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(Given by L.T.Jr.)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The U. S. Ambassador to Moscow - has been called home. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson - returning to Washington or consultations with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Subject? - a possible new "summit" conference.

Ambassador Thompson - well acquainted with the Soviets. Speaking fluent Russian - after twenty-three years of diplomatic service - dealing extensively - with Soviet affairs.

Word is that he is not entirely pessimistic about the possibility of limited agreements between Moscow and the West. Being of the opinion - that the bosses of the Kremlin are likely now to turn their attention, more and more, to their own domestic problems - the development of industry and agriculture - at home.

## RADAR BASES

The United States is planning to build - three radar bases <sup>outside of this country -</sup> ~~overseas~~. Centers - from which the launching of enemy long range missiles could be detected.

But suppose you detect a rocket - moving at great speed, ~~velocity~~ arching through the stratosphere. What then?

The answer is that such detection would give our air bases abroad a fifteen minute warning of a missile attack. Enough time to launch an atomic attack, in retaliation.

All of which was disclosed ~~in~~ at a secret Congressional hearing on Monday, A few details - now revealed.

## ROCKET

At Cape Canaveral, Florida - today - a vital ~~test~~  
experiment, though not so spectacular. A rocket launched,  
with elements of the Polaris missile, - Featuring - solid  
fuel; An advance - over the liquid fuel, which drives most  
of the great rockets.

The Navy announces - that the test was a success.

The Polaris, <sup>propelled by</sup> ~~with its equipment of~~ solid fuel, is  
intended for use by submarines, - Capable of being launched -  
from under the water.

COURT MARTIAL

At Ramstein, Germany, today, an American military court - sentenced three airmen to prison. Convicted - of beating up a German Roman Catholic priest.

Sergeant Roy Burrows of Eric, Pennsylvania, and Sergeant Stanley Davis of Compass Lake, Florida - getting six months. And - bad conduct discharges. Airman Paul Tallman of Roseville, Virginia - given four months in jail., They pleaded guilty, stating - they didn't know the man they beat up was a clergyman.

Testimony showed that the Reverend Alois Ruffing, twenty nine years old, was standing on the sidewalk in front of his church, talking to some German teen agers, when six American airmen came out of a tavern across the way - and got into an argument with the German youths. Whereupon, in a scuffle, they knocked the priest down, and kicked him.

The three other airmen, involved, will be put on trial next week.

## JOKES

The Reds of East Berlin announce - they'll no longer tolerate anti-Communist jokes. Hereafter, all places of entertainment are forbidden to engage comedians who poke fun at Communism. No funny-men to be hired -- except faithful followers of the Party line.

The official announcement says: "We have nothing against wit and humor. But we cannot tolerate our stages being used - to drag the achievements of the working class into the dust, - And hurt the feelings of the workers."

The workers, however, seem to be hurt in only one way - splitting their sides laughing. The Communist authorities annoyed - by the way they roar with mirth at wisecracks ridiculing the Reds. Well, those anti-Communist jokes, *circulating* ~~what is true~~ behind the Iron Curtain, can be funny. Here's one - passed along by Hollywood Composer Dimitri Tiomkin, a native of Russia.

It seems that Ivan Ivanovich worked in a factory, ~~the~~ *whose* manager ~~of which~~ was a woman. So he went to her, saying:

"Madame Petrova, I ~~should~~ like to take a day off.

You see, Madame Petrova, I ~~should~~ like to go to the opera."

Whereupon the woman factory manager turns to him in violent anger.

"What do you mean, Madame Petrova? You know that's a bourgeoisie expression, forbidden by proletarian principles.

You could be <sup>put in</sup> ~~sent to~~ jail for saying - Madame Petrova."

To this Ivan Ivanovich replies humbly: "I'm sorry, 'Comrade' Petrova, I forgot. Nevertheless, 'Comrade' Petrova, I should like to go to the opera."

"Very well," she replies, "I accept your apology.

But what opera is it?"

"Comrade Butterfly," says Ivan Ivanovich.

An example of jokes - behind the Iron Curtain.

## GERMANY

The town of Ebernburg, West Germany, is a favorite place for couples to get married - a sort of Teutonic Gretna Green. The registrar's office - the place ~~where~~ <sup>where</sup> marriage licenses are procured. So what did prospective brides and grooms gaze upon, today?

A big sign, at the registrar's office, with a grim warning, saying: "Bad road - continue at your own risk." - ~~which~~ <sup>might</sup> Which a cynic ~~say~~ say - is the proper description of marriage.

However, it wasn't that at all. The road running through the town is, actually, in poor condition. The ~~may~~ <sup>police,</sup> not using any imagination - when they put up the sign.

In Manchester, England - as terrifying a scene as imagination can picture. A raging fire, at the zoo - with a flaming tempest sweeping <sup>down</sup> upon the menagerie, - Where hundreds of animals were kept - including lions and tigers, - The blazing havoc - maddening animals in their cages.

