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NEWS

Every so often, we have what the French call -- "an embarrassment of riches." Too many good stories -- all at once. Enough -- for a week. But -- they all have to be boiled into one. Which creates a problem of -- choice, order, emphasis.

Tonight, ordinarily the top story would be -- the new British Prime Minister, or -- the first atomic explosion inside Red China, or the developing scandal in Washington. Headlines -- all.

Also -- the human interest stories? The death of -- one of the most popular song writers of our time. The resignation -- of the manager who only yesterday beat the Yankees in the World Series -- and the other manager who got canned. Also, of course, the Olympic Games in Tokyo - which are of world wide interest.

I'll mention all of these stories -- in this broadcast. But the astonishing thing is that my

"embarrassment of riches" is such - that I haven't yet mentioned the lead story of the day.

SOVIET

That lead story is still of course - the upheaval in the Soviet Union. Throughout the world, the questions is being asked: what - does the fall of Khrushchev mean?

We know now that Khrushchev did not resign, but was forced out. Evidence - that editorial in Pravda - the mouthpiece of the Kremlin denouncing the man it flattered only a few days ago - Pravda accusing Khrushchev of "hair brained schemes." Also - of "bragging about his personal achievements." Exactly the kind of language Khrushchev once used about the Soviet leaders he out-manuevered.

As for drastic policy changes - Brezhnev and Co. are at pains to deny that there will be any. In Washington, Ambassador Dobrynin arrived at the White House with a pledge that his country stands by - the principle of peaceful co-existence.

There is an apparent contradiction - in all

this. After all, peaceful co-existence - was Khrushchev's main theme.

The point seems to be - that he lost his grip on other vital issues. Namely - the mess in Soviet agriculture, and the venomous dispute - with Red China. The Soviet Central Committee evidently decided - that someone else should be given a chance to straighten out both of these problems.

Peking - agrees. Mao and his colleagues have sent congratulations - to Brezhnev and Kosygin, proposing a new alignment - of the two Red giants. However - there is a catch in Peking's message to Moscow. Mao wants an end to the quarrel - on his own terms.

ATOMIC FOLLOW SOVIET

The nuclear explosion touched off by Mao Tse Tung's physicists - came too late to be considered the ~~cause~~ cause of Khrushchev's fall. But the fact that Red China was closing in on the bomb - may have been a contributory factor. The Soviet Central Committee, feeling that they should have a leader - who could talk to the strongman in Peking. Mao and Khrushchev ^{-having} ~~had~~ reached the point - of mutual insults.

Anyway, the latest member of the nuclear club - has not surprised anyone. As President Johnson says - we knew Mao was coming. And though we may not like it - there's no reason for immediate alarm. Because Red China won't have a rocket delivery system - for years to come.

Incidentally, our detection system is so good - that it picked up the atomic blast in western China. ^{May}
^{deep}
x In Sinkiang - near the Soviet border.

WILSON

The new British Prime Minister is a typically British phenomenon. The Socialist - who went to Oxford. The product of the class system - who rebels against that system.

His name - rather prosaic. Plain - Harold Wilson. But he whizzed through the echelons of power - as if he were the sons of an Earl. Honors degree at Oxford - where he became a don at the age of twenty-One, and where he also became - a Socialist. After which he left the historic university - for politics. Elected to Parliament - and a cabinet member at the age of thirty one. The youngest since William Pitt - in the Eighteenth Century. Since then, a top figure in the Labor Party - of which he became the leader on the death of Hugh Gaitskell in Nineteen Sixty-three.

Tonight - the new leader of Britain, after receiving an invitation from the Queen - according to British tradition - to form a government. Now preparing

to move into Number Ten Downing Street - Prime Minister
Harold Wilson.

BASEBALL

The resignation of Johnny Keane as Manager of the Saint Louis Cardinals - is something of a shocker. You expect the winner of the World Series to get a new contract - and a ~~rise~~ raise. Especially when he ~~has~~ ^{might} just clobbered the Yankees.

But Keane had made his decision - before his team won the pennant. He was under fire for most of the season - while the Cards floundered. And he ^{had} ~~decided~~ ^{definitely decided on this -} to step out ^{before} his team made that spectacular drive to the top. Today, he stuck - to his decision. Johnny Keane gave Saint Louis a pennant to fly over Busch Stadium. But next year, someone else will be sitting ~~in~~ in his place - in the dugout.

As for the man he beat - Yogi Berra didn't resign - he was bounced. Seems it isn't safe for a Yankee manager to get into the World Series - if he doesn't win.

OLYMPICS

The Olympians in Tokyo are continuing their habit of - a new world's record every day. In fact, there were three - this time. All in - the swimming events.

^{young} First, Sharon Stouder, ^{the} of Glendora, California, ^{sensation,}

captured the hundred meter butterfly. Her time - one ~~and~~ minute, four and seven tenths seconds. The old record was more than - one minute, five seconds.

Then Tom Mann of Chesapeake, Virginia - beat the competition in the hundred meter backstroke of the four hundred meter relay. Time - fifty-nine and six-tenths seconds. No one had ever done it in less than - one minute.

And the relay team itself - finished in record time. Three minutes - fifty-eight and four tenths seconds. Until then, the four hundred meter relay had challenged the best swimmers in the world - to cover the course within four minutes.

On land, the Yanks didn't do so well. The eight hundred meter race was won by - Pete Snell of New Zealand. While the Russians dominated - fencing and weight lifting.

So far - nineteen gold medals for the U. S. A., Dick.
A big lead - for Uncle Sam's athletes.

COLE PORTER

The place of Cole Porter in popular music - has been clear for a long time. He was the master of - the sophisticated melody. The urbane - lyric. Which I suppose - is what you would expect of a Yale man.

You can hear two Cole Porter songs - any time you visit old Eli. The "Yale Bulldog song" - and "Eli Yale". You can hear later Cole Porter songs almost any time you turn on the radio; or - visit the theater.

The composer who has died at the age of seventy-two leaving a whole world of song as his legacy. The - inimitable - Cole Porter.