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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Perhaps the most important international conference since the Geneva meeting of last Summer. The talks that began this afternoon between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Eden.

Arriving in New York early this morning, aboard the "Queen Mary", Eden flew on to Washington in the presidential plane "Columbine". Greeted at the airport by Secretary of State Dulles - he spoke briefly, saying that this is a timely moment to try to harmonize the policies of Britain and America. He also said he fully agrees with President Eisenhower's reply to Bulganin - the rejection of the proposal for a special Russian-American treaty of friendship.

When he arrived at the White House - the President met the Prime Minister on the north portico. A greeting of old friends. Sir Anthony asked how he was feeling -- and reporters leaned forward to hear the answer. But the President

fooled 'em by whispering it into the Prime Minister's ear.

After luncheon, at the White House, the formal meetings got under way - and are expected to continue for three days.

This afternoon was devoted mainly to problems of Western Europe - German unification, the coal and steel pool, the integration of Western Europe, and so on. We are told that the President and Prime Minister exchange general views - no specific proposals about any of these.

PRAGUE

The eight nations of the Warsaw Pact ended their Prague meeting today. The result - a declaration that they will forge a military machine that will be the mightiest in history.

~~It will~~ ^{ing} Include forces from nations extending from the Elbe ⁱⁿ mid-Europe ~~River~~ to the Pacific.

~~This Communist "Nato" will remain under the command of Soviet Marshal Koniev. East Germany is to play an important role. And we hear that the Marshal's troops will exceed those of Nato.~~

NORWAY

The Norwegian Navy went into action today - against the Russians. Norwegian vessels, attacking a fishing fleet.

The Russians were within the four mile limit - violating Norway's territorial rights. ~~So~~ ^{Norwegian} ~~armored boats were~~ ^{craft} ~~sent out~~ and they dashed into the midst of the interlopers.

~~At the~~ The Russians hastily cut their nets and fled, ~~but~~ four were caught. Four modern two-hundred-ton steel ships, ~~They were~~ towed into port, their crews in custody.

~~Some~~ Russian nets were found as close as two miles from ~~the~~ shore. Oslo calls ^{this} ~~the episode~~ - "an unprecedented violation of the Norwegian territorial water limit."

KOREA

Tonight the Korean Army Intelligence Corps has a dragnet out in Seoul for the assassins of their chief, General Kim ChangYong, ^{who} was ambushed only a few yards from his home. The killers used a jeep as a roadblock - and when the General's car stopped, they jumped out of an alley and opened up with a burst of machinegun bullets. ~~The General, dead before anyone could get him to a hospital. The assassins, jumped into their jeep, and sped off.~~

General Kim was one of the leading enemies of Communism in Korea. But the Army Intelligence does not believe his murderers were Communists. It may be that fellow officers were jealous of his influence with Premier Syngman Rhee. Some observers think the assassination was an attempt to intimidate Syngman Rhee - frighten him into not seeking reelection in the Presidential election next summer.

MOROCCO

~~Thousands miles North of Nigeria,~~

¹ In Morocco, the French and their supporters are using both the carrot and the stick in dealing with nationalist terrorism.

The carrot - political amnesty for prisoners convicted of anti-French activities. Twenty-two were released at Rabat on Saturday. Thirty-six ~~were~~ free^d today at Port Lyautey. In Morocco, it's believed that soon all the remaining political prisoners may be out of their cells - around three hundred.

The point of the amnesty - to win the sympathy of native Moroccans. At the same time, Sultan Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef has asked his people to abandon their violence. And pamphlets are being distributed in the cities - urging everyone to support the Sultan - which means, support France.

Then there's the stick. French Army troops, driving into the Riff Mountains in ~~a~~ search for a band of three hundred rebels - who have been spreading guerrilla war into the province of Fez. The troops are supported by tanks and fighter planes. Yesterday, forty outlaws of the so-called "army of Allah" were

killed in one battle. Now the French are trying to force the remaining rebels into another battle - hoping ^{it} ~~that the next one~~ will be decisive.

QUEEN

A dispatch from West Africa describes a martial display at Lagos, Nigeria. Colorful - but, bedraggled, says the news wire. The Nigerian regiment of the Queen had their first trooping of the colors - marching smartly through their maneuvers. Her Majesty, Elizabeth the Second, citing the Nigerians for their bravery in the Abyssinian and Burmese campaigns of the last war.

But it rained. How it rained! A tropical downpour drenching the forty thousand people who waited two hours to see the Queen.

NIGERIA

With Her Majesty, the Queen, visiting Nigeria - let's take a look at that African territory. John Gunther in his remarkable new book, "Inside Africa", reminds us that Nigeria is larger than all Germany - a vast region on the west coast of Africa, and extending all the way inland to Lake Chad. Population over thirty million, with less than twelve thousand Europeans.

It's government rather complicated with regional assemblies in the East, the West, and the North. These, the natural geographical divisions. Assemblies elected by the people, with full legislative power. Not just puppets of colonialism.

And then, a Parliament for the whole country sits in the capital city of Lagos - with a majority from North Nigeria - which has the greatest population. The majority is usually pro-British, because of strong economic ties with Britain.

A Governor-General represents the Crown. Not so long ago, he ran Nigeria, as a colony. But now, political power has passed largely to the native Parliament.

Nigeria has its quota of nationalists - howling for complete independence; and John Gunther points out that Nigeria is a federation of several

states, and says that if independence came too soon, Nigeria might split up into six or more nations.

London already has promised independence to the members of the Negerian federation who want it. John Gunther predicts that East and West Nigeria will ask for their independence - with North Nigeria probably remaining colonial for a while. That soon all of Nigeria will be free - with London hoping it will keep its ties with the Commonwealth.

