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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The first American pilotless bombing squadron is now on the job - in Germany; - with some six hundred personnel. Push button Airmen! Their weapon - the Matador guided missile. A sort of stubby airplane, - with no crew. Launched by the flick of a switch. Then an electronic brain guides it on to its target. The main point - the Matador carries an atomic warhead. And we hear it can be aimed with "pinpoint accuracy."

The Matador squadron is set up at Bitburg, - not Blitzburg - on a spot that was formerly a pasture, surrounded by pine woods. The Bitburg base is one-hundred-and-fifty miles from the East German border - just a few minutes by "flying missile time."

A dispatch from Bitburg tells about the friendly rivalry between the men of this new squadron, and the

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men who service and fly the Sabrejet fighters. The guided missile-men saying their Matadors will make pilots obsolete. But the men who man the crewless flying missiles are not permitted to say much about their atomic aircraft. So the Sabrejet airmen laugh and declare they'll never become obsolete. Not pilots asways most important in the air. Said Colonel Marvin Childs of Valley, Nebraska: "No batch of vacuum tubes is going to take my place." Then he added: "As for me I'll toall along with the Sabrejets."

## INDO-CHINA

A dispatch from Hanoi announces - more American planes arriving to help in the fight for Dien Bien Phu. How many we don't know - but the Hanoi dispatch describes an "endless parade" of planes, dropping ammunition, food and medical supplies to the garrison. Hurrying to get there before the Reds hurl another assault against Dien Bien Phu.

French pilots report large numbers of rebel troops moving toward the battle area. Molotov trucks, carrying supplies down jungle roads toward Dien Bien Phu. The remnants of the siege army, digging in, and waiting for the reinforcements to arrive. Red General Giap also building up his gun position, - many more anti-aircraft batteries in the nearby hills. And big guns to take part in the siege.

The French say time is running out for the Reds - the rainy season due within two weeks. And when it

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comes - it will wash out the ground war. So the

Viet Minese have only two weeks or so to take Dien

Bien Phu - if they take it at all.

## DULLES FOLLOW INDO-CHINA

Secretary of State Dulles will fly to Europe over the weekend. ~~It's announced in Washington - the Secretary to leave on either Saturday or Sunday. The reason~~ <sup>Presumably</sup> to try to persuade Britain and France to sign a joint statement on Indo-China. Mao Tse-tung to be warned - not to send his army into the ~~the~~ Indo-Chinese War.

## COMMUNIST FILE

What became of data on Communism gathered by the New York Naval District during the war? That question came before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee today.

John Wendt of Brooklyn who worked in the Anti-Communist Department of the District during the war, says the files on Communism contained around a hundred thousand cards. They were there one day, and gone the next. Testifying today Wendt said:- "Around June, Nineteen Forty-Four, I came in on a Monday - after a day off - and they were gone." Just vanished.

William O'Hara was an officer in Intelligence at the same time. He says the Communist files were intact when he went to France in Nineteen Forty-Four. When he returned in Nineteen Forty-Five - they were gone.

## SECURITY

The Defense Department announces a new policy for dealing with security risks in the armed forces. No known Communist will be inducted into the armed services. Every man who joins up will be compelled to sign a loyalty pledge.

Security suspects to be court-martialed whenever possible. And anyone dropped from the services for security reasons - to be given a discharge "other than honorable!" No security suspect will be given an "honorable discharge."

In Washington, Defense Secretary Wilson remarked: "We'll reject a man we think is flat headed, just as we reject him if he has flat feet."

Tomorrow the U N disarmament commission will take up Nehru's proposal for an agreement on atomic research. Last Friday, the Indian Prime Minister suggested a number of steps to ease world fear of the hydrogen bomb. One of his suggestions - cancel further experiments until the U N finds a way to ban the bomb altogether. Nehru also called upon nations not in possession of the bomb - to use their influence to stop the experiments.

So the disarmament commission will take <sup>this up</sup> ~~up these~~ ~~points~~ tomorrow. The members of twelve nations - meeting as world opinion grows stronger that the hydrogen bomb should be controlled. <sup>The disarmament</sup> ~~The~~ commission will try to <sup>figure out what</sup> ~~determine how~~ <sup>to do about</sup> ~~satisfactory~~ the Nehru proposal, ~~is~~.

## FISHERMEN

More radioactive fishing boats - returning to Tokyo. Two this time - just in from those waters near the Marshalls where a hydrogen bomb was touched off on March Twenty-Sixth. A Geiger counter check showed that their catch of tuna was radioactive - and so part of it had to be destroyed. But, the fishermen? okay. They are not radio active - not burned this time.

## **ENTENTE**

Winston Churchill salutes the Fiftieth Anniversary of - the "Entent Cordiale." April Eight, Nineteen Four, France and Britain signed that famous agreement - which has affected Franco-British relations ever since. Today, how many remember the men who signed their names to that document? - Lord Lansdowne for Britain, and Paul Cambon, for France.

The "Entente Cordiale" put an end to the centuries old hostility between the two nations facing each other across the Channel. Before the time of Joan of Arc, the French and the English had been fighting almost constantly. And they were at it when the Nineteenth Century began - the wars with Napoleon.

