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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here's a late dispatch from Washington - a statement by Secretary Dulles on the Formosa question. He called on Red China to agree to a cease-fire. Adding - that, in doing this, the Chinese Reds would not have to give up their claims in the Straits of Formosa. The Secretary declared - there must be some arrangement for renouncing the use of force. To avoid - a tragic war.

PLANE

The United States returned an indignant denial - to Red China. Ridiculing the charge - that the Indian airliner which crashed off Borneo was the victim of American sabotage. The plane was carrying eight Chinese Red representatives to the Asian-African conference in Indonesia. All of whom, apparently, were lost. There seem to be only three survivors, out of the fifteen aboard. All three - members of the Indian crew.

The British, at Hong Kong, likewise, deny the charge of sabotage. But they are making an investigation - Hong Kong having been the last stop made by the ill-fated plane.

However, Indian Prime Minister Nehru says the crash has what he calls - "some very unusual features." Nehru puts it this way: "Ten minutes before the aircraft fell into the sea, we had a normal message from it. Something must have happened suddenly, soon after. There must be a full inquiry into all this," says Nehru. Well, the Indian Prime Minister might be reminded - that it wouldn't be the first time a plane has reported in a normal way, but then - something suddenly happened.

MOSCOW

A dispatch from Moscow begins as follows: "Foreign Minister Molotov said, today, that he expected a 'positive result', from the present negotiations on an Austrian State Treaty, which the West can accept."

Talking to newsmen, Molotov was congenial and smiling and full of apparent optimism. He told of talks he's having with Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab, and indicated a favorable conclusion.

Standing beside Molotov, the Austrian Chancellor also smiled, and remarked: "I agree with what Mr. Molotov said."

All of which makes it seem - as if the Soviets may, finally, have decided to do something about a peace treaty with Austria.

AFGHANISTAN

A dispatch from Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, states that Soviet Russia has promised the Afghan government "military support", in its quarrel with Pakistan. For days, negotiations have been going on between the Afghan Premier and the Soviet Ambassador. Concerning - the quarrel over the old, legendary Northwestern Frontier. So now the word is - that the Soviets will give the Afghans armed aid, in the event of aggression by Pakistan.

The northwestern frontier, famous in Kipling's stories, was the scene of endless trouble - when the British ruled India. A land of wild tribes - in the rugged area of Khyber Pass. So now Pakistan, taking over from the British in the Moslem parts of India - has inherited ancient quarrels. Afghanistan always claimed large tribal areas along the Northwestern Frontier - the neighborhood of the Khyber. Pakistan insists - on full sovereignty there.

Recently, the Afghan government proposed - a plebescite among the tribes. Claiming - that they are,

ethnically, Afghan. But Pakistan refused. Saying - the country belongs to Pakistan, Legally.

The Soviet proposal of Russian intervention to help the Afghans - has a truly sinister sound. The Reds have always wanted to penetrate that central Asian country. Which adjoins Russian Turkistan. Nothing would please the lords of the Kremlin more than to have an excuse for sending the Red Army into Afghanistan. Which makes them - heirs to the policy of the Czars.

Imperial Russia of old - always had its eyes on Afghanistan. Seeking - to push down that way. This was the cause for endless friction with Great Britain, back in the Nineteenth Century. In those days, the British were almost at war with Czarist Russia. Afghanistan being - the gateway to India. Both the British and the Russians knew that.

So now, something like the same old story is ~~begin~~ being repeated again. But - with a difference. The place of the Czar - taken by the Bolsheviks. The place of Great Britain

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taken by India and Pakistan. Different names but the same old theme.

Some years ago, I was in Afghanistan. Then a closed, forbidden country - in fact ours was the third party of Americans ever to enter. In those days at Kabul, the capital, there was plenty of evidence - that Soviet Russia was doing a job of intrigue and propaganda. Red agents - only too evident in the city.

CORSI

A Senate Sub-committee began an investigation, today in the Corsi uproar. Edward J. Corsi - having been dismissed from the post of a State Department advisor on refugee problems. The first witness called by the Sub-committee is Scott McLeod, Security Chief of the State Department.

