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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today's historic decision by South AFRICA - was inevitable, I suppose. Prime Minister Verwoerd arrived in London with an application for continued commonwealth membership in his pocket. But he also was unyielding on the vital issue of Apartheid; the South African version of - segregation.

In London Verwoerd soon learned he had to choose between commonwealth status - and Apartheid; the other commonwealth Premiers forcing his hand; especially - the Afro-Asian spokesmen at the London conference. British Prime Minister Macmillan tried for - a face saving compromise on the racial issue. But neither Verwoerd nor his opponents were in a mood to compromise.

Result - ~~the~~ South African Prime Minister, making his decision; choosing Apartheid - over the Commonwealth

Tonight, around the world - the member nations are trying to judge the effect of Prime Minister Verwoerd's action. Will it weaken the Commonwealth - by encouraging other nations to pull out, when they feel dissatisfied? Or will it strengthen the Commonwealth - by getting rid of a most embarrassing problem?

South Africa now to become a completely independent republic; without any Commonwealth ties.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy stressed two points - at today's Presidential news conference. One, concerning his legislative program in general; the other, focused squarely on the question of federal aid to education.

On his legislative program, Mr. Kennedy accused pressure groups - of trying to thwart the Administration. He called these pressure groups - "powerful and well organized;" and alleged that they have been opposing his measures - from highway construction to a higher minimum wage. But the President added that he's confident of ultimate success on Capitol Hill - despite the opposition.

Turning to his education bill, President Kennedy appealed for unity in spite of the current debate. Asking the two sides - not to divide the nation. Admitting - that the Catholic Bishops have a right to their position. But repeating his personal opposition - to the kind of federal help they want.

That is, across-the-board loans to parochial schools.

Which President Kennedy still considers unconstitutional.

GALBRAITH

President Kennedy's choice for our next
Ambassador to India - is a famous economist. Professor
Kenneth Galbraith - one of the many Harvard men who
came to Washington to serve in the Kennedy Administration.
The Galbraith nomination - is an interesting one; the
witty economist has already served - as an advisor to
the Indian government.

CUBA

The Dictator of Cuba has lost his entire Embassy staff - accredited to the Netherlands. All the members of the staff, declaring in the Hague that they've had enough of Castro. Said Ambassador Fiterre:- "Castro has gone a long way from the ideals of the revolution he led."

What now - for the anti-Castro Cubans in the Hague? They say they'll stay in exile - and work for the overthrow of the tyrant now on top in Havana.

ALGERIA

In Paris - its official at last. The government, announcing - that DeGaulle is ready to begin peace talks with the Algerian rebels. Undercover meetings have been taking place - between French and Moslem representatives; leading up to - today's formal announcement. DeGaulle, willing to enter direct negotiations - with Ferhat Abbas. The President of France, hoping that at long last - he really can negotiate an end to the Algerian war.

CONGO

Word from Stanleyville - that the left-wing leaders may come to an all-Congo conference after all. They boycotted the Madagascar meeting - when the plan for a Congo federation was drawn up. Now they've informed Leopoldville - that they are willing to discuss a permanent settlement for the Congo; and their offer has been accepted with some caution. Kasavubu and Tshombe, saying they won't take Gizenga's word - until they see him at the conference table. After all, he was expected to come to - Madagascar. And - never showed up.

LAOS

The Soviet airlift to the communist rebels in Laos - is still operating. Big Ilyushin transports - flying in food and equipment; aiding the Red buildup, at Sala Phou Khoum; the key junction - on the road between Luang Prabang and Vientiane. All of which hints at a Red buildup - for an all out drive on Luang Prabang.

SPACE

From London, a more modest estimate - about the Soviet timetable for a man in space. Professor Kenneth Gatland, doubting - that the spectacular space flight will come any day now. The British scientist, pointing out - that the Soviets have had only a fifty-fifty success with their experiments. Not encouraging enough for them to put a man in orbit very soon.

They have sent up four spaceships. The first, jumping out of orbit, refusing to come down. The second landing safely - with its cargo of animals. The third orbited too close to the atmosphere - and burned up. The fourth, landing successfully - with its dog.

The pattern of Soviet space ship launchings is - failure, success, failure, success. Suggesting that Moscow won't send a man into space - until that pattern is definitely broken. Because if the pattern remains constant; the next experiment will be a failure.

RACKET

Today, a United States attorney remarked - "all the wages were placed right here in the Pentagon."

Which is a formal way of describing - the numbers racket. A lucrative business - involving around half a million dollars a year. The bets, handled by - employees of the defense supply service; thirty-five of whom were rounded up today, when federal officers swooped down on the Pentagon.

TRIAL

That espionage case in London sounds more and more like a spy thriller.

The subject today - "The House of Secrets." Just a modest home in Middlesex - forty-five Cranley Drive, Ruislip. A house full of incriminating evidence when Scotland Yard arrived: - Four-thousand dollars - in American money; and two Canadian passports - made out to "Thomas James Wilson" and "Mary Jane Smith." Not very imaginative aliases - apparently referring to Peter and Helen Kroger; who have been identified as Morris and Dora Cohen of New York.

The most important secret of the House of Secrets - a special kind of radio, with an aerial - fifteen yards long. Its automatic transmission - capable of sending more than two-hundred words a minute. Its range - London to Moscow, and beyond.

Moscow is far enough - for the prosecution.

Which is trying to prove that the five defendants were responsible for beaming secret data from the House of Secrets to the Soviet capital.

Now Dick - something we don't want to keep secret!

BUZZARDS

This may not be a world shaking bit of news - but, the buzzards are back. That is - the buzzards of Hinckly Ridge, Ohio. Hundreds of years ago, the Indians of Ohio used to follow - the flight of that ungainly bird, the buzzard. Knowing that winter was coming - when they flew south; and that spring had returned - when the flock did. The migration, as dependable as - the swallows of Capistrano.

Spring won't be official - until next week; but out in Ohio - they've jumped the gun; saying farewell to the winter - now that the buzzards are back on Hinckly Ridge.

But - here at Alta, Utah, the mountains are deep with snow. So - are the buzzards wrong? Solong u-t-m.