Meanwhile, Germany was on the way up - and then - Bismarck defeated France in Eighteen Seventy. From then on, France and Britain drew closer and closer. And finally - the signing of the "Entente Cordiale" on

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April Eighth, 1904. The hope was that it would help solve mutual problems. For example, disputes over Egypt and Morocco. France, agreeing to give Britain a free hand in Egypt. And Britain recognizing the right of France to control Morocco.

And the Entente has held the two nations together through two world wars of the Twentieth Century. Hence Churchill's salute today - saying: "Let us maintain untarnished this great and noble Entente." The aged prime minister pointed out that France and Britain still face common problems in Europe, in Africa, and in Asia. So he wants the two nations to remain friends - as they have been since they signed the "Entente Cordiale," fifty years ago.

## CRASH

An air disaster at Mosse Jaw, Saskatchewan; caused by a training plane smashing into an airliner. The big plane en route from Montreal to Vancouver. The weather clear - visibility unlimited. But near Mosse Jaw, a student pilot cut across the path of the liner; ramming it.

The student, and the thirty-five aboard the liner - all killed. No survivors.

CLIPPERTON

(Prosper.)

*more word about*

Here's ~~a letter - concerning~~ that Clipperton Island

*A message*

story, we had a few days ago. ~~A letter~~ recalling a drama of the sea long years ago. Shipwreck - on that remote island in the Pacific.

Roy Jansen, Publicity Director of the Medical

Society of the State of Pennsylvania, ~~writes as follows:~~ *says:-*

"I was returning from Panama in the early part of Nineteen Fourteen, aboard S. S. Sydney of the Pacific Mail. We received a wireless, asking us to put into Acapulco, Mexico, and pick up a group of persons - who had been shipwrecked on Clipperton Island, and rescued by a U.S.Navy gunboat."

Roy Jansen goes on to say that, in due course, they picked up the castaways of Clipperton. And he talked to them - getting the story. How their lumber schooner was ~~run~~ caught in a storm, and ran aground on ~~Clipperton~~ *this low atoll - the Forgotten* Island. The crew of seven, also the captain's wife and ~~their~~ little girl - getting ashore safely. And there they remained, week after week - like a company of seven Robinson Carusoes.

"For some months," writes Roy Jansen, "they subsisted on a mere starvation diet. Finally, the mate and one of the crewmen <sup>took</sup> ~~seized~~ the captain's gig, <sup>and in it sailed</sup> seven hundred miles to the mainland - and nearly died in the struggle against the sun, sea and starvation. They reached Acapulco, where they ~~found~~ found a U.S. gunboat, which immediately steamed to the island and brought back the other survivors."

That was a happy ending, but the story had an aftermath of ~~xxxx~~ tragic irony. The captain, not at all to blame for the wreck of his lumber schooner, was assigned to ~~the~~ command of another vessel. He sailed for San Francisco - to take his new command, but he got into another shipwreck, and was lost - when <sup>the</sup> S.S. Admiral Schley went down off the coast of California. The sea determined to have - a tragic ending.

But what of the two Iowa Ham radio men who are reported still trying to find The Forgotten Island? No further word. Maybe they too have been swallowed up by the sea.

## BASEBALL

Today, the Senate Monopoly Sub-Committee heard testimony from - a Big League catcher.

Senator Johnson thinks that the Cards may have been tampering with the Cubs. The Senator's logic goes like this: Joe Garagiola plays for the Cubs. But he has been dickering with Harry Renfro of the D'Arcy Advertising Company of St. Louis - trying to get a job -- broadcasting baseball games. Renfro an agent for Anheuser-Busch. Anheuser-Busch owns the Cards. Ergo - the Cards are tampering with the Cubs - violating one of the basic rules of baseball.

Said Garagiola: "They didn't tamper with me - all I wanted was some security for myself.!"

But Senator Johnson pressed the point. What if the pennant race in the National League got hot, and someone offering Roy Campanella of the Dodgers a radio job?

Senator Langer seemed impressed with the idea of Garagiola going on the air. In fact he said:- "I think you ought to take Milton Berle's place."

"The catcher asked Senator Johnson what kind of a radio job he would be allowed to take. The Senator answered that Garagiola could work for radio or T.V. - as long as it isn't connected with another baseball club.

Then Garagiola made his final point. Said he:  
"It has to be connected with baseball. I can't sing!

## STRAVINSKY

An opera composer ejected from an opera house!  
Yes - it happened; last night and, to Stravinsky. The famous Russian composer, turning up at the Rome Opera House to hear the premiere of two new operas.

Now the Rome Opera House is quite a venerable institution.- Takes itself seriously. Has rules - that no one ever disobeys. One rule- evening dress required in the orchestra seats at every premiere.

Stravinsky turned up in a plain dark suit. The ushers promptly asked him to leave. He protested - either in Italian or Russian - or a mixture of both. So, up came more ushers - a squad of them. All set to give the great man what we call the old heave ho - or the bums rush. So out went Stravinsky! Harvy. Right on his musical ear.