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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The news from Cortina d'Ampezza - not so good for us. Two gold medals were handed out today. One to Fraulein Ossi Reichert, the daughter of a Bavarian innkeeper - who won the women's giant slalom. The other gold medal was taken by Vieikko Hakulinen, Finland's long-distance ski champion - who won the cross-country race. At the end of the day, Finland, Germany and Russia were tied for first place. The United States in a tie with Switzerland for sixth. Among the women skiers, Andrea Mead Lawrence, of Pico Peak, Vermont - and Colorado - who won two gold medals in 1952, tied for fourth. And our hockey team - this

was sad - was upset in its first game - losing to Czechoslovakia, four to three. And our two bobsled teams placed fifth and sixth - the dispatch says virtually out of the running. Two Italian teams are in front - and it looks as if no one will catch them. The American athletes still insist that the Italians may be disappointed and that we are not beaten yet. They say they'll pour it on and do a lot better during the remaining days of the Cortina Olympics.

Queen Elizabeth ~~the Second~~ left London today - for Nigeria. Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh will arrive in the Nigerian capital of Lagos - seventeen hours after taking off. They'll touch down once, at Tripoli. This could be the last visit an absolute monarch will ever pay to Nigeria, because that colony has been demanding full dominion status - and is likely to get it this year. However, there ^{is} no anti-monarchical sentiment in Nigeria, at least not enough to make itself felt. ^R The Nigerians are cleaning up Lagos in preparation. Tonight ^{the city is} ~~festooned~~ festooned with flowers and flags. A special house has been set aside for the royal couple - complete with air conditioning and deepfreeze. ^R The Queen and the Duke will find that Nigeria is changing rapidly into a modern nation. And the Nigerians have won one big social struggle - ^{that is, have} they ~~are~~ conquered the issue of segregation. Many African officials have British wives - and ^{both} Europeans and Africans use the swank Lagos Island Club. If the Duke indulges in any polo playing - he'll probably play with colored players.

FRANCE

From Paris, we hear talk of more political rivalry. This time, between Premier - designate Guy Mollet and his ~~old~~ ally, Mendes-France. Mollet ^{now} ~~is~~ trying to line up a government - ~~and~~ the question is, what is Mendes-France to have. His own party thinks he should become Foreign Minister. But Mollet's Socialists are backing Pinay, a strong advocate of European unity. Will Mendes-France take anything less than the Foreign Ministry? That's what they're wondering in Paris tonight.

NOTE

Western diplomats are giving a very cautious reception to Russia's reported idea for a non-aggression pact with the United States. ^{To be sure} We don't know for sure that the Soviet Premier actually made such a proposal in his letter to President Eisenhower - the one delivered on Wednesday. But in Washington and in ~~the~~ European capitals, the guessing is that the Bulganin letter is intended to divide America from her allies by some kind of agreement between Moscow and Washington. The British and French governments have both received copies of the letter. ~~But~~ They suspect a Soviet trick, since the letter is addressed only to President Eisenhower - no mention of either Prime Minister Eden or the French premier. The British interpret this as an attempt to break up the Eisenhower-Eden talks that begin on Monday. In other European capitals, it's believed that the Soviets are trying to curry favor in the Middle East by posing as champions of peace.

TP How does Washington feel? ~~There~~, The President and his ~~top~~ advisors are consulting about the actual contents of the Bulganin letter. Lesser officials, guessing at the contents - predict that this country wouldn't think of entering into a separate treaty with a country like Russia, which has broken so many agreements in the past. TP Anyway, it's all speculation - until we ^{are told} know just what Bulganin did say.

COMMUNISTS

A meeting of the Warsaw pact nations gets under way in Prague - said a blare of anti-American propaganda. All eight nations represented - Russia, Poland, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and East Germany. Molotov and Marshal Zhukov are both in Prague - along with General Chu Teh, an observer from Red China. The opening speeches almost all denounced the west - especially the United States, ^{as} ~~for being~~ a warmonger. The Iron Curtain countries, praised as defenders of peace. The speakers adding, that peace is ^{their objective at} ~~what they gathered to~~ ^{this} Prague ^{gathering.} ~~to achieve. Their main business~~ ^{Also} to induct the new East German army into the Warsaw Pact forces, headed by Soviet General Koeniev.

