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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Along the China coast, indications are - that the evacuation of the Tachen Islands is under way. Today, the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa imposed a "security blackout" concealing events along the line of the Tachens. But, yesterday, a shipload of refugees arrived at Formosa - escorted by a U.S. destroyer. Other vessels - reported on their way, with personnel and equipment, removed from the Tachen Islands.

The Reds, in that section, are continuing air attacks - and have, we hear, a superiority over the Nationalists, in the sky and on the sea.

## FORMOSA NEHRU

London reports - that Indian Prime Minister Nehru is advocating an international conference, to settle the Formosa crisis. Something - like the Geneva conference last year, which brought about an armistice in Indo China.

This would be separate - from the Present effort at the U N to negotiate a "cease-fire". Nehru, we hear, is not optimistic about the U N attempt. His conference idea - a substitute, when and if the U N fails.

At New Delhi, on Thursday, Nehru had a talk with an envoy from Red China. Immediately afterward, he flew to London - attending the current conference of British Commonwealth Premiers. In London, he promptly saw the charge d'affairs for Communist China. Nehru - keeping in touch with the Chinese Reds. And - pushing his plans, at the meeting of the Commonwealth Premiers.

President Eisenhower, today, gave a warning to the Chinese Reds. Telling them - don't touch off a war through "mistaken calculations." In their hostilities off the China Coast, they may act on the "false conclusion" that this country won't fight.

The statement was made at a White House conference, which was filmed and recorded. The second - available for television, radio and newsreels. In consequence, the reporters had permission to give direct quotations of what the President said.

For example, he declared: "We have certainly tried to avoid being truculent. The purpose is honestly and hopefully, to prevent war."

To which he added that wars are often caused by the "miscalculations of aggressors." Hence the warning to the Chinese Reds - not to miscalculate.

## EISENHOWER MANPOWER

President Eisenhower stands firmly by his order - to reduce army manpower. In spite of the warning from Army Chief of Staff General Ridgway - that the cuts will "jeopardize American security, to a degree." To his news conference today, the President said: "The decision has not been altered."

So, he will go ahead with his program.



DRAFT

A congressional committee, today, was told - of scientists - "peeling potatoes"; technicians, drafted into the Army - doing K.P. when - their scientific skills are badly needed.

Congressman Hinshaw of California proposed the creation of a special board - which would keep the draft from wasting technical skill. Which, argued the Congressman, is a handicap for this country - in the face of developments in Soviet Russia.

Figures were presented - as illustration. Last year, Soviet Russia Graduated fifty-four thousand engineers. The United States graduated - some twenty-two thousand. At that

rate, Russia will have more engineers than the United States - by nineteen Sixty. Right now, we have five hundred and twenty-five thousand. The Soviets - four hundred thousand. But they're catching up rapidly.

Which is mighty important, considering the fact -

that the cold war is, in large part, a technical competition.

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FOLLOW DRAFT

Dr. Ralph Chaney, of the University of California, told a committee that the Army is drafting atomic scientist - who is responsible for safety from radiation at the Livermore Laboratory. The only technician available there - to prevent atomic accidents.

MATUSOW

Harvey Matusow, who has been saying he gave false evidence at Communist trials - now says he gave serious ~~may~~ testimony against Owen Lattimore, the far eastern expert.

"In false testimony" declares Matusow, "I accused Owen Lattimore of writing books that carried the official Communist party line - when actually I had no knowledge of that".

Today he was given a subpoena to appear before the federal grand jury tomorrow and explain his confessions of fake evidence.

## DIXON\_YATES

President Eisenhower, today, stated he would not - cancel the Dixon-Yates power contract. He told a White House news conference that he would ignore the request, made last week, by the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee.

In the new Congress that Committee is controlled, of course, by the Democrats. The vote was ten to eight - asking the White House to drop the Dixon Yates business.

Today, the President pointed out that the committee vote was - strictly along party lines. The Democrats - against. The Republicans - in favor.

The retort from the Democratic side is prompt. Saying - that, when the Republicans were in control, the vote in favor of Dixon-Yates was also along party lines.

"The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away." Said Atomic Chairman, Senator Anderson of New Mexico, quoting the Bible solemnly.



In spite of the President's refusal to cancel, the Democrats are expected to go all out - in efforts to kill the Dixon-Yates contract.

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# ATOMIC

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## RUBINSTEIN

The will of Serge Rubinstein was made public today. The bulk of the estate, estimated at ten million - goes to his two young daughters. He left an income of a thousand dollars a month to his aged mother - and a series of legacies to various other people. Including bequests of ten thousand dollars to each of two women. One - a former secretary. The other -- among the dozens of young women that figured in his life. The many - to whom he gave keys to his mansion.

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back the recordings. The brunette says - she hurried home, and found the electronic equipment under the bed, batteries and all. Installed - neatly in the bed springs.

The gadgets, apparently, hadn't recorded anything too devastating - because she continued her friendship with the jealous millionaire. She says he never mentioned the electronic spying again.

