1.T. - Wede. Thurs. Feb. 18 - '60

SQUAW -- OPENING DAY.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:- THE, THIS IT THE DAY, THE DAY SO MANY OF US HAN BEEN WAITING FOR. AND, AS A SHOW, IT TURNED OUT ABOUT AS PERFECT AS ANYTHING POSSIBLY COULD. THE DRAMA WAS ALL THE GREATER BECAUSE WHEN DAWN CAME HERE IN SQUAW VALLEY, THIS MORNING, IT LOOKED AS THOUGH WE WERE IN FOR ANOTHER OF THOSE BIG BLIZZARDS FOR WHICH THE HIGH SIERRAS ARE FAMOUS. WIND BLOWING, AND SNOW -- BIG FLAKES, FALLING SO HEAVILY YOU COULDN'T SEE FIFTY YARDS. SO, ONCE MORE A LOT OF NON-WINTER PEOPLE WERE VIEWING WITH ALARM.

AH, BUT HOW WRONG THEY WERE. THE EIGHT OR TEN INCHES OF NEW SNOW TURNED THE VALLEY INTO A WINTER FAIRYLAND -- JUST RIGHT FOR A WALT DISNEY PAGEANT. BUT ALL THIS WAS MADE MORE DRAMATIC BECAUSE IT WASN'T UNTIL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OBENING CEREMONY THAT THE SUN BURST FORTH -- RIGHT AS THE 850 ATHLETES FROM 30 NATIONS WERE MARCHING INTO THE ARENA. THE SUN POURING IN ON US, ON THE COLORFUL COSTUMES AND THE THIRTY FLAGS.

THOUSANDS MISSED THE MORNING DEDICATION CEREMONY AT THE ARENA. CARS AND BUSSES WERE TIED UP FOR MILES AND MILES BETWEEN RENO AND SQUAW VALLEY ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SIERRAS, AND BETWEEN SACRAMENTO, DONNER SQUAW ---- OPENING DAY 2.

PASS AND SQUAW. AROUND LAKE TAHOE, THOUSANDS WHO ARE STAYING IN INNS, PRIVATE HOMES, CABINS AND MOTELS, STOOD IN GROUPS BY THE ROAD WAITING, WAITING FOR BUSSES TO PICK THEM UP --BUSSES DELAYED BY THE STORM.

I ALMOST MISSED THE MORNING CEREMONY MYSELF, AND I AM LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE STAYING AT THE LODGE WITH THE CUSHINGS, WITHIN A FEW YARDS OF THE ARENA. BUT IT WAS MY PASSIONG FOR SKING THAT ALMOST GOT ME IN TROUBLE. WHEN I AWGKE AND SAW ALL THAT GORGEOUS NEW POWDER SNOW, I FOLLOWED THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE AVALANCHE TEAM UP THE MOUNTAIN -- FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD BE ONE QUICK RUN DOWN THEXAMORETAXIN THROUGH THE UNBROKEN POWDER. BUT THE STORM ON UPPER SQUAW WAS FAR WILDER THAN IN THE VALLEY. WE HAD A TIME GETTING DOWN.

AS FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S CEREMONY, I HOPE YOU ALL SAW IT ON CBS TV, OR THAT YOU WILL HAVE A LOOK AT IT TONIGHT WHEN IT COMES ON AGAIN. FOR CAMERAMEN SELDOM HAS THEIR BEEN A MORE PERFECT SETUP. EVERYTHING HERE IN THIS ONE VALLEY. NO INTERNATIONAL DISCORD IN EVIDENCE TODAY. WHEN THE 4000 CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SANG THE ORIGINAL OLYMPIC HYMN, THE EMOTION WAS SUCH THAT MANY IN THE CROWD WERE IN TEARS.

OH YES, AND AFTER THE CEREMONY, ANDY MEAD LAWRENCE BRINGING THE

OLYMPIC FLAME DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, THE MARCH PAST OF ALL THE ATHLETES, THE BRIEF REMARKS BY FRENTIS HALE, AVERY BRUNDAGE, AND VICE PRES. NIXON, THE SUN WENT BEHIND A CLOUD, AND IT STARTED SNOWING AGAIN. BY TOMORROW MORNING WE MAY HAVE THREE FEET OF NEW SNOW ON SQUAW PEAK AND THE OTHER MOUNTAINS AROUND THIS SFECTACULAR VALLEY TO WHICH ALEX CUSHING LURED THE ATHLETES OF THE WORLD, AND WHERE PRENTIS HALE AND HIS HUNDREDS OF HELPERS HAVE DONE SUCH A SUPERB JOB. SO -- HAIL TO PRENTIS HALE.

LATIN AMERICA

The nations of Latin America to a free trade group. The agreement on this was signed today - in Montevideo. Taking part - Argentina, Brazil, Chili, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, and Uraguay. The member states dismanteling their old protective tariffs. Inviting their neighbors - to join them.

