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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Dalai Lama today is at the Towang Monastery, eighteen miles inside Assam - India. This is official - just announced, in New Delhi, by Nehru. The Dalai Lama is not far - from the hermit principality of Bhutan, near the point where the borders of Tibet, Assam and Bhutan meet. Towang - the largest Buddhist monastery within the confines of India. Situated - in a dense forest, the Himalayan jungle. A wilderness - that requires days to traverse. Elephant and tiger country - near where we made one of our TV hi-adventure films a year ago.

Word has been that the Dalai Lama and his party, seeking to escape from the huge Communist manhunt - would surely take to the wildest of the Himalayan trails, trying to get across the lofty passes unobserved, which - certainly was true.

The Living Buddha and eighty companions - making their way through eastern Tibet, a little known part of the lofty plateau. Crossing into Assam - in an area that was the scene of those immense earthquakes a few years ago. Convulsions of the eastern Himalayas - that made frightening news at the time.

I've never seen the monastery, although Lowell Jr. and I journeyed not far from that sector - on our way to Lhasa some years ago. And then - I was near there on a tiger hunt, only fourteen months ago. Towang is described as the largest Buddhist center in India - and undoubtedly, resembles some of the great monasteries we saw in Tibet. Maybe - like Drepung. Although - it's hardly likely to be a lofty skyscraper on the mountainside, like the Dalai Lama's own Potala in Lhasa.

The news was announced at the Parliament in India today - by Prime Minister Nehru. Who explained - that he

didn't want to make it public until he had received a definite confirmation of the Dalai Lama's arrival. Which came last night. Nehru - still withholding the tidings. Because he wanted the Indian Parliament to be first to receive the news.

He went on to say that the twenty-five year old Dalai Lama is in good shape. Nothing to the report - that he had been injured in a fall.

But now, what is the status of the spiritual and temporal ruler of Tibet. Nehru was asked - whether his authority would be recognized while he is a refugee in India. To which the Prime Minister replied - "Its a complicated matter, which will have to be considered. There is no doubt he will receive respectful treatment," said Nehru.

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SOVIET REACTION

President Eisenhower's address, yesterday- gets a favorable reception in Moscow.

Today, the Soviet radio reported that Eisenhower speech before the delegates of NATO. Usually, that sort of thing draws a hostile blast of Communist propaganda.

But the Moscow radio today speaking of the President stated:—
"He expressed some ideas that must be welcomed."

The commentator then going on to add: "He said the door would be kept open for East-West talks. He said there must now be a concrete realistic solution of the problems of disarmament and European security in Germany. Such statements are satisfying," said the Moscow broadcast.

Amicable words. Which undoubtedly reflect-
Khrushchev's desire for a summit conference.

SOVIET NEWSPAPERS

More signs- of a loosening up in Soviet Russia.

With Moscow criticism- of the Soviet press. On grounds- that Russian newspapers are dull, pedantic and bureaucratic.

This emanates from the Assistant Editor of Izvestia- the official Soviet government newspaper, who calls- for a "more democratic" press. "Democratic," in this instance, meaning- less propaganda; ~~with~~ more human interest! And especially- more comedy.

Editor Alexander Baulin puts it in these words:

"Take ten propaganda articles in a newspaper- and nine are from textbooks already known to everybody. Why not have more articles on science, art, literature- everyday art and humor?"

All of which might indicate- some sign of a slightly freer press in Russia.

JAPAN

Arriving in Tokyo - Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining.

Invited to the wedding of Crown Prince Aki to, next week.

The only foreign guest - at the royal marriage ceremony.

Who is Mrs. Vining? She is from Philadelphia;
~~Well, she's~~ a Quaker lady- who was Akihito's tutor

when he was a boy. Her presence at the wedding, the more appropriate because she was consulted- about the kind of bride he should marry, eventually. The Crown Prince- only sixteen years old at the time.

Today Mrs. Vining said- "Just before I left Japan, Dr. Shinzo Koizumi, Chief Counselor for the Crown Prince- asked me what kind of girl I thought the Prince should marry. I described a perfect paragon," says Mrs. Vining.

She prescribed a bride- with all possible perfections.

So what does she now think of the young woman, a commoner- who was duly selected?

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"The wonderful thing," exclaims Mrs. Vining, "is that Michiko Shoda has all the qualifications I mentioned."

Which is a pleasant thing to say- as the Quaker lady goes to attend the wedding of her royal former pupil.

MEXICO

Trouble- between Soviet Russia and Mexico.

The Mexican Government sending home two Russian diplomats, the Naval Attache and the Second Secretary- of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. Charged- with promoting Communist labor agitation. The Mexican police declaring- they have evidence that the two diplomats supplied Mexican communist leaders with money and propaganda. Scheming- to place Mexican labor unions under communist control.

The Russian Embassy calls the deportation- an "unfriendly step."

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Here's a report- about an artificial satellite experiment, to be tried a couple of months from now. It also concerns television- and Queen Elizabeth the Second. Her Majesty- to make a transatlantic telecast, by way of- a man-made moon.

The Boston Globe has the story- in a copyrighted dispatch from London. Stating that negotiations are going on right now between British and American authorities- arranging for the experiment; When Queen Elizabeth- is on this side of the Atlantic in June.

High hopes of success, ^{too,} Because, after all- radio signals have been bounced off an artificial satellite. For example- when President Eisenhower's voice was relayed from a man-made moon last winter. So, if it works for radio- why not for television.

So Queen Elizabeth is to be ^(MORE) bounced off- I mean her voice is - off an artificial satellite! Which should be alright

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~~A great start~~ for British-American relations - ^{to}
have Queen Elizabeth the Second, as the first star of a
trans-atlantic telecast, by way of an American artificial
satellite.