackers were exploding today.

HYDROGEN

In Japan, scientists believe that radioactive ash may have been blown, in ~~ka~~ two days, all the way from Bikini to the Japanese islands.

The Hydrogen explosion occurred on March First - and, on March Third, the geiger counters at the University of Kyoto registered a count, remarkably high. Never before had so much radioactivity been detected. So the supposition is that radio active dust was blown by the wind all the way from the hydrogen explosion. A distance of - sixteen hundred miles.

~~(Scientists are saying, the first question is, would the wind blow particles so rapidly and steadily? But all they know is - what the geiger counter registered.)~~

ATOMIC CONGRESSMAN

Now the question:- was that hydrogen explosion in
the far Pacific "out of control?" ^{The one as a result of which} two-hundred-and-eighty-
seven persons were accidentally sprinkled with radioactive
dust - ^{not counting these} Japanese tuna fishermen.

Today's answer is given by Congressman Holifield
of California, a member of the joint Atomic Energy Committee --
who was out there. His reply, on CBS-TV, is as follows:
"I can't say that you ever have an atomic or hydrogen
explosion under control. There's always a variation that's
unpredictable. However, this was so far beyond prediction,
that you might say ~~that~~ it was - out of control," ^{So} says the
Congressman.

~~So there's the answer~~ ^{AP} ~~Q~~ an explosion far greater
than had been expected. Also - there was a shift of the
wind, at high ~~xxxxx~~ altitude, which blew the radioactive
ash farther than had been anticipated.

(Another, and even larger hydrogen explosion, is
to be staged next month. The Navy announcing - that the

test zone, the danger area, is being greatly expanded. *This time*

a new sector ^{with} ~~to have~~ a radius of four-hundred-and-fifty miles.)

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SENATE

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In the Senate, there is a proposal to check the policy announced by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles. Senator Langer of North Dakota introducing a resolution - which would ban military retaliation by the United States unless Congress declares war. Or, unless this country, or its possessions, is attacked.

The resolution, obviously, is aimed at the statement, made by Secretary Dulles - that the President could order immediate retaliation, atomic, for example. If - the North Atlantic Treaty Nations, or Latin American countries, were attacked.

Washington would seem to be suffering from - the McCarthy jitters. Today, there were sharp words at a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee - which has nothing to do with communism or investigations. But McCarthy of Wisconsin is a member of that committee and he sure can stir things up.

The question at issue was - funds for the Department of Justice. Including the F B I. Attorney General Brownell, testifying.

McCarthy asked - why the Department of Justice had been reluctant to prosecute an espionage charge against a newspaperman? The newspaperman - not identified.

Other members objected, Senator McCarran of Nevada declaring: "We're not here to try espionage cases. Ellender of Louisiana said, McCarthy was trying to make "a big show." These objections were supported by the Republican Chairman, Senator Dirksen of Illinois.

~~(In addition to all of this, There was a vehement~~

~~McCarty complaint against Senator Fullbright of Arkansas -
who declared that the Senator from Wisconsin was getting
information out of confidential files of the F B I which
McCarty denies.)~~

Meanwhile, Republican leaders are decrying the
McCarty demand that - the lie detector be used in his
quarrel with the Army. The Senator offers to submit to the
test, and calls for top Army officials to do likewise.
Top Republicans call this - a circus performance.


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EISENHOWER

A dispatch from Washington says that President Eisenhower has been telling friends - he won't run for another term in the White House. According to United Press Correspondent Lyle Wilson, the President has made the statement - to various visitors.

In public, he's mum on the subject. The other day, at a White House news conference, he was asked - about a second term. His reply was - that his political advisors had counseled him not to discuss the subject.

But in private conversation - it's different. The President, with a grim, serious expression, pointing out that he would be seventy years old at the end of a second term. And - he doesn't intend to carry the ~~burdens~~ burdens of the presidential office into those later years.

However, Republican politicians are not taking this -- too literally. They believe the President is quite serious in not wanting a second term; but they point out the way things usually go. 

→ After one term in office, a President has a lot of unfinished business piled up, and feels - he's needed, for another term, to take care of it. So he's ~~xx~~ likely to listen to political party leaders - who urge him to run again, so that he can complete his program.

Hence Republican leaders, like National Chairman Hall and Speaker Joe Martin, are saying - they believe that President Eisenhower will seek, and win, a second term.

DOUGLAS

Supreme Court Justice William Douglas, with some companions is off on a bunion-derby - a one-hundred-add eighty-five mile hike through wild country.


All because the Washington Post printed an editorial - advocating the construction of a modern highway along the old Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. A waterway of long ago, through mountain country. Canal - abandoned for years.

The proposal displeased Mr. Justice Douglas - an ardent nature lover. A modern highway would spoil the magnificent scenery. So he wrote a letter to the Post, offering to take the writer of the editorial for a hike along that C.&O. canal. Editorial writer Merlo Pusey accepted the challenge. So did his newspaper boss, Robert Estabrook.

Then other people got in the act - and a party was formed. They started out over the weekend, and

so far thirteen have fallen by the wayside - the going too rough, with cold and snow. Near Paw Paw, West Virginia, they had trouble getting through a tunnel, long disused - the tunnel blocked by crumbling rocks.

Today, however, the two newspaper editors were still sticking it out. Also Charlie Young, seventy-eight years old. But, then, Charlie, well he's an expert. He used to be - the mail man.



ADD DOUGLAS

The latest bulletin from the hiking party says they are camped out in the open tonight. The weather - below freezing. ~~They're~~ **I**n a pine forest - sleeping in tents. Of the original fifty-four, only fifteen are left with Supreme Court Justice Douglas. All shivering - and nursing sore muscles and aching ~~has~~ bones.

WHISTLE

A dispatch from Washington indicates ^{train} ~~an~~ *Whistles may be improved!*
~~improvement of the whistles on the railroads.~~ The diesel

sirens, that is. There have been complaints. People remember the old-time whistle of the steam locomotive, and are - nostalgic. The steam whistle was more melodious - remember?

(Sound of steam locomotive whistle)

Like that! The diesel gives a harsher note - not so tuneful.

A siren that sounds rather like a chorus of bullfrogs with a cold.

that's it! (Sound of diesel siren)

That's it! So there's the difference between steam and compressed air. Steam producing a more agreeable sound. So the railroads, consulted with an expert on music. Richard Townsend - assistant leader of the Navy band. Who devised a way to make the diesel siren of compressed air sound something like the steam whistle of the old time choo-choo.

~~Whistle.~~

"We blended notes," says he. "We blended C sharp, E.G. and A, at different frequencies - and, it gives a soothing sound."

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So Some nine thousand diesel locomotives are ^{now} getting new fangled sirens - guaranteed to please people who are homesick for that old whistle of the steam locomotive.

(Steam whistle)

And now, Mike!

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Red lines... loyalists, relieving an outpost that had been isolated... the rebels closed their lines... Dien Bien Phu. It held out during the siege. And now the garrison is saved. A French patrol striking out from Dien Bien Phu - backed by tanks, and covered by an artillery barrage. The French had to blast their way right over Red trenches and thru the Communist line. Hand-to-hand fighting with bayonets, rifle bullets, and grenades. The Reds finally retreated, and the French are killed nearly two hundred... a few officers.

Paris. The Ministry announced that the