The fire broke out in a large wooden building, which burned so fiercely - the firemen could only make desperate efforts to keep the animal-house from burning, <sup>also</sup> ~~too~~, - Playing streams of water in the space between the two, - Creating a curtain of water, to keep the flames from leaping across.

In the animal house, wild pandemonium - as the heat grew intense. They removed hundreds of birds, screaming and shrieking - from the bird house. <sup>And</sup> They took out scores of small animals - mad with terror. But what about the lions and tigers - which could not be removed?

The huge beasts of the jungle raged in their cages, roaring and snarling - running around, clawing at the bars,



frantic with fear. With the possibility that at any moment some lion or tiger would succeed in breaking out!

That's why riflemen were <sup>stationed</sup> ~~skinned~~ with high powered weapons - ready to shoot the great cats, if necessary.

The zoo superintendent, William Wilson, stating: "The heat became so intense - we almost had to shoot all the animals."

Almost - but not quite. They had to shoot only one - and that was tragic.

Judith - a big lioness. Friendly, good natured - and a favorite with children. But Judith, in her cage, went completely berserk. So crazed by the fear of the fire - they had to shoot her.

Finally, twenty eight fire companies were able to save the situation by keeping up that curtain of water - between the burning building and the animal house.

## DEBT

The House Ways and Means Committee, today, voted in favor of raising the limit of the National Debt. A hike of five billion dollars - as a temporary measure, To give the administration more financial leeway - in the program for National Defense. The addition would authorize the raising of the public debt of the United States to the huge figure of more than two hundred and seventy nine billion dollars.

BENSON

Secretary of Agriculture Benson - had a rough time today. Appearing - before the Senate Agriculture committee, - To argue in favor of the proposal made by President Eisenhower yesterday.

We heard, last night, that Congress was hostile to the White House call - for a reduction of price supports on farm products. With more authority for Secretary Benson - to change the levels of support. Congressional hostility - that certainly was in evidence today.

Secretary Benson, appearing before the committee, had a twenty-four page statement, which he began to read.

<sup>he</sup> But/was interrupted by committee members - sentence after sentence. Stopped - by hostile questions and comments.

For example, at one point Senator Humphrey of Minnesota told the Secretary: "You'd be a ~~lark~~ lot more enlightening if your statement was just honest."

To which Benson replied: "There's nothing false

about it, at all." He needed all his patience - in the face of such a reception.

It took him an hour - to get through one page of his prepared statement. The heckling - so persistent. Republicans joining in with Democrats - until, finally, Democratic Senator Holland of Florida, protested. Telling his colleagues - "you have violated all rules of fair play."

He said the Secretary should be permitted to finish reading the statement - ~~before~~ before being questioned. After which - Ezra Benson was able to make better progress with his argument.

"In the final analysis," he said, "the farmers will have to decide whether they want more freedom, or whether they prefer more and more regimentation. I am confident," he added, "that they will make the right decision - when all the facts are available."

FLAG

Mississippi makes a reply - in an argument over the Confederate flag. The Stars and Bars of the Southern Confederacy - in Civil War days.

In recent years, as we all know, there's been a revival of the Confederate flag, in Dixieland. Climaxed - at the recent Sugar Bowl football game at the University of Mississippi, where - between halves, a giant Confederate flag was raised.

This drew a protest - from Pennsylvania - where the Allentown Chronicle called the rebel display - "bad taste." Symbolizing - a division in the nation. *P* So today, the University retorted, - A spokesman saying: "In the Eighteen Sixties, practically the entire University of Mississippi student body - marched to war as the University Grays. Very few," he adds, "came back."

So why shouldn't the University of Mississippi hail their memory - with a display of the flag they fought under? - That's the Mississippi view.

## SUPERMEN

On Long Island, the "supermen" came to an ignominious end, today. Ten teen age boys of good family, who formed - the "superman confederation." Nothing interplanetary, however - no space travel. They planned to prove their super-superiority - by robbing a bank.

But first, they had to steal an automobile - for a get-away. Today - starting out to look for a car. But, as they trudged along, one lad decided - he wasn't a superman at all, and ran home. So did another - losing his super-courage at the last minute.

The other eight found a suitable automobile to steal. But they couldn't get the motor started. The same thing - in the case of a couple of other cars.

Whereupon, they went home-- it's hard to be a superman. One - weakening *to spill the whole thing to* so far as ~~to tell~~ his parents, ~~about~~ *who called in* ~~the whole thing~~ The police, ~~called in.~~

*Don-*  
So the next thing you know, the members of the "superman confederation" were grabbed by the "super-cops."

## AURORA

Here's a scientific experiment - I wish I could attend. A rocket launching - up in the Canadian North.

Scientists at the University of Iowa, participating in the project, announce - that four missiles will be hurled skyward - at Fort Churchill, on Hudson's Bay. Rockets - carrying scientific equipment. Why? Well, that's the fascinating part of it.

An invasion - of the Aurora Borealis. The rockets to reach an altitude of seventy miles - penetrating the zone of electrical particles which produce that wonder in the Arctic. The glowing beauty - of the Northern Lights. Rockets of science - investigating the mystery of the Aurora.

And Solong, Until Monday!