So now, the question - is the brunette the girl friend to whom Rubinstein left legacies? The answer is - no. She is not mentioned in the will.

Meanwhile, the police declare the melodramatic clue of the "woman in brown" has faded out. Rubinstein's aged mother said that looking downstairs, she saw - the mystery woman. But the police are now convinced that what she really saw was the brown uniform of an ambulance attendant, who had arrived after the discovery of the murder. The aged mother -



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not having been informed of her son's fate, until  
some time later.

## LAMA

Tomorrow, a religious dignitary of high rank will arrive in New York - the Kalmuk Lama, head of the Drepong Monastery, in Tibet. A fugitive, escaping from Communist persecution in the High Himalayas. He comes to this country - to become the spiritual leader of a colony of Kalmuk Buddhists at Farmingdale, New Jersey.

The Kalmuks are Buddhist mongols, descended from the tribes that followed Genghis Khan, the most terrible of conquerors. Right now, one section of the Kalmuk people is in Soviet Russia - in areas north of the Caspian Sea. Another section of the Kalmuks - back in Mongolia, on the border of China.

The Kalmuks at Farmingdale, New Jersey, are fugitives from Soviet Communism - who were brought into this country by the National Council of Churches. About - six hundred of them.

The Kalmuk Lama, Geshe Wangval, is a Buddhist

monk, who went to Tibet, and became a student at Drepong, largest monastery in the world, with some 10,000 monks - just a few miles outside of Lhasa. Later, he carried out a religious mission among the Kalmuks of Mongolia. He visited the West. Then, returning to the great monastery at Lhasa, he became the chief Lama.

Four years ago, when the Chinese Reds invaded the Tibetan land, the Kalmuk Lama of Drepong had to flee. He made his way south to India, taking refuge in a Tibetan monastery at Kalimpong. So now he comes to the United States - as religious leader of the Kalmuk refugees in this country.

## RUB\_AL\_KHALI

Last night, and the night before, I told a little about our flight over one of the little known parts of the earth's surface, the great Rubal Khali Desert, of Southern Arabia. Now for a few final comments. This desert is almost in the middle of an area where civilized man has had his cities and nations and empires longer than anywhere. Which makes it seem remarkable indeed that the Rub al Khali until recently, has been the least known part of our planet.

To the East and North of this desert are Persia and Mesopotamia -- the Tigris and Euphrates. To the north and west, Syria, Palestine and Egypt. To the south, the ancient frankincense cities of Hadhramaut. But for six thousand years -- perhaps much longer -- Arabia's Empty Quarter, remained unexplored. Although others preceded us a few years ago, here we were looking down on



areas never before seen by the eye of man.

However, so fast are things changing in this present day that within no time at all now the Rub al Khali will be as well known as our own desert regions in Nevada, California, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. Because Aramco, the Arabian-American oil people, working with King Saud, is planning to prospect for oil all over the Rub al Khali. One outfit, with an air conditioned motor caravan - using hugh sand tires, already has penetrated to the heart of The Empty Quarter. There at a depth of two thousand feet, under that hitherto waterless desert, they have found fresh water. This may mean that within a few years there will be an oasis, with palm trees, and so on, right in the center of this hitherto mysterious region of silence and death. Why, you may even be flying there to spend a vacation. Could be.

Until a few years ago it was just like the Rub al Khali out where Palm Springs and Indio now are in southern California! Lowell Jr., this week, - tonight - in his own small plane is somewhere in this desert.

Oil geologists believe that the rock structure is just right for the object of their search. They haven't found it yet. But, they think they will come up with another ocean of oil under The Empty Quarter. If so, King Saud's income may jump from a million dollars a day to two or three times that.

Our plane crossed and re-crossed this little known region five times, for a total of more than Three thousand miles above the Rub al Khali. And that, I believe should entitle our Pan American Clipper skipper to be known henceforth as Captain Page Rub-al-Khali Smith. And the same for his colleague, and co-pilot John Bateman, Navigator Ed Sipple, and Purser Pat Hogan.

WEATHER

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This was Ground Hog Day - with heavy snow and cold in eastern states. Three places, now, claim to have groundhog ~~are~~ prophecies. Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, Quarreyville, Pennsylvania, and Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. And the <sup>re</sup> predictions are contradictory. The two Pennsylvania groundhogs came up, saw their shadows - and scurried back to sleep for six more weeks. Indicating - a long winter.

The Wisconsin groundhog saw no shadow, and stayed up - proving that spring is just around the corner. So <sup>Hugh</sup> take your pick.

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representatives to discuss, not the New Zealand resolution, but the Soviet proposal before the U.S. Secretary of State introduced a motion - calling for the withdrawal of American forces from the Korean area. The United States signed - as the aggressor.

As if that were not enough, Chou En-Lai also demands the Chinese Nationalists to withdraw from the U.S. - and the U.S. government to withdraw from the National Government of China.