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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The news of another Eisenhower-Kennedy meeting before inauguration day - means one thing. A transfer of presidential power with much less animosity than so often in the past. Remember the ill-feeling - when Eisenhower took over from Truman. And early in our history there was that classical case - of John Quincy Adams refusing even to meet Andrew Jackson.

Nothing like that - this time. President Elect Kennedy asked for another White House conference - the day before his inauguration. To which President Eisenhower answered - that he'll do everything he can to help his successor.

The President elect was in Boston today; addressing the Massachusetts legislature - calling on all Americans to shoulder their responsibilities; and promising to provide leadership - from the White House.

NIXON

President Eisenhower tonight, along with a thousand Republicans at a banquet, is celebrating Vice President Nixon's forty-eighth birthday. An ironic celebration, in a way - since Dick Nixon will become a private citizen in eleven days. The price of losing the election by an eye lash.

The Vice President held a small party in his office - earlier in the day; entertaining - the members of his staff. For this reason he wasn't in the Senate to hear the Senators who rose one after the other to praise the young statesman who has presided over their deliberations for the past eight years.

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SPRINGFIELD

If the spirit of Abe Lincoln is gazing down on Springfield, Illinois - he must be having a good chuckle.

The choice of a new speaker for the State Legislature comes up on Wednesday, and a partisan split has developed. When Republican Charles Carpentier adjourned the chamber - because some members of his party were absent, the Democrats, stayed in their seats - and elected Paul Powell.

It looked as if today's session - might never get under way. But someone came up with - a Lincolnesque compromise. Democrat Powell opened the session - and called the role; then handed the gavel to Carpentier - who presided until the balloting could be held again, for a speaker.

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Kerner, inaugurated - as two temporary speakers sat
on the rostrum, handling the gavel in turn.

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INTEGRATION

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will proceed tomorrow. *that is it is supposed to*
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ALGERIA

In Paris, there's one big question tonight- will the Algerian rebels negotiate? The main point being- that DeGaulle won his referendum over the weekend. Receiving seventy-five percent of the votes - in metropolitan France. Carrying Algeria - by better than two to one.

But there was a partial boycott - in Algeria. Moslems, obeying ^{their own leaders} ~~an~~ orders from ~~the F.L.N.~~ to stay away from the polls. Which could mean that the rebels - will refuse to recognize this referendum. Refuse to negotiate - with DeGaulle.

A dangerous omen - more Moslem rioting in the hinterland of Algeria.

CUBA

In Havana - more Castro hysteria. The controlled press continues to headline reports - of an imminent Yankee invasion. Just what Castro means by the word - "imminent" isn't clear. But he's still ^{has} ~~got~~ his ~~own~~ soldiers and militia - standing by. The latest rumor has it - that a bombing attack will soon hit the big Cuban oil refineries. The planes, in the Castro version - to come from the carrier "Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Actually, the carrier sailed for ^Y ~~Quantanamo~~ - to take part in our annual maneuvers in the Caribbean. No direct connection - with the dispute between Havana and Washington. But our naval forces do make it clear that we have the fire power to defend ^Y ~~Quantanamo~~ - should Castro order an attack on ^{our} ~~the~~ big base.

BLIMP

A Navy blimp crashed at Lakehurst, New Jersey - today - and no casualties; and not much damage.

It was a freak accident. The blimp was attached to its mooring mast, with two officers aboard on guard duty - Lieutenant Frank McNabb of Toms River and Lieutenant Dave Moeller of Lakehurst. Suddenly a gust of wind hurled the mooring mast against the airship - puncturing its nose. The guideline - snapped; the blimp, rising into the air - with helium gas pouring from its nose.

It coasted five hundred yards, collapsed into the Lakehurst woods; where McNabb and Moeller, climbed and walking away unscathed. The blimp, only needing a few repairs - before she'll be ready to fly again.

PRINCESS

A lot of Irishmen are saying tonight - they never expected to see anything like it. If Mr. DeValera had been involved, or even the Lord Mayor Cork - the whole affair would have been understandable. But - British royalty! That's a **real** puzzler.

The reference is, of course, to Princess Margaret - and her husband, Anthony Armstrong-Jones. As they motored down to the Shannon airport - winding up their visit to Ireland, they didn't expect to see many people along the way - because of a pouring rain. And then - all that ancient Irish animosity toward British royalty!

So - what happened? Why, crowds turned out at every town and village - along the route to Shannon. They waving, cheering, applauding - and craning their necks for a closer look at their royal guest. And shouting - "come back and see us again." Also a long string of cars and lots of bicycles - joined the procession along the way.

Princess Margaret, seemed surprised and pleased
- by the demonstrations. Her Royal Highness, smiling
and waving back - at the brigades of Irish Republicans.
She told newsmen at the airport - she'll keep Ireland
in mind for her next vacation. Anthony Armstrong Jones
- nodding in agreement.

Tonight Margaret and Tony - are home in London;
and many an Irishman, Dick is hoisting his glass in
a pub, and trying to figure it out. That enthusiastic
Irish welcome - for the sister of the British Queen.

YOUTH

There's a story that might be called - Ponce de Leon and the insects. As we know, the old Spanish explorer went in search of the Fountain of Youth - and discovered Florida. Now, four hundred years later - a team of American scientists claim they may be on the trail of the real fountain of youth. A chemical, they've identified - throughout the plant and animal kingdom, affecting - the growth of the cells. The point being - that it keeps the cells from maturing rapidly. That's the reason why so many insects - stay young ~~for~~ so long. A bigger ratio - of youth to age.

The hope is that this rejuvenation chemical may be controlled - to keep human beings young longer. *I wish they'd hurry up about it! Alas poor* ~~which would have been of some interest - to old Ponce de Leon,~~ *he lived too soon.* ~~And may be of some interest - to us moderns.~~ ~~All we have to do - is learn from the insects.~~