

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Panama's decision to resume diplomatic relations with the United States -- and the mutual agreement to negotiate -- all this doesn't come any too soon for American prestige. According to reports we are being criticezed -- right around the world. In the Communist countries -- or course. But also -- among our friends and allies -- the British and the French, for example -- who are not at all inclined to explain away our Panama problem. London and Paris still remember that we opposed their invasion of Suez. Uncle Sam "taking a shellacing" almost everywhere -- so we hear from Washington.

What to do -- about it? Well, the Panamanian flag is already flying beside the American flag -- at the high school where the rioting started. American residents of the Canal Zone are being warned that they'll be expelled -- if they embarrass their government again. And American officials are on direct

orders from President Johnson - to honor all existing commitments to the fullest extent.

The wider problems are to be discussed by Panama and the United States - within thirty days ^{after resumption} ~~the~~ of diplomatic relations. The hope being that a settlement can be reached with regard to such things as - the amount of Canal fees to be paid to Panama; And - Panamanian rights in the Canal Zone.

At the same time, the utility of the Panama Canal - is up for discussion. Senator Mansfield of Montana argues that the ^{great} waterway across the isthmus of ~~Panama~~ is outmoded. Too narrow, too ~~shad~~ shallow, too many locks - for battleships and big oil tankers. The Democratic leader in the Senate is pushing for - the building of another canal. Place - Mexico. The Mexicans having the man power and the know-how - to maintain a sea level canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

SEGNU

*America and Europe must be linked by -
"indissoluble bonds of interdependence, of loyalty and
solidarity." Only then will the free world be able to -
deal effectively with Communism.*

*So said President Antonio Segni - to a joint
session of Congress today. And, if this unification is
achieved, he foresees the emergence of the greatest
society of free peoples - the Atlantic community.*

*President Segni - urging the closest
cooperation, both economic and ~~po~~ political, within the
Atlantic alliance.*

ERHARD FOLLOW SEGNI

In London the Chancellor of West Germany was saying much the same thing - as President Segni in Washington.

Chancellor Erhard, urgently appealing for a United Europe.

But Herr Erhard wants Britain - ~~to be~~ included. "Europe will remain a torso - unless it is joined by Britain" he said.

The British channel, traditional line of demarcation, no longer valid - in this day and age. Chancellor Erhard - appealing for a United Europe - within the Atlantic partnership.

ITALY

Italy's Communist leaders are calling tonight for a meeting of all West European Communist parties--to discuss general problems. Not, they say--the problem of Red China.

Nevertheless, party director Giancarlo Pajetta admits that Communist Party membership in Italy--is falling off. He's afraid a new far-left political party--will entice more members away from the fold; a party more leftist than even the Reds. A new party that Pajetta says will probably side with Red China.

So what does he really mean--when he says they'll discuss--general problems? It sounds as though there could only be one subject--at any Communist gathering these days. The subject of--RedChina.

MALAYSIA

Indonesia's President Sukarno arrived in Tokyo today for his talks with Attorney General Robert Kennedy--arrived in a rather bad temper. The object of his displeasure, not Kennedy--but the British.

Sukarno charges Britain with--taking arbitrary measures against Indonesian interests in Hong Kong, in' order to help the new nation of Malaysia--which is a member of the Commonwealth.

If this is part of a general offensive by the British, says Sukarno--he will have to revise Indonesia's foreign policy. Is this a veiled threat--that he will do more business with the Communists?

SORENSEN

The decision of Ted Sorenson is to resign as special counsel to the President which may mean quite a change at the White House; that is--in the presidential prose. Sorenson was the chief writer of Administration documents under President Kennedy. His style the balanced sentence, as in the Kennedy inaugural--"ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Now retiring to write a book--about a subject he knows well. The story of--his years with John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

TITAN TWO

Another Titan Two rocket roared down the Atlantic test range today--for a perfect five thousand eight hundred mile flight.

The Titan Two--we hope--will send our two-man spaceships--into orbit when the Gemini program gets under way soon. In time of war it can hit a target--half way round the globe.

BUCHMAYR

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Skiers far and wide will be saddened by the death of Sig Buchmayr, who taught so many Americans - to ski. Sig, one of three Austrians who introduced and taught the Alpine skiing technique in this country - way back in the thirties, at Franconia, New Hampshire, at Peckett's on Sugar Hill. He played a major role in making the sport so popular that now there are millions of American skiers.

By a tragic twist of fate that ^L snow that was Sig's life - may also have caused his death.

He was returning to New York after skiing - a friend, a Mrs. Irmfried Ferentzi of Manchester, Vermont was at the wheel when the car skidded on the Taconic Parkway, and hit a tree. Both killed. The irrepressible Sig Buchmayr, who spread gaiety and fun wherever he went. One of the fathers of skiing in America.

BILLIE SOL ESTES

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, today unanimously upheld his Billie Sol Estes conviction as a swindler. So, it looks, tonight, as though he's headed for the Texas State penitentiary -- for some eight years. A sojourn at federal expense. That means at your expense and mine.

But, his lawyers say they'll go on up to the U.S. Supreme Court. So, Dick will Billie Sol ever have to serve those eight years?

ANASTASIA

A name we used to hear several years ago--in the news again tonight. Anna Anderson, who claims to be the Grand Duchess Anastasia--of Russia; daughter of--the Czar.

Her claim was thrown out of a German court--in nineteen sixty-one, after a long investigation.

But Anna appealed--to a higher court which now says--it will review the case. So there is still hope for Anna Anderson, who insists she is the Grand Duchess and only survivor of the Romanoffs, daughter of the last Czar.