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Good Evening Everybody:

A prince of the Holy Roman Empire celebrates his jubilee! But surely this must be a page out of history. Didn't Napoleon put an end to the Holy Roman Empire - back in Eighteen six? However there was one imperial prince - whose dynasty did not lapse. The dynasty - of Liechtenstein. And - it's still there.

Tonight, Franz Joseph the second - of tiny Liechtenstein - between Switzerland and Austria - is celebrating twenty-five years as ruler of his principality. And his people - there are not many of them - have reason to celebrate with their sovereign. They enjoy one of the highest standards of living - in the world and are getting richer all the time - because of the tourist trade. Also because people go there to escape paying

taxes. Some well known authors.

Sounds like a Ruritanian romance. But
it's real. For here is a principality with a history
that goes back - to the Holy Roman Empire. and a
dynasty that began - in the Middle Ages. Liechtenstein.
hailing the jubilee - of Prince Franz Joseph the Second.

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CONGO

That the former French Congo is now going the way of - the former Belgian Congo, seems clear - after the resignation of President Youlou. Youlou has been compared to Patrice Lumumba. But Lumumba clung to power, and provoked civil war - until he was assassinated. Youlou quits - only two days after the rioting began.

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VIET NAM

The first Buddhist nun to commit suicide in South Viet Nam - immolated herself at Ninh Hoa, two hundred miles north of Saigon. Method - the same as in the case of the three monks. She doused her robes with gasoline - and set them on fire. Motive - also the same. A protest against what the Buddhists call "persecution" - by the Catholic Premier. The special target of their denunciation - Premier Diem's sister-in-law. Beautiful, intelligent - and tough - Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu.

NUCLEAR

America's top military man believes that the next World crisis may come - along the border between the Soviet Union and Red China. Although we've heard that speculation - before, it has a special ring of authority - when it comes from the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Maxwell Taylor thinks a showdown between the Red Giants is in the making. His view is that this is why Khrushchev signed the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Ease tension with the West - so he can deal with Peking, with Mao, according to Maxwell Taylor - preparing to move into Soviet Central Asia - maybe.

SPY

The spy who was sentenced to life imprisonment today - could have been given the death penalty. The only thing that saved him - compassion for his wife and parents.

That was what Judge Thomas Murphy said from the bench, in New York. Standing before the bar - Nelson Drummond, who used to be in the U.S. Navy. The Russians got to him - and persuaded him to steal classified documents from the naval base at Newport, Rhode Island. Six of the documents were in his car - when F B I men picked him up. With him, two Russians - who were able to go back to Moscow because they had diplomatic immunity.

The American sailor - held for trial. Found guilty - and sentenced today.

MISSISSIPPI

The University of Mississippi will graduate its first negro student On Sunday. So decided by the State College board - in the case of James Meredith. The history student had been accused of criticism of the university * that would justify his expulsion. The sub-committee says "no" to that - by a vote of three to one.

So James Meredith - gets his diploma. The student who last fall - cracked the ~~■~~ color bar at Ole Miss.

DEBT

Uncle Sam now can go into debt - to the tune of three hundred billion dollars. That's the way the Senate Finance Committee voted today. Eleven "ayes" to six "noes".

In other words, the temporary debt limit is extended through November, instead of falling back automatically - to the old level, to two hundred and eighty-five billion.

The purpose of raising the ceiling of the national debt - to give the Secretary of the Treasury elbow room in handling our national finances.

ROBBERY

Tonight Scotland Yard is entitled to say -

"elementary, my dear Watson!" Like Sherlock Holmes - the Yard has solved its case. And is busily rounding up suspects - in the great train robbery.

How - was it done? Mainly with money. A flood of tips from informers who would like a piece of the rewards - *rewards* that total more than seven hundred thousand dollars. Because of these informers, ~~and~~ *men* and two women were arrested - in London. And Scotland Yard is ~~not~~ on the trail of ~~more members~~ *the rest* of the gang.

Oddly, the stool pigeons of British crime - had nothing to do with the suspects arrested ~~at~~ Bournemouth, on the ~~English~~ *Channel* coast. A respectable land lady became suspicious - of ~~her~~ two new borders, ~~she~~ called the bobbies, and the pair were hauled off to the lock up - after a free-for-all in the boarding house.

BALLOON

Some island in the Pacific may have a strange visitor
- within a week or so. Namely - a balloon, eighty-five feet
tall. You see - Uncle Sam has lost one!

Our scientists launched it - from Palestine, Texas.
Purpose - to study meteors. The balloon was supposed to
land - at Pecos, Texas. But something went wrong - with the
control system. The balloon kept drifting west - and gaining
altitude. Finally, disappearing out over the Pacific - ~~at~~
ninety thousand feet up.

Tonight - "hopelessly lost" - they say. Adding -
no one knows where or when it will come down. The scientists
down there in Texas, at Pecos,
~~of the Lone Star State~~ are waiting until some Pacific islander
reports - that a giant balloon has just landed among the
coconut trees.

SIGNAL

The latest thing in nuclear physics - is one cubic foot in size, And all it does - is emit a squeak that would set your teeth on edge. Fortunately, you'll never hear it - unless you happen to be in the wheelhouse of a ship at sea.

This atomic device is - an underwater beacon. It has a nuclear reactor - powered by radioactive strontium. The strontium, forcing oil - through a tube, And producing a rusty screech - like ~~km~~ nothing you've ever heard.

The point about the gadget - is that the sound carries for twenty miles underwater. And is expected to last - for ten years. Hence, its usefulness as - a beacon. Warning ships about channels, reefs, sandbars and so on.

A lot cheaper than a lighthouse - that underwater beacon. ~~Which will lie on the floor of the ocean - and join the squeaking of porpoises and shrimp.~~ An atomic voice, added to - the symphony of the sea.

OCEANAUTS

Now for - the oceanauts. A word to be taken literally - since Commander Cousteau's pioneers really do live at the bottom of the sea. The Red Sea - to be exact.

Cousteau arrived in Marseilles today - with the members of his expedition. All of whom want to go back - to their Red Sea village, where they lived in their underwater huts - for over a month. They say there's nothing like - life on the floor of the ocean.