An important African country nearing independence - without the violence and terrorism to be found, for example, in Kenya, with its Mau-Mau trouble. Nigeria probably to become one more member of the British Commonwealth. At any rate, the Queen seems to be pleased so far with her reception in Nigeria. Maybe she is losing a colony, only to gain a dominion.

OLYMPICS

Our figure skaters did all right today - as they usually do. Tenley Albright of Newton, Massachusetts, won, despite the injury to her leg the other day. In second place, Carol Heiss of New York.

Our men figure-skaters are also leading.

Meanwhile, the Soviets won their fourth gold medal today - and their team has totaled eighty-five points. A poor second to the Russians, Austria with thirty-six. The United States way down - ninth.

AIR FORCE

Our Air Force in Tokyo ~~has a lot of~~ compliments ~~for~~ Captain Walter Clatt, of Corpus Christi, Texas - who kept a giant Globemaster in the air for two and a half hours, after it had been crippled.

Captain Clatt was flying the six hundred mile route from Iwo Jima to Tokyo. ^{When} ~~suddenly~~, one engine ~~knocked~~ out. ~~And a~~

^A moment later, a second ~~engine~~ burst into flame. The fire was extinguished, but that engine refused to function properly.

And the Globemaster started losing altitude.

At that point, Captain Clatt ordered the cargo thrown overboard. ~~And so it was jettisoned~~, including fourteen tons of paper. The only thing kept aboard - a fifteen pound sack of mail.

Lightening the plane did ^{it} ~~the trick~~. Captain Clatt managed to stay ^{at} ~~above~~ three thousand feet - and ^{made it} ~~landed his~~ ^{to Tokyo, to the cheers of his Air} ~~plane safely at the airport. His brother officers in Tokyo~~ Force ~~pale.~~ ~~say it was a remarkable performance - bringing a Globemaster in on one engine.~~

PLANE

A civilian sports plane, weighing less than two thousand pounds, made a forced landing at an airport near Paris. The story is, that Captain William Judd, flew his little plane solo, from White Plains, New York. Captain Judd left the Westchester County Airport yesterday - and flew his Cessna 180 straight across the Atlantic. Running out of fuel, he came down at Paris. He had hoped to make it all the way to Cairo - or at least to Rome. Anyhow he flew from White Plains to Paris - non-stop - in a sports plane! And that's something!

ANTARCTIC

Another dispatch from that British expedition in the Antarctic. The icebreaker "Theron" has reached its destination on Vahsel Bay. ~~But it is~~ a month late, following ^a ~~its~~ struggle with the ice of the Weddell Sea.

The dispatch says that the expedition has established "Shackleton Postoffice." ^{Named of course for} ~~That is a reference to the famous~~
~~British explorer~~ ^{Sir} Ernest Shackleton, whose ship, "The Endurance", was crushed by ice and lost in the Weddell Sea back in Nineteen Fourteen.

RUSSIANS

Four Russian scientists got a look at America's system of polio vaccination today. ~~And they~~ got it from the top man - Dr. ~~Jenah~~ Salk, who developed the vaccine. The Soviet visitors ~~looked on~~ ^{watched} as Dr. Salk gave shots to two hundred school children.

Afterward, the Russians declared that the vaccine is a great achievement of American science. ~~And~~ They say they'll advocate using similar techniques when they get home.

The passing of H. L. Mencken brings back recollections of the period - with which he was, most of all, identified. Mencken - the firebrand of the 'Twenties.

The American Mercury - with its green cover. Editors Mencken and Nathan - slashing at the foibles of the boom time of those days. The dizzy prosperity - which, people thought, would never end. The boy speculator in Wall Street - the high pressure salesman. Smug self satisfaction - with a blatant brand of politics. Mencken called it - the "boobocracy".)

~~Snarling - poking fun.~~

^ The era - when Sinclair Lewis rose to fame with "Main Street" and "Babbitt". ^{Ridiculing} ~~Ridiculing~~ ^ the complacency of the businessman. ~~But~~ H. L. Mencken was the dominating voice - and a loud one.

Curiously, the end of the boom of the 'Twenties - also brought the end of the American Mercury. When the depression came, there was not much point in jeering at the highjinks of the "boobocracy." The highjinks vanished- and Mencken went back to Baltimore.

He had started out in Baltimore, rising to prominence - on the Sun-papers. So in the 'Thirties he went back to work on the Baltimore Sun. Assuming, as the years went by, something of the position of - an elder sage.

The boom time was - the Mencken era. But he made a more permanent place for himself - with studies of the American language, American slang. He's likely to be remembered for that.

RADIO

1 1/2 In Elk Point, South Dakota, they've ~~just~~ arrested a man who makes a habit of shooting up radio and television stations. Ardell Reub, ^{who} says he doesn't like radio or T.V., today he decided to do something about it. He picked up his shotgun and drove his car to the studio of Station K-E-L-O in Sioux Falls. ~~Then he began to~~ ^{blaze} away from ~~the~~ ^{his} car ~~knocking~~ ^{ed} out windows, ~~smashing~~ ^{of} the weather indicator on the roof, and peppering the sides of the building.

Then he drove out of town to a transmitter station. Here he fired shotgun blasts through a whole row of windows - and shattered the red lights on a T.V. tower. ~~Then~~ ^{After that}, he just drove off.

2 But ~~then he made~~ ^{the} mistake ^{of disregarding} ~~he drove through two~~ red lights. ~~and~~ ^{That} brought the police, on the run. There ~~was~~ ^{followed} a bit of gun-play - before Ardell Reub laid down his shotgun and surrendered.

When the police questioned him about the reason for

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going berserk - he said, Oh, he was just sore at radio and T.V., and decided to try and put 'em out of commission.

Maybe, Henry, he had been reading "The Power of Positive Thinking" and decided to do something positive.