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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

France - is in a political uproar. Following - the French air attack on a Tunisian village. Seventy-five civilians - killed. An international incident of the gravest kind - and all France knows it. With bitter discussion - ranging all the way from the National Assembly in Paris - to the small cafe in a minor town.

On one side, angry questions - who ordered the squadron of twenty-five planes to bomb the Tunisian village? Demands - for the punishment of those responsible.

On the other hand - equally fervent arguments that France cannot continue permitting the Tunisians to help Algerian rebels. The French claim being - that the village was a base for anti-aircraft guns, firing at French planes . One plane - shot down.

Though this is denied - by the Tunisians.

Today's dispatch from Paris intimates - that Premier Gaillard's government may be overthrown, because of the political uproar.

The international aspects - are equally serious. Protests - from all over the world. In Washington, President Eisenhower is described as being "profoundly disturbed." Consulting with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles - on this latest perilous incident.

Moscow - reacting in a typical way. Accusing the United States of "silent participation" in the French air attack.

Today, the Tunisian representative at the U. N. lodged a protest with the world organization. Indications being - that the bombing may go before the Security Council. Which, for one thing, would be exactly the sort of thing the French do not want.

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They've been trying to keep the anti-French revolt in Algeria - out of the United Nations. But the Tunisian bombing - may put it right in.

EAST_GERMANY

The Communist boss of East Germany was crowing in triumph, today. Walter Ulbricht - in an address, declaring that a plot by liberal minded Communists, has been foiled. Anti-Stalinist members of the East German government - scheming the downfall of Ulbricht. But, instead, they've been ousted.

Three top leaders who held high posts in Ulbricht's own Red regime - were working for a Polish type of Communism. Liberal - nationalist. They had plenty of support, apparently. One hundred and forty Party members - reported arrested.

However, the word is - that Ulbricht is not likely to take drastic measures against his three top opponents. They used to hang 'em, in Stalin's time. But things have changed Ulbricht - facing too much continued antagonism - to play the part of a Little Stalin.

TORPEDO

The Navy - let's out the secret. The secret - of the rat. We know how sailing ships of old were infested with rats - but this is another kind of rodent. A torpedo - the Navy's new anti-submarine weapon. A combination of - rocket and undersea guided missile. To seek out a hostile submarine - a long distance away.

Suppose that, aboard a destroyer - they get a radio report of an enemy undersea craft - spotted by an airplane. The sub - too far away for ordinary attack. Immediately, they launch - a rat. Propelled - by rocket power. Going along - then arching down toward the water. A parachute - checking the speed. The rat - now shedding the rocket equipment. Proceeding under water - circling around, guided by sound waves, until it finds the target. Then - bang!

Expected to counter Soviet undersea strength - the rate has a sneaky way.

SPACE MAN

Tonight, the space man - is doing fine. Good physical and mental condition - as his rocket speeds out into planetary regions.

All of which applies to Airman Donald Farrell - who, at San Antonio, Texas, is the Air Force guinea pig for an investigation into space travel. The way a human being - would be affected on a trip to the moon, or Mars. Especially - his mental condition. Under the conditions - of a voyage in a rocket.

Don Farrel, a blond six-footer, has been living under space traveling conditions - ever since last night, nearly twenty-four hours ago. In a small hermetically sealed chamber - three by five. Unable - to leave his chair. He has concentrated food, and a supply of water. He has light - and can read books. He can push a button - and get soft music. Diversions - that a space voyager will have.

He receives radio signals, directing him - as if he were navigating to the moon. He transmits messages-

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as if he were communicating with the earth, far away.

The space man is wired in such fashion - that the doctors of space medicine can check his reactions. They can even watch him - through a closed television circuit. How is he bearing up under the loneliness and fear of the unknown - the first space traveler will have to endure?

"Beyond expectations" - is the report. Physically and mentally, in first class shape. Sleeping well - for example.

But this was only the first day. Don Farrell - to be a space man for a week. To remain in his rocket cabin - until next Sunday.

ANTARCTIC

On the south polar continent - a race against time. The British Antarctic expedition, traveling on the ice, all the way across Antarctica - has run into difficulties. Which means - they'll have to struggle desperately. Or - the polar winter will catch them.

The expedition, led by Sir Vivian Fuchs, reached their final supply depot - where they were joined by Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Mt. Everest. Then they pushed on - with seven hundred miles to go, before they reach McMurdo Sound. Where a ship - is to take them out.

But now the report - they made only nineteen miles in one day. Expecting - to make forty miles a day. The delay - caused by crevasses. Those canyons in the polar ice - treacherous, often masked by snow.

Hence the crisis. They'll have to make something like forty miles a day, instead of nineteen. The polar winter will close down in a couple of weeks Preventing any ship - from taking them out.

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Let's hope they have better luck - down there
on the Antarctic ice.

ECONOMIC

A joint Congressional Economic Committee today - demanded a report on administration plans to counter the present recession. Lawmakers of both the Senate and the House, asking the White House - what will be done to stimulate business activity?

Congress - worried by such signs as a report from the Department of Commerce. Forecasting - the unemployment figure for this month may go as high as five million. Legislators - proposing measures of all sorts. From a public works program - to a tax cut.

Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois suggesting - a tax reduction in the lower brackets. Which would mean - an average of fifty dollars less for every income taxpayer.

WEATHER

Dog sleds in upper New York State - snowbound. Ten teams, scheduled for championship races - trapped by the blizzard. An indication - of the weather, today. New York City - freezing. Up-state - buried in the snow. At Utica - twenty-seven inches. In Syracuse - thirty-eight inches. A snowstorm, and winds of fifty miles an hour.

Two-thirds of the nation - shivering in the grip of winter. In the suburbs of Chicago - ten below zero. The cold wave - extending far into the south.

JERSEY CITY

At last reports, the Jersey City mystery - had not been solved. Where is the huge break - in the water main? Where is all the water going to? Unanswered questions, with the fear - of a disaster striking Jersey City.

Last night, in that community on the Hudson River - the water pressure dropped. Homes, factories, hospitals, left without water. Faucets - running dry.

The cause - not hard to guess - a break in the great water main, underground. Whereupon, a search began - with electronic detection devices. Indications were - that the break was somewhere in a mile square area, near the Hudson River. But just where - has not been discovered

The fear is that the millions of gallons of water, which are pouring out underground - will build up dangerous pressures. Undermining - a section of the city. Threatening - cave-ins.

However, there is no sign of water seeping into basements, and one supposition is - that the underground flood may be finding its way into the Hudson River.

ITALY

On the Italian Riviera, an uproar - created by a man with a poor memory. But - what an imagination!

A manganese miner - named Pessagno (Pess-ah-nyo), who went, happily, to the town hall - to register the birth of his first child, a boy. Pessagno - beaming, as the official on duty wrote out the necessary information.

"What," asked the official, "was the date of your marriage?"

Pessagno mediated - his face fell. He couldn't remember the date of the wedding. The official - looked astonished.

Embarrassing - not to remember when you were married. And that was when Pessagno's imagination went into action.

"You see," he explained, "I'm in a state of shock. I was trapped in the manganese mine with two of my comrades for three days, and we were rescued only this morning. This," he added, "is the reason why I forgot the date of my marriage."

The official, hearing this, was much concerned about the disaster in the manganese mine. He phoned the police - who were astonished. In a hurry, they drove along a mountain trail to the mine. It was raining, pouring.

Then, when they arrived at the mine - no disaster at all. And were they indignant!

Pessagno - in the Italian doghouse, going to his wife, and asking her the date of the wedding.

SPRING

Here's a news dispatch with an alarming first line - "Spring-time -- is on its way out." Think of it - no more balmy breezes breaking the winter cold. No more greening of the trees - no more blooming of roses, violets and daffodils. Mournful thought, but that's how United Press Reporter Doc Quigg begins his account: "Spring-time is on its way out."

But don't be frightened. The story goes on to quote Dr. John Van Horn, who has found a way - of converting wrist watches to electricity.

"I believe," says the inventor, "that the electric watch will replace the spring driven watch." Explaining - that the electric drive is more efficient than the old-fashioned spring.

Electric time - instead of spring time.

BRAZIL

And now, here comes our old friend - the sea serpent. At Rio de Janeiro, this time. Reported - by fisherman in boats and people along the shore.

A lifeguard, at a beach resort, describes the weird behemoth in these words: "A monster serpent, with a neck like a giraffe - humps on its back, and a long tail."

A fisherman, in a boat, spotted something strange, and investigated. "Upon approaching closer," he relates, "I saw a monstrous greenish serpent, with a head as big as a barrel. I steered for shore, and forgot about fishing for the rest of the day."

All of which makes us wonder. Maybe the Loch Ness monster has emigrated, from Scotland over to Brazil.

ITALY - COLLAPSE

A dispatch from Italy reminds us - that, while we have our housing problems over here, things can be worse in the ancient countries of Europe.

At Foggia, southern Italy - the collapse of a building. Nine lives lost - when a tall structure simply fell down. For years - pronounced unsafe. But people were living in it.

In the Thirteenth Century, the building had been used as a fortress - and prison. Seven hundred years ago - the age of knights and castles.

After the collapse, today, people in the neighborhood staged a riot. Protesting - that they live in similar ancient buildings. And demanding - new housing. You can hardly blame them.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower's voice - remains hoarse and husky. A little better - but not much. In the fight against a lingering cold, he feels okay - better than he talks.

The President had anticipated - a trip to the George plantation of former Secretary of the Treasury, George Humphrey. But that may be cancelled - because of cold weather in the South. Also - the press of official business in Washington.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

In New York, a sixteen year old boy appeared in a courtroom, today - to testify in a juvenile-delinquent murder trial. Roger McShane - defying a threat of death.

Seven teen age gangsters - accused of knifing Michael Farmer, fifteen years old, in a park. Mistaking him, apparently - for a member of a rival mob of juvenile delinquents. Roger McShane - with the victim at the time. Able to identify - the murderous assailants.

Last Friday, he received a half literate letter of rambling menace - threatening him with death. A letter, obviously, from the teen age gansters.

Nevertheless, Roger McShane was in the courtroom today- ready to testify, when called upon.