TUNISIA

IN TUNISIA MORE DEMANDS -- THAT THE FRENCH GET OF great THEIR NAVAL BASE AT BIZERTE. THE TUNISIANS, CHARGING --THAT A FRENCH PLANE TODAY BOMBED A TUNISIAN VILLAGE TWELVE MILES FROM THE ALGERIAN BORDER. THE FRENCH PILOT, SAID TO BE ON A MISSION -- AGAINST ALGERIAN REBELS. BUT HE VIOLATED TUNISIAN AIR SPACE -- DROPPING A STRING OF BOMBS ON THE VIILAGE. So say the Tuniaians.

MIDDLE EAST

THE SITUATION IN THE MEDDLE EAST, <u>HE AGAIN BECOME</u> DANCEROUS. SO SAYS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, REFERRING TO -- A "FALLING BACK" IN THE RELATIONS OF ISREAL AND THE ARAB STATES. MEANING --ANOTHER RASH OF INCIDENTS ALONG THE ISREAL-SYRIA BORDER. EACH SIDE BLAMING THE OTHER. THREATENING -- TO RETALIATE. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U.N., AFRAID THE SITUATION WILL DETERIORATE FURTHER.

KHRUSHCHEV

The Premier of the Soviet Union is in -Indonisia. Khrushchev, on a state visit that will last some twelve weeks. His reception at the Jakarta Airport - restrained. President Sukarno, giving Khrushchev - a cordial welcome. The crowds - clapping politely. Some cheering and waving flags along the route into Jakarta. But no wild enthusiasm. Jakarta police declaring, Khrushchev isn't getting much of a reception - nothing like what the Indonisians gave Nassar of Egypt, and Tito of Yugoslavia.

THE DRAMA IS MOUNTING AT SAN QUENTIN -- WHERE CARYL CHESSMAN'S LAWYERS ARE IN AN ELEVENTH HOUR BID TO BAVE HIM FROM THE GAS CHAMBER. THE LAWYERS, APPEALING TO THE COURT THAT DIVIDED FOUR TO THREE -- AGAINST CHESSMAN, BEGGING ONE JUDGE -- TO CHANGE HIS MIND, THROW THE MAJORITY --IN CHESSMAN'S FAVOR. WHICH IS ALL THAT CHESSMAN NEEDS --TO WIN A STAY.

EVERYTHING ELSE FAILING. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, UNABLE TO INTERFER -- IN A CASE INVOLVING ONE STATE. CALIFORNIA'S GOVERNOR BROWN, HAVING NO POWER -- UNLESS THE COURT ACTS. SO IT'S UP TO THOSE FOUR JUDGES -- THE FOUR WHO VOTED AGAINST CHESSMAN.

MEANWHILE, MEN PROTESTS CONTINUE TO POUR INTERINE Even COUNTER - FROM AROUND THE WORLD. THREATS OF A WAVE OF

ANTI-AMERICANISM -- IF CHESSMAN IS EXECUTED TOMORROW.

SATELLITES

In Washington the Administration may decide to push - an all out program of military satellites. So we hear today, from General Bernard Schriever - chief of air force research. General Schriever mentioning satellites capable of detecting Soviet missils, the moment thy are launched. To give our defense system a first warning - in case of a sudden attack.

The decision of military satellites - to be made in the next thirty days. If the program is okeyed -General Schriever estimates that only a hundred million dollars will have to be added to the current budget. The program, to be fully operative - by nineteen sixtyfive. The number of military satellites to be decided on later.

ANTARCTIC

A dispatch from Dallas, Texas, tells of a phone conversation; between Bryce Miller of United Press International and Commander Griffith Evans, who is in the Antarctic. Miller, interviewing Commander Evans by radio telephone. Contact, worked out, as usual by a ham operator.

Commander Evans, aboard the ice breaker, "Burton Island" in the Amundsen Sea.

How's the weather down there?" The Commander reports - "clear water and little wind." And -- a lot of sunlight. The sun - setting at ten P.M. Then Commander Evans adds that geological exploration of Thurston's Peninsula - is proceeding on schedule. This the latest, from our Antarctic expedition - at the bottom of the earth - near the South Pole. MILLEW LAND NOT

QUEEN

Londoners all set to ring bells and fire cannon. Hailing the arrival of - a prince, or a princess. Queen Elizabeth's third child. The first to be born to a reigning British sovereign - in a hundred and three years. When will the joyful news be flashed to the country and the commonwealth? In London, the belief is - sometime tonight.

And now - from the snowy high Sierras back to Dick Noel in New York.

WEATHER

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The weather picture across the nation tonight more snow storms in the south, with heavy drifts piling up - all the way from North Carolina to Mississippi. In Tennessee some ten indes of snow, five inches - in northern Mississippi, hail - in North Carolina, wind storms - in South Carolina, tornadoes - in Florida. Throughout the south - power lines down. Highways clogged - - schools and airports, closed. Snowing hard here at Squaw Valley - end s - 1 - u - ti-m.