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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I am back in one of my favorite haunts tonight, the High Sierras, some of my pleasantest adventures, in Broadcasting, have been in this Donner Pass Squaw Valley area; even when snowed in here, for days. This time I've arrived to find gorgeous sunny weather, plenty of snow - neither too much nor too little. Oh yes, and more people than I ever saw before in the High Sierras. All on hand of course, for the eighth winter olympics.

To me, and to a great many more Americans, what is happening here at Squaw Valley, is a dream come ture. That is, it will be a dream come true unless - unless the weather man plays some dastardly 11th hour trick. Which is not impossible, by an means; but, after last week's big thaw and tremendous rainfall, people who know about weather in the mountains, feel that Squaw Valley

is all set for the winter olympics. There may be storms. There almost certainly will be. But, if they are only the ordinary variety then they'll do good rather than harm.

I've been here at Squaw for three days now, and as an old Squaw Valley enthusiast, I am glad to report that conditions for these three days have been just about perfect. The skiing, to use a skiers favorite term - fabulous. What about all the stories you have read, and heard, of disaster sweeping down upon this now world famous High Sierra Valley? That's all forgotten now - or nearly so. But, for a few days, it was a nightmare. Storms can be wild and spectacular - everywhere, but nowhere more so than in high mountains. I've just heard part of a story of what would have been a Wagnerian tragedy. I hope to run down the details on this and report to you tomorrow - a story that hasn't been told - of how one of

the best known figures in the winter sports world - came within an eyelash of losing his life.

At any rate thousands of spectators swarmed over snowy Squaw Valley this weekend, along with some thousands of skiers from nearby California and Nevada. Plus the teams from thirty odd nations, and officials and people employed here - five thousand or so of these. It all added up to the largest crowd of people ever seen in the High Sierras - more even than in gold rush days.

Today, it's quiet by comparison - probably will be until Thursday when Andy Mead Lawrence skis down one of these mountains with the Olympic flame plus the rest of the opening ceremony with the Walt Disney pageant.



## SPEARS

A court in Pheonix, Arizona sentences Doctor Robert Spears - to five years in jail. Spears, who was thought to have died - in an airliner crash last November. Later caught - by the police he explained that his friend William Taylor, took his place on the plane. Taylor, killed in the crash. Spears - deciding to disappear. Alowing his wife to collect - his insurance.

What was Spears convicted of today? Driving a stolen car - across state lines. Taylor's car.



## RIGHTS

A stronger civil rights bill - in this session of Congress. That's Democratic leader, Lyndon Johnson of Texas, says the bill will "protect the constitutional rights of every citizen."

The southern bloc, immediately challenges Senator Johnson. Debate beginning on - a measure ~~xxx~~ concerning Fort Crowder, Missouri, a measure to let Fort Crowder lease land - for a school. Senator Johnson, asking his colleagues to offer - civil rights amendments.

Senator Russell of Georgia, denounces this request as "a lynching of orderly procedure." The Georgia Democrat demanding that the Fort Crowder bill be debated - as it stands, without any civil rights amendment added on.

## KHRUSHCHEV

Nikita Khrushchev is still meeting with polite applause in India. Next Burma - where the Rangoon newspaper, "Nation", refers to the boss of the Kremlin as - "An Unwelcome Guest." Telling Khrushchev:- "This time, keep a civil tongue in your head." Referring to Khrushchev's behavior the last time he was in Rangoon when he talked as if Burma was - a Soviet satellite. The Burmese - still fuming about it. The Rangoon paper, now warning him that "Burma is actively against Communism."

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## NEHRU

The prime minister of India has invited the Premier of Red China - to a conference in New Delhi. Nehru sending a message to - Chou en-Lai, repeating that he does not accept the Communist version of the Himalaya border between India and Tibet. Nehru, calling the Red demand - "against the facts of history, Geography, custom, and tradition." But saying, he'd like to discuss the whole dispute - with Chou. Adding that the Chinese Communist Premier will be received in New Delhi as "an honored guest."

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## MIKOYAN

In Oslo, Norway, the meeting of the King and the Communist. King Olaf the Fifth, receiving Mikoyan - on his way home from Cuba. The usual royal courtesy - following Mikoyan's talk with Norwegian trade officials. Subject - Herring. The man from the Kremlin - trying to drum up more trade between Norway and the Soviet Union - especially - Herring.

## ATOMIC

France to explode a tactical atomic bomb -  
within two months. This, despite wide criticism  
- mainly in Africa - of Saturday's nuclear explosion in  
the Sahara.

But General DeGaulle, disregarding this criticism,  
plans to arm his combat troupes with nuclear weapons.

## DEFENSE

In Washington, on the floor of the Senate, a demand for a new Defense Secretary. And who would he be? Why Rickover - father of our atomic subs. Admiral Richover's name put forward by - Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana. The Senator charging the present Defense Department with failure.

Senator Durksen of Illinois - making the Republican reply, charges Senator Mansfield with playing politics with national defense.



## NAVY

We get a clearer picture about missiles for the navy - following today's testimony by Admiral John Hayward. Admiral Hayward, chief of naval research - testifying before the House Space Committee, says our fleet of missile-firing subs - is being pushed. Two more, to be added to the fleet - this year. Nine in all - by the end of nineteen sixty-one. Under sea vessels, armed with Polaris missiles. The range of the Polaris - twelve hundred miles. But the navy expects to double this. The Polaris, to be fired from below the surface of the sea - at targets twenty five hundred miles away.

## WEATHER

The weather story tonight is - more of the same. The week's third snow storm - swirling out of the Southwest, driving up from Texas and Oklahoma - into Arkansas and Missouri where highways are blocked, schools closed, communication lines down.

In the East - Oswego, New York, is digging out of thirty-three inches of snow. Parts of Pennsylvania, reporting the biggest drifts in ten years. The South, fighting sub-zero temperatures.

The death toll for the nation - already over a hundred.

## SKI ACCIDENTS

The Olympic hopes of two skiers went up Squaw Creek - on maybe I should say went down Squaw Creek - today - an Italian and a Spaniard. Battista Pordon of Italy catapulted into the stony bed of Squaw Creek, near the finish line of the downhill course, on which the High speed skiers have been practicing for days. He wound up with a broken leg, and head injuries, despite the fact that all downhill skiers wear crash helmets.

On the same course, which runs from the top of Squaw Peak, down through Siberia Bowl, and on into Squaw Valley, Luis Molne, Spanish ace, went out of control, took a tremendous spill and wound up with a broken leg. Both were taken to the hospital in Reno.

There were lesser injuries today. Maria Luisa Solari of Chili, finished her run on a stretcher with an injured ankle. Also Robin Chaffey of New Zealand, with a lacerated hip.



Members of Olympic teams were practicing today here all over the Valley and on the mountain sides. So much going on that one lone observer can't possibly keep up with half of it. Surely this is the greatest winter show of all time. Being here on these preliminary days when they are all practicing, is almost as thrilling as the games themselves are likely to be.

## MOUSE

Last night, a mouse ran across the floor of the Houston Club in Houston, Texas. What's the story? Oh, they were holding - a cat show. Three hundred feline pets - waiting to be judged. Then, enter the mouse. The cats yowling and tugging at their leashes, about a dozen getting free, racing across the floor after the mouse. Then - a cat fight! Their owners in the middle. Pandemonium.

The mouse? Escaped! And said - s - l - u - t -

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