

L.T. - DELCO. FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1958.  
(Given by L.T., Jr. - L.T. in Washington)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

That Vanguard rocket came within three minutes of being launched last night - but it never got off the ground. The scientists, frustrated by a number of technical difficulties, which they describe as "very minor." The bugs in the mechanism - couldn't be ironed out in time for the one A.M. deadline. So the attempt was "scrubbed" - as they say at Cape Canaveral. The launching - postponed. One more delay in the Navy attempt to put a satellite into orbit.

# MISSILE

Here's a good example of how fast modern life is moving. The last of the Wac Corporal missiles - was presented today, /to the Smithsonian Institution. ~~today~~ The Wac Corporal - which made history only ten years ago. In Nineteen Forty-Five, one ~~missile~~ set a record - by climbing forty-three miles. ~~The~~ Four years later, a record even more sensational - a Wac Corporal, riding a German V-Two rocket, then zooming up for two hundred and fifty miles.

This sixteen foot missile - paved the way for the conquest of outer space. But ~~now~~ ~~the Wac Corporal~~ <sup>it's</sup> obsolete, giving way to more powerful rockets. So now ~~the Wac Corporal~~ <sup>the Wac Corporal</sup> is just one more display in the Smithsonian collection of American air vehicles.

~~Today, one scientist remarked, "A few years ago, the Wac was the latest top secret thing - now she's going to a museum." Then he added, "History happens fast around here."~~

## GERMANY

The new agreement just signed in Bonn - calls for West Germany and the Soviet Union to double their trade over the next three years. The agreement, signed by Mikoyan for Russia - and Foreign Minister Brentano for the German federal republic. It's the first such agreement between the two nations - since Hitler's non-aggression pact with Stalin, <sup>- which</sup> ~~that~~ pact, signed in August of Nineteen Thirty-Nine, allowed Hitler to start World War Two. Today, Mikoyan mentioned Hitler - who disregarded his non-aggression pact <sup>invading</sup> ~~to invade~~ Russia. Mikoyan, pointing out the moral - saying, "Hitler is no more."

Tomorrow, Mikoyan will begin talks with Chancellor Adenauer. The Soviet Deputy-Premier, the highest ranking official from Moscow - to visit the German Chancellor since ~~diplomatic~~ diplomatic relations were established after World War Two.

## SUMATRA

Over on Sumatra - the rebels charge that the Jakarta government is using pilots from Red Czechoslovakia. According to a radio broadcast from somewhere in central Sumatra - the Czechs are posing as clerks, living at a hotel in Jakarta - until word comes for them to speed out to the airport, a quick change to flying clothes, and away they go with plane-loads of bombs for Sukarno's enemies.



**GUNA**

The army of Honduras may have nipped a revolution in Nicaragua - by seizing a plane just in from Miami. The plane, owned by the Nicaraguan Airline. A group of exiles from Nicaragua seized it at the Miami airport - and flew to Tegucigalpa. But when the Honduran government heard of an unidentified plane coming in - troops rushed out - finding the plane loaded with guns - everything from pistols to automatic rifles. All the men aboard - Nicaraguans. Obviously they were preparing to smuggle the weapons into Nicaragua - to help in a planned revolt against the government of President Somoza.

## ISRAEL

Tension between Israel and Jordan has died down - with the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Jerusalem. Prime Minister Ben-Gurion keeping his promise - that his men would stay in the Holy city - only long enough for the parade celebrating Israel's Tenth Anniversary.

Five thousand Israeli troops have pulled out - taking their tanks and artillery, disappearing through the mountain passas that surround Jerusalem - leaving the "city of peace" as quickly as they had come.

## ATOMIC

Foreign scientists will be permitted to check instruments - at our forthcoming atomic tests in the Pacific. The announcement, made by Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

We've invited scientists from fourteen nations - including Russia. According to Chairman Strauss they'll all be permitted to examine our instruments before the explosion - and again after it, which means, that they'll be given information - never before made public. Information like - the total power of our nuclear bombs. The reason? To show the world that we are developing a "clean" bomb - one with little radioactive fall-out.

## RUSSIANS

Five Russians this morning, visited the White House, to pay their respects to President Eisenhower. Five Soviet veterans of a dramatic moment in World War Two. The Elbe River link-up, when the Russians, driving west, met General Eisenhower's forces, driving east.

The Russians didn't get to see the President, he's at Augusta, Georgia. But they were met by Mr. Eisenhower's military aide - Colonel Robert Schulz, who, on behalf of the President, accepted a Russian bowl - symbolizing friendship between America and the Soviet Union.



## CARDINAL

An American Cardinal is in Rome - to take up one of the top appointments of the Catholic Church. Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago - appointed to the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, ~~this~~ the first time the Pope has ever appointed <sup>an</sup> ~~any~~ American to that post.

Cardinal Stritch arrived in Naples aboard the "Independence," ~~the~~ ~~He was~~ dressed in the traveling costume of Catholic ecclesiastics - black robes and a red skull cap. He refused to talk about his new job - but he posed for photographs with the Archbishop of Naples. Then he was escorted into Rome by train - to be met by a delegation of Cardinals, - the highest officials of the Catholic Church, under the Pope.

## WAGNER

The Mayor of New York spent most of today in Gander, Newfoundland - because his plane lost a cylinder less than three hours out of New York. The pilot of the "Irish Airlines" Constellation - feathered a propeller over Nova Scotia - returning to Gander on three engines. But before landing, he came down to fifteen hundred feet above the Atlantic - ordered all lights out, to prevent fire - and dumped most of his fuel into the sea. Then he made a successful landing at the Gander airport.

