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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The news tonight about the condition of Joseph Kennedy - father of the President - is on the whole encouraging. While his condition remains serious - there is a slight improvement. And, says the White House, President Kennedy will hold that two day meeting with Prime Minister MacMillan in Bermuda after all - the president to fly tomorrow morning from Palm Beach, Florida to the conference site.

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CONGO

Strange goings-on today at Kitona - that UN base in the Congo where arch-enemies Tshombe and Adoula are meeting. You'd hardly know they were bitter political rivals by the way they greeted each other this morning. While diplomats watched in open-mouthed astonishment, Tshombe and Adoula embraced like long-lost brothers. The President of Katanga and the Congolese premier sitting together on a coach - and for twenty minutes swapped stories - laughed and even slapped each other on the leg. The ice broken - they disappeared behind closed doors, bargaining all day long about the future of Tshombe's breakaway province. Tonight the word is - they're near agreement and we'll know more about that tomorrow.

U.S. FOLLOW CONGO

A critical statement on the Congo today - from Herbert Hoover - the former president denouncing the American supported UN operation as "a sad day for the American people."

But our policy in the Congo was also staunchly defended today. At a Senate briefing, Secretary of State Dean Rusk said the Kennedy Administration would welcome a congressional investigation of its policies in the Congo, or anywhere else in the world for that matter.

What about our policy toward India? Rusk gave no indication of any change contemplated by Washington because of India's invasion of Goa.



From Miami tonight - a report of bitter fighting in central Cuba - between a guerrilla force and Fidel Castro's militia. So reports Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo - a former major in Castro's army - now in exile as a bitter foe of the Cuban dictator. No confirmation of that report from any official quarter.

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## MOSS HART

The theatrical world lost one of its greatest talents today - Moss Hart. The famed writer and director died at his winter home at Palm Springs, California. He suffered a heart attack as he was getting into his car. His wife - singer Kitty Carlisle - was with him at the time. A doctor was called but it was too late. In his lifetime, Moss wrote 22 plays - directed 11 others.

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## MONKEY

The Air Force today gave up the search for Scatback - the tiny rhesus monkey who rode an Atlas missile 600 miles into space - landing in rough water in the south Atlantic - 5,000 miles from Cape Canaveral. Heavy seas - waves running seven to nine feet high - hampered search planes and ships. There was another bad break when a special radio beacon - designed to guide his rescuers to the floating capsule, failed to work. Tonight - as darkness fell - the search was called off. Scatback still missing and presumed dead.

## BELLS

There was a familiar sound in London today - a sound not heard in more than twenty years. The peal of bells - the twelve bells of St. Mary-Le-Bow in the heart of the British capital. Legend has it that only those born within the sound of the ancient bells can claim to be genuine cockneys. Today the bow bells were heard once more. Set to ringing after Prince Philip gave five hearty tugs on a rope to start the heaviest of the bells, weighing two tons.

The bells of the Church of St. Mary-Le-Bow were silenced during World War Two - smashed in a Nazi air raid. The church is still in ruins. But the original metal of the bells was saved. Over the years - through contributions in the United States, Britain and the Commonwealth countries, money was raised to recast the bells. And today they rang out again - loud and clear. The first peal of the Bells of Mary-Le-Bow since 1941.



## QUAKE

The earth shook today in South America. Colombia - rocked by an earthquake that was spawned in the towering Andes Mountains. The quake centered in the Western part of Colombia some three hundred miles away from Bogota the capital. Casualties were heavy. At least nineteen persons killed - as many as one hundred injured. Also heavy property and crop damage.

How did the village get its name? Nobody seems to know for sure. One story is, the first settlers had a big celebration. There was fiddling - dancing - eating and some drinking too. Somebody suggested that the town ought to have a name. And the name suggested: Christmastown. They also tell the story of how the menfolk on Christmas Eve would build a big rail pen - then all get inside and put on a rousing free-for-all - a regular money-brook. But that was long ago.

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## CHRISTMASVILLE

Did you ever hear of a town called Christmasville?

There is one, you know, located in Tennessee. Over in the western part of the state. It's a farming community - a quiet and simple village. The people of Christmasville never have made an attempt to capitalize on the name of their town. It has no postoffice to postmark Christmas cards - a tradition with towns of similar names.

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## AIR PASSENGERS

(Given by Richard C. Hottel.)

A Congressman from New Jersey, is upset about those airlines that want to fine passengers who fail to show up for their reservations. Fines of from five to fifty dollars. Congressman Frank Thompson suggests that the airlines pay penalties to passengers if their scheduled flights are late. He asks: How about a five dollar fine for the time spent waiting in terminals for delayed flights. And a fifty dollar fine for cancellations. And how about a remuneration for the new shirts a man must buy when his baggage doesn't show up. Congressman Thompson even suggests a slogan for the jet age. Breakfast in London - lunch in New York - cocktails in San Francisco and baggage in Buenos Aires.

As Lowell Thomas would say - So Long Until Tomorrow.