PORKKALA

Today five hundred newsmen entered an area that for years has been closed to everybody except the Russians. Porkkala, in Finland - now being turned back to the Finns. The Kremlin calling this, "A gesture of good-will."

TP How did Porkkala look to these journalists? Well, ^{for one thing} they say ~~that~~ the Russians used Finnish tombstones from a cemetery to build fortifications. Most of the old houses were wrecked ~~streetside of town~~, ^{to make way for} new concrete army buildings put up by the Russians. TP The farmland ^{around} ~~was~~ uncultivated, ^{with} and Porkkala ~~has~~ a generally rundown look, ~~about it~~. They turned a Finnish church into a gambling house - at the same time that they were building an airfield ^{for their jets} ~~of the most modern type~~ ~~to handle jet planes~~. ~~The Soviets obviously didn't pay attention to anything except~~

~~obviously successful~~ TP The turn-over of Porkkala coincides with a political crisis inside Finland. Premier Kekkonen, resigning - after only a month in office. The cause - farm prices. Kekkonen's cabinet voting against him, after a rise in the price of milk, butter and cheese.

ARCTIC

The new Soviet five-year-plan includes Arctic exploration. So announced by the director of the Arctic Institute in Leningrad, ^{who says} ~~he declares~~ that Russia already has a strong claim to large parts of the North Polar region - and that ~~the~~ claim will be expanded under this five-year-plan - a plan for wide exploration by a new Soviet expedition ^{to the lands and waters near} the North Pole.

AFGHANISTAN

In Kabul, Afghanistan, it's announced that a military mission will go to Moscow to negotiate for Soviet arms. The Afghans declare they haven't been able to get what they want from either Britain or America - so, now they^are trying Moscow. The Afghans feel they need more weapons - for one thing, they^are in the midst of a dispute with Pakistan over the status of millions of Pathan *more or less* tribesmen, now under Pakistani rule. And secondly, Afghanistan is in a strategic position on the flank of the Baghdad pact nations. Afghanistan also has a common frontier with Russia - in fact, a thousand miles of it. *The River Oxus of ancient renown, is part of it.* But apparently the Afghans are not worried about that - or else, they need arms so badly, that they^are willing to take them from anyone - even Khrushchev.

ALGERIA

The tragedy in Algeria goes on and on. Today's ^{dispatch from the walled} ~~announcement from Algiers~~ _{city of Algiers} tells of

forty-two dead in ~~several~~ clashes between French troops and the "Army of Allah." Thirty-one rebels were killed in one ^{engagement} ~~big battle~~ in the mountains.

The "Army of Allah" has been causing trouble ^{here and there - raids -} ~~at isolated spots throughout the~~ ~~country~~ shooting French settlers, and burning houses, farms and schools.

In one place, they ~~attacked~~ a car carrying seven French soldiers - and murdered six of them. In another place, they derailed a train, and then machine-gunned the passengers.

JETS

Four American jets crashed in the East China sea off Okinawa today.

An Air Force spokesman says they were on a routine flight, when they ran into

a storm. The four pilots decided to skirt around it - but they didn't have

enough gas. And all four began to lose altitude at the same time. So they

all bailed out - as their planes crashed into the water. The pilots, picked up by

an air-sea rescue mission.

EISENHOWER

I am in Washington, tonight - to hear my son speak at Constitution Hall. The topic of the hour here is the latest word on President Eisenhower's formal schedule, now that he's back on the job all the time. Press Secretary Hagerty says the biggest change is the number of callers he receives every day, and his exercise and relaxation. Before his illness he met all kinds of delegations, from every part of the country - as well as a daily quota of members of Congress. And, now instead of playing a round of golf - the President takes a swim, and spends more time painting.

