

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Sudden and tragic death today -- high in the Swiss Alps. With American school teacher John Harlin -- plunging more than four thousand feet. This the finale to a month long attempt to climb that notorious North Wall of Switzerland's sinister Eiger.

Harlin -- formerly of California -- now living in Switzerland, and leader of an Anglo-American expedition, which had recently joined forces ⁹ with a German Team⁷ in an attempt to make the first "diretissima" -- or straight-up ascent, of the more than mile high North Wall.

He was returning from Base camp with food for a bivouac -- barely a thousand feet from the summit when he slipped at the joining point of two steel ropes -- and fell to the "white hare" ski run far below.

Ironically, two German members of the team have since completed the most perilous part of the climb, apparently unaware of Harlin's death.

This, the twenty-seventh such tragedy in the drama packed history of North Wall of the Eiger.

BONN

At Bonn -- a careful and deliberate rebuttal today -- by West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard to that surprise speech for former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer -- contending that Russia has suddenly become a peace loving nation.

Erhard telling a christian democratic party caucus that "now as before" -- Russia's "enormous military power is demonstratively aimed against Western Europe." Further, that the Russians have failed as yet to produce any evidence -- "of a real change in their political thinking."

Erhard concluding that Germany's best defense against Soviet aggression -- remains the nato alliance.

TREATY

From that continuing Geneva disarmament conference -- news today that Britton's Lord Chalfont will fly to Moscow on Thursday, in an effort to speed agreement -- on a treaty banning the spread of nuclear weapons.

Informed sources in London adding that the British disarmament minister will also confer with North Viet Namese officials in Moscow, in the continuing search -- for peace in Viet Nam.

Meanwhile the United States today amended it's own draft -- of a purposed nuclear non-proliferation treaty, in an attempt to meet russian objections to the original draft. However, Soviet reaction -- still negative.

VIET NAM

"Operation Texas" in the coastal plain of Viet Nam -- completed today in a blaze of success we hear. American marines storming a fortified Viet Cong command post -- seizing massive stores of enemy ammunition -- killing nearly two hundred Viet Cong, apparently remnants of a force -- routed by Marines three weeks ago in the same general area.

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Closer to Saigon -- American and Australian troops today completed their big sweep -- of zone D for Death. U.S. paratroopers claiming a mission "kill ration" of forty three tons ^{one} over the Viet Cong. Apparently the highest margin of ^{victory} ~~victims~~ -- in any major engagement so far.

FORMOSA

At Paipai in Formosa -- the man personally picked by Chiang Kai Shek as his heir apparent -- today was elected by Vice President of Nationalist China. C.K. Yen moving up from the office of premier to succeed the late Chen Cheng.

The new Vice President described as western educated -- western oriented. At sixty-two -- sixteen years younger than aging Chaing, who was reelected only yesterday -- to a new six year term as President of Nationalist China.

CHURCH

Arch Bishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury arrived today in Rome -- for historic meetings with Pope Paul. The Angelican prelate -- stating that he is looking "forward enourmously" to his interview with the Pontiff. But as to what may come to the visit -- he said: "I can only wait and see."

KATZENBACH

A plea today from Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach -- for new Federal Legislation. Designed to shatter the code of silence -- that now protects the king pins of organized crime.

This enforced silence -- "secured most dramatically through terror" -- said Katzenbach. Citing "dozens of cases -- where witnesses were beaten with base ball bats -- and tortured with acetylene torches.

The answer -- said he -- a law making it a Federal crime -- to intimidate witnesses in a Federal investigation. Also -- a law that would allow the granting of legal immunity to racket underlings -- in exchange for evidence against racket leaders.

SMASHER

In Washington -- six locations recommended today -- by the National Academy of Science. As possible sites -- for a new three hundred and seventy five million dollar atom smasher -- the world s largest. Contenders including Upton, New York, Denver, Colo, South Barrington, Ill., and Ann Arbor, Michigan. Final selection -- to be made by the Atomic energy commission.

By the way -- there were renewed reports today of ~~wide~~ unidentified flying objects -- near Hillsdale, Michigan -- about forty-five miles from Ann Arbor. The objects -- said to have been seen by more than a hundred people -- over the last two nights. With the results that the Air Force -- has now ordered a full investigation.

All a coincidence? I wonder.

STORM

A bitter Spring storm spilled out of the Northern Rockies today -- spreading quickly across the Northern Plains -- the storm including up to Two feet of snow in some places -- with winds up to seventy-five miles an hour.

Producing drifts up to four feet; blocking traffic and closing schools -- in Nebraska, North Dakota, Wyoming, -- and Colorado. Temperatures? -- two below ~~xxx~~ at Laramie -- zero Leadville, Colorado -- three above, Butte, Mont. With additional heavy snow warnings posted tonight -- as far south as Kansas; with the storm apparently following the same path as the so-called "Great Blizzard of '66" earlier this month. Storm moving on into Minnesota -- and ~~possibly~~ Northern Iowa.

YOUTH

The Youth of America -- both praised and criticized today by Former President Eisenhower -- our young people lauded by "Ike" as quote "Better than my generation in^a good many ways." The overwhelming majority -- decent and intelligent -- said he -- adding what s more that those who feel we are wrong in Vietnam -- have a perfect right to speak out_o-2

The danger -- said he -- in raucous and belligerent protest. That "harms the cause of freedom -- and in the end will cost additional lives." Accordingly said Ike -- those who deliberately burned their draft cards should be sent to jail -- "at least for the war's duration."

Okay Warren.

BIRTH

The story of an astounding medical rarity -- comes today from Pomona, California. Doctors there disclosing the birth of two children to the same mother -- twenty-nine days apart. The first a boy -- the second a girl -- both doing fine.

The children -- not twins, we're told. But rather born of a rare -- double pregnancy. The resulting double delivery -- completed against odds of a Hundred and Sixty Thousand to one.