McLeod appears because Corsi declares the State Department Security Chief is conducting a whispering campaign against him. Rumors have been circulating in Washington that Corsi wanted to use the refugee post for his own political advancement. Thinking - it would help him to get a New York State Republican nomination for the Senate. Corsi denies this angrily.

In the House of Representatives - an angry debate. Congressman Tumulty, a New Jersey Democrat - denouncing Secretary of State Dulles for the way Corsi has been treated. Republican Congressman Clare Hoffman, of Michigan, retorting - that both Democratic and Republican politicians are, in his words, "afraid of the Italian vote."

SALK

In Washington, Mrs. Ovetta Culp Hobby signed a document - as United States Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. With a stroke of the pen, she licensed the manufacture and sale of the new Salk polio vaccine. Six firms - to make and retail the drug - through regular commercial channels.

That was followed by quick action today. Supplies of the vaccine - rushed by plane to various parts of the country, to beat the polio season which - is about to begin. Firms now licensed to manufacture have supplies on hand. These - being rushed as fast as possible to every part of this country.

Well, this is the day after the break of the big headline - a good time to do some reflecting. Last night, I intended to speak about the part played by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt - in the battle against polio. But I was overburdened with material, and a page of my notes got shuffled out of place. Anyway, tonight may be a better time to reminisce at a little leisure. Recalling - the President of the United States who was a victim of the dread malady.

He it was - who launched the great battle against polio; now - so successful. He knew only too well the misery of infantile paralysis.

One of the striking things of those days, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House, was - the way he carried off the part he had to play in life. The role - of a human being whose legs were utterly crippled. In pictures of FDR, you'd seldom see a hint of his affliction. He might be photographed, standing - but only when properly braced in an erect posture.

I recall when he used to come to the annual dinners given by the White House correspondents in Washington. He'd enter, leaning on someone's shoulder - as if in a mere friendly way. Helped along - but always behind a row of people in their chairs, at the head table. His legs, not visible - and, if you didn't know, you'd never suspect the truth. Which was - that FDR was doing a heroic job. Bearing up - under so great a handicap.

I, myself, have a particularly vivid recollection - of the President acting as the manager of a baseball team. He lived on the other side of Dutchess County from us, and used to bring over a team of his sons, newspapermen, and government officials - to play ball. FDR - playing the part of a John J. McGraw.

He'd arrive in his car - and be driven to a spot behind the home plate. During the game, he'd sit in the auto, and give managerial directions - order plays, yanking a pitcher. Or, maybe - just rooting for his team. Never a sign of any infirmity. You might have thought - he just found an automobile in the most comfortable space to sit, during a ball game.

So that was the President who, dealing with the depression, then running a war - also founded the March of Dimes. The fund - which put out the money for the battle against polio. Which, by the way, is a reflection - of the

power and influence a president can have in pushing a cause.

Today, we find something of the same at the White House. Mrs. Eisenhower - heading a drive against a ~~firm~~ frightening malady. The First Lady - sponsoring a fund. The purpose - to seek a cure for multiple sclerosis. Now - a prime target for medical science.

Here's the latest. The Administration in Washington is considering - a conference to prevent a black market in the Salk polio vaccine. Supplies are limited, and there's a danger - of illegal sales.

ALPS

History made - in the Swiss Alps. When - two gliders went soaring over lofty Alpine peaks. Two French pilots - in the planes without power.

They started out from the French side, heading for Italy. Strong rising winds - carried them up and up. The two gliders - blown to an altitude of 17,000 feet. The mountains they had to cross were some 13,000 feet high. So they made it over the top with room to spare.

The first time it has ever been done - glider flights over the Alps, from France to Italy.

TYROL

From the Tyrolean Alps comes the news - that a rescue party has reached Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and his two daughters. Marooned - in a ski lodge on top of a mountain. Prince Bernhard, Princess Beatrix, and Princess Irene - were trapped when a blizzard snowed them in. A party of rescuers tried to break through - but it was tough going. However, a sudden thaw set in, and today - the rescuers found Prince Bernhard and his two daughters O.K. In fact, enjoying themselves on that lofty Alpine crest. Hugh, how would you like to be snowed in - on a high mountain, along about now?