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Monte Rio, Calif.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight I am on the Russian River, in California, eighty miles or so north of San Francisco. And having come from Alaska, this is an appropriate place to be. For back in the days when the Russians owned Alaska, the Russians also settled here in California. For thirty years they had farms here at the mouth of what we call the Russian River. Here they grew vegetables and had dairy herds, so they could send milk and fruits and vegetables to their fur trappers and traders in Arctic and sub-Arctic Alaska.

From about Eighteen Twelve to Eighteen Forty-Two, they were here in California - and then, pulled out. Getting their foodstuffs to Alaska too difficult. Otherwise California and Alaska - and Oregon and Washington, might today belong to Russia.

CONFERENCE

As usual, the Russians are in the news. Tonight, over in Geneva they are all looking to Moscow. The conference of the Foreign Ministers - marking time; while Vice-President Nixon confers with Khrushchev, in the Soviet capital.

This is not stated officially - but is implicitly admitted, in Geneva. Where the public session, today - produced nothing to break the deadlock.

The only agreement - a decision to hold a secret meeting tomorrow. The Foreign Ministers - in a private confidential talk. Today waiting to hear from Moscow, where things - a bit complicated, for Vice President Nixon in Moscow. A formal welcome, today - with all the trappings of international formality. At the Moscow Airport - First Deputy Premier Kozlov, together with other Kremlin high officials. Greeting - the Vice President and Mrs. Nixon - who arrived with a party.

Which included - the President's brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, outspoken and Vice Admiral Hyman Rickover, called the father of the atomic submarine. The red carpet treatment - for the Vice President as he arrives to open the American exhibition in Moscow tomorrow.

But, as against that - an angry burst of Red propaganda. Howling - about "Captive Nations Week." Which has been initiated over here in this country - by President Eisenhower and Congress. "Captive Nations" - a sharp dig at the system of Red satellites.

Shortly before Vice President Nixon arrived in Moscow today, Khrushchev - hurled a datribe. Telling a Moscow mass meeting: "They send us across the ocean prominent leaders, including Governors - and open an exhibition in Moscow, to which they send the Vice President. While on the other hand - they proclaim some kind of Captive Nations Week."

All of which seems to puzzle Nikita - the timing
of the Nixon visit and the "Captive Nation's Week in the
U.S.A."

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English and not a surprise.

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"Is the weather always as good as this in Moscow?"

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In explanation of how the lad knew English.

However, Dick Nixon seems to be getting along quite well with the man-on-the-street -- in Moscow. Mingling, today - with the crowds. Shaking hands - with Ivan and Olga. Venturing, occasionally - a few words in Russian. ^{The} A few words - that he knows.

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MOSCOW - PLANE

Last night -- seventy-five degrees below zero.

That recorded by
~~For~~ the Pan American jet liner, ~~which~~ ^{that} set a speed record -- New York to Moscow. The Boeing jet -- carrying a huge crowd of newsmen and U.S. government officials. Following -- the Nixon plane to Moscow.

~~Abysmal cold~~ -- At an altitude of thirty-nine thousand feet, Warm enough inside the Pan American ^{jet - while} ~~airliner~~ -- but seventy-five below ^{outside} ~~up there~~ in the Stratosphere.

All of which, ~~however~~ -- is part of the explanation of why the speed record was broken, ~~in such a big way.~~

Tailwinds of the ~~the~~ jet-stream at high altitudes -- boosting the liner along. Clipping twenty minutes -- from the time estimated for the flight. ^R New York to Moscow -- in eight hours and forty-five minutes. ~~Clipping~~

~~More~~ ^{less than} than an hour -- ~~from~~ the ~~the~~ previous record. Set by

MOSCOW-PLANE - 2.

a Russian jet airliner -- ten days ago, When Deputy
Premier Kozlov left New York -- flying back to Moscow.

FOREIGN AID

President Eisenhower sent Congress, today - a report on the foreign aid program. Facts and figures compiled - by a presidential study committee. The report - conceding "waste and mismanagement." With recommendations - for a reform of our foreign aid activities.

On Capitol Hill

Congressman

In Congress, meanwhile, Representative Passman of

Louisiana declares ~~that a sub-committee of a~~ a member, has uncovered, what he calls, "almost unpardonable practices." ^{that} ~~Quoting~~ a Major General and a Rear Admiral ~~ask~~ ^{told} him privately - that the Defense Department is "forcing" some countries to accept more military aid than they want. Compelling them to take - more weapons than they can use.

CUBA

In Havana, it looks as if Castro sure will be howled back into power, on Sunday. When he will call ^{on} a mass meeting to say - whether or not Cuba wants him to resume the office of Premier. Which post he resigned last Friday - as a move, apparently, to rally popular support.

Today, a labor demonstration in Havana - supporting Castro. Virtually the entire working force of the city - staging ^{one hour} a strike. ~~lasting one hour~~. Havana - completely tied up, and isolated from the world. Until - the strikers went back to their jobs.

Which foreshadows what will happen [^] when Castro faces a mass meeting of half a million people on Sunday. Asking them - do they want him to return to power? The answer to be - a deafening, "Si, si, Senor."

MISSING GIRL

In the New Jersey mystery of the missing heiress, there's a hint - that Jacqueline Gay Hart may suffer from amnesia. She had lapses of memory - after an automobile accident a couple of years ago. So stated by her father, Ralph Hart, Executive Vice-President of the Colgate Palmolive Company.

The police are considering this, as they search for four youths - who behaved in a suspicious way. At the time Jacqueline Gay Hart - left the Newark airport Tuesday night. After putting her fiance - aboard a plane. ~~Yh~~ The girl - missing ever since.

LAWSUIT

In London, the dismissal of a huge lawsuit - brought by a former society hostess of Washington, D.C. Against - a British insurance millionaire. ^{IP} Mrs. Martha Maria Brusset - once described as the "number three hostess" in our national capital. Hostess number one, ^{then} of course - ~~is Mrs.~~ ^{Madam} Perle Mesta. I don't remember number two, ~~my~~ ^{my} social activities being ~~limited~~. But, anyway, number three put in a claim ^{for} of three hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars against Edward Lumley. Claiming - the insurance tycoon owed her that much, ^{for} introducing him [^] to influential people.

Today, however, the judge accepted Lumley's defense - that his association with Mrs. Brusset had nothing to do with business matters. Just - an affair of romance.

To which a cynic might remark - when was romance ever worth three hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars? *Now Don*

INDIA

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Wedding day - at the town of Saurat Behar, in India.

Fifty thousand prospective bridegrooms showing up - looking for brides. Preparing - for a ~~huge~~ mass marriage ceremony.

Saurat Behar is headquarters for a sect of Brahmins, the Maithili. Who marry - strictly within their ^{own} community. Maithili Brahmins all over India, thronging to ^{Saurat Behar} ~~the town~~ - for an annual marriage affair.

Six thousand weddings - already arranged. To be performed - in one wholesale ceremony. On a day - picked by the astrolog^{ers} ~~ists~~, ^{with} ~~the~~ stars and planets - in a lucky conjunction.