An average day? The President is up about seven; and in his office by eight. Then come appointments from nine until eleven-thirty, or noon. After these, a brief rest, lunch and a little exercise - maybe a swim. At two he's back in his

office - for staff work; and more appointments, until he leaves his office at around five. Jim Hagerty ticked off today's appointments as typical - Defense Secretary Wilson and Attorney General Brownell both at eight-fifteen a.m. A cabinet meeting at nine. Postmaster General Summerfield at eleven. Secretary of State Dulles at two-thirty.

After dinner, the President generally sees a movie in the White House, or watches T.V. Retiring for the night at ten p.m. He reads western stories until he's ready to go to sleep. In other words, carrying on just about as he did before his illness - with some less important things omitted.

The first head-on collision between Kefauver and Stevenson - that's the meaning of the Senator's announcement that he will enter the Minnesota primary in March. Kefauver and Stevenson are already scheduled for major battles in Florida and California - but Minnesota comes first, and so will be the first test of strength, giving the winner a vital head start.

Today Senator Kefauver charged that some Minnesota Democrats are trying to sew up the primary for Stevenson. The politician of the coonskin cap, declaring that the Stevenson wing is trying to discourage other candidates, denying the people of Minnesota the right to choose. However, Kefauver ended by saying he does not feel bitter toward any party leaders in that state - apparently a reference to Governor Freeman and Senator Humphrey, both of whom have come out for Stevenson. One Stevenson delegate says he's glad Kefauver is in the race - because the vote will show Stevenson's decisive strength.

VANCE

The Atomic Energy Commission gets a new permanent member. Harold Vance.

Formerly of Studebaker - Packard. Has been serving under a recess appointment.

Today the Senate unanimously approved Vance to be a full scale member of the

Commission. His term ^{to} ~~was~~ run until June of 1960.

The world of music is celebrating the bicentenary of perhaps the greatest composer of them all. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, born on January 27th, 1756, in Salzburg. That was why the President of Austria, Theodore Koerner, was in Salzburg this morning. The President stood in a room only large enough to hold forty state officials and other celebrities - the room where Mozart was born.

It was raining outside, but even so a crowd of three thousand stood there to pay tribute to the greatest genius Austria ^{perhaps} ever produced. Today's ceremony opens the bicentenary celebrations - which will be heard around the world - literally heard, in the form of Mozart's symphonies, chamber music, and operas.

DIAMONDS

A fortune in diamonds went from London to New York today - and, by ordinary airmail. Diamonds worth more than eight million dollars - including one weighing four hundred and twenty-six karats, described by experts as "the most magnificent diamond ever found in South America." I wonder if the dispatch means South Afrida? The package of gems was insured for just four dollars and ninety cents - the ordinary cost. We are not given a description of the four hundred and twenty-six karat one. But we do know that the diamonds in this package are to be cut, polished and mounted - and then sold for a fortune - here in America.

MISSIONARY

A divinity student at Kent State University, Ohio, announces that he's going to become a missionary. That doesn't sound like much of a story - except that Paul Lowry says he intends to work in the "Green Hell" of Amazonia - the Equadorian part, the unexplored jungle where those five American missionaries were murdered by head-hunters only a couple of weeks ago. In fact, young Lowry says that was what decided him. He had made up his mind to stay at home after ordination - until he heard of the death of those missionaries in Equador. Paul Lowry says he knows it's dangerous. But, that someone must go out and preach the gospel to the savages of the "Green Hell". He's sure they need the gospel - and he's going to go there and see if he can save their savage souls.

~~I guess~~ ^{IP} ~~we've~~ ^{or most of us - have} all seen the wild animal trainer who puts his head in the lion's mouth. Last night an act like that was going on in Paris. A Russian trainer, using a giant Siberian tiger. The point is, that when he put his head into the animal's mouth as part of the act, the tiger snapped its jaws shut. ~~Well, that~~ ^{like} Sounds ~~as if it ought to be~~ the end of the trainer?

Actually, he got off with only lacerations - and even was able to finish the act. But ^{Henry,} he says it's the last time he'll put his head in that tiger's mouth.

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