Whereupon the Mayor and Mrs. Wagner joined the other passengers for a tour through the Newfoundland countryside, followed by a little time at a hotel, waiting for their plane to be repaired. Then - on to Dublin.

HERMAN HICKMAN

A sad report has just come in - one of radio's jolliest personalities passed away unexpectedly today in Washington, D. C. - Herman Hickman - following a stomach operation.

Herman Hickman - CBS sports announcer, humorist, former football coach, and All-American Guard at Tennessee in his playing days.

Sad news, indeed.

## SEAWAY

A Norwegian freighter, tied up at Chicago - with her cargo still aboard. And none of it was removed - when she stopped at Milwaukee. The reason - a strike by the Great Lakes Pilot Association, <sup>which</sup> The Association, <sup>demanding</sup> ~~demanding~~ that its own pilots be used on foreign ships - sailing the Great Lakes. The owners opposed - claiming, the system costs too much.

The point is, <sup>that</sup> unless they reach an agreement - the St. Lawrence Seaway may be in danger. Ships from the Atlantic, avoiding the passage through the St. Lawrence River. Well, L.T. will be interested to hear about that, <sup>because</sup> / he's just produced a book called - "The St. Lawrence Seaway Story." It's a description of how they built those marvels of engineering - along the St. Lawrence. An achievement, no one wants to see fail - least of all labor and management, on the Great Lakes.



## GYPSY

Tonight, in Italy, the body of a Gypsy queen lies in state, in the town square of Lendinera. Queen Mimi - who asked to be allowed to die in her royal tent. For three days, she clung to life - the end, coming yesterday. Tonight, the mournful dirges of the Hungarian Gypsies - can be heard throughout Lendinara. Hundreds of Gypsies, milling around - in a sea of mud outside the royal tent.

Inside, the remains of the queen lie in a yellow silk robe - decorated with red flowers. Around her neck - a heavy gold necklace, and around one wrist - a gold bracelet in the shape of a snake.

The funeral is set for tomorrow. Tribal elders taking charge of the ceremony - hiring Italian musicians to play a dirge. They're getting ready for an old Gypsy custom - burning the queen's tent, along with most of her possessions. The only thing to escape the funeral bonfire, Queen Mimi's automobile, which will be sold.

The members of the Gypsy council still refuse to say -  
whether they know where their late monarch kept her treasure.  
Queen Mimi, said to have gold and jewels worth many thousands of  
dollars - hidden away somewhere. She was supposed to let the  
council know just where. And the guess is - she did. But the  
Gypsies aren't <sup>telling.</sup> ~~talking about it~~

## PILOTS

A dispatch from Halton, England, tells how two RAF pilots fell fifty-six thousand feet - and survived.

Lieutenants Peter DeSalis and Patrick Howe - were flying a Canberra jet bomber at an altitude of almost eleven miles. The plane, for some reason, going out of control - disintegrating.

DeSalis and Lowe, fired their ejection seats and were thrown clear. DeSalis, spinning head over heels so fast, he became temporarily blind, falling freely for over four minutes - before his parachute opened.

Lowe had it easier. He says he just went into a spiral - diving gently toward the earth - for long minutes - before his parachute popped open. He describes the experience as "most comfortable." But he was shocked when he noticed his hands were covered with frost.

The two airmen, landing safely - each amazed to find the other, thinking his own survival was a miracle - bailing out of an exploding jet, and then falling through space for almost eleven miles without being killed.



## TEAMSTER

That teamster official from Chicago - isn't standing guard over his union records after all. Joseph Glimco turned over to the Committee - about twenty-five pounds of documents. We heard yesterday - how he insisted that he must keep an eye on them. Saying - he didn't want any leaks to the Press.

The Committee offered Glimco a place in its office - to sit and guard his treasures, and he said that would be fine. But today he didn't appear. His attorney explaining - Glimco expected to be given a private office - but all the Committee gave him was a chair. So he's back in Chicago - leaving the Committee to take care of his teamster documents.



## RADIO

The world's weakest radio station - has just gone into action, located - at the bottom of the world. The Polar Broadcasting Company - not far from ultimate South, down in Antarctica.

The Polar Broadcasting Company - founded by two Navy men - Louis DeWit, of Sparks, Nevada, and James Greene of Nashville, Tennessee. The effective coverage of these broadcasts is three hundred feet. The audience - eighteen Navy personnel stationed in Antarctica, as part of the International Geophysical Year. The number of announcers - same as the audience - eighteen. The whole group, settling in for sixteen months of South Polar winter. Their only entertainment - what they make up for themselves. And that includes the Polar Broadcasting Company.

Navy men DeWit and Greene point out that they have one minor problem - no sponsor. Well, at least they don't

have to worry about plugging the wrong product, Don - and they're safe from Congressional Committees - even though they do have a monopoly of the air waves their part of the South Polar continent.

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The solution? A certain piece of furniture equipped with pipes - circulating cold air. Princess Margaret, looking cool - because she was sitting in an air-conditioned chair.

See for Lovell Thomas -

Belong, Until Monday!

## PRINCESS

Down in Trinidad, at Port-au-Spain, they've just explained - how Princess Margaret manages to look so cool at official functions. The Queen's sister, presided over the legislature of the West Indies Federation on Tuesday - and she seemed completely unaffected by the stifling heat. Then, next day, she went to a track meet - sitting under the blazing Trinidad sun. Still she seemed cool - while everybody else sizzled.

The solution? A certain piece of furniture equipped with pipes - circulating cold air. Princess Margaret, looking cool - because she was sitting in an air-conditioned chair.

Now for Lowell Thomas -

Solong, Until Monday!