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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

This land of ours has now, as of tonight, forty nine states. The Senate in Washington, this evening, having passed the Alaskan statehood bill. The northern territory - becoming a full state of the union, the forty-ninth state. No longer a territory - after all these years.

The swift action came this evening as a surprise.

Because, southern senators were still fighting the bill with all sorts of manoeuvres. But these were beaten down, one after another - by heavy majorities. Today they were conducting something like a filibuster in the Alaska debate that had been under way in the Senate for five days. But, then, the talk ceased and the Senate took a vote. The majority sixty-four to twenty, in favor of Alaskan statehood!

A host of people had been battling for this, including Ex-Governor Ernest Gruening, present Governor Mike Stepovich, and of course congressman Leo O'Brien of New York, the father of this Alaska statehood bill.

When I was in Alaska only a few days ago, Alaskans were not too optimistic. When you talked to them about it, they'd point out how it had been voted down so many times.

Anyhow it's all over now except for the shouting - and a lot of legal formalities.

As for the shouting I'd like to be in Anchorage or Fairbanks tonight. There is where the big celebrations are, and everywhere else too from Ketchikan all the way to Attu in the Aleutians, from Sitka and Juneau to Kotzebue, Nome and Point Barrow. The bill goes to President Eisenhower - who will sign it. He has long been pressing for the admission of Alaska as a state.

Then the President will officially inform the Governor of the territory, Mike Stepovich. Governor Mike is in Washington. He in turn, will call - an election to select local officials of the new state. Also - two Alaskan Senators, and one single member of the House of Representatives.

But Alaskan statehood must also be rarified by the people - a referendum to be held. Which is also a sure thing - although some opposition to statehood remains up there in the North.

Finally, when the voters have had their say, President Eisenhower will issue his official proclamation - making Alaska the forty-ninth state.

But, formalities aside, tonight's action by the Senate ends a long, long fight. When this country purchased the northern territory from Russia, for seven million two hundred thousand dollars, shortly after the

Civil War - the terms were that Alaska would, eventually, become a state of the union.

Then, in Nineteen sixteen, the first Alaskan statehood bill was introduced into Congress, the same bill, that was passed tonight. Governor Wickosham was back of that. ~~TIME~~

Time and again the House of Representatives passed such a bill but it could not get by the Senate. One reason - the argument that there were too few people up there in the North, for them to have two Senators. The Republicans objecting because - they'd be democratic senators, Alaskan politics being a democratic. The southern Democrats angrily opposed - because the two Alaskan senators may be expected to be liberals - in the matter of racial rights. However, it's all over now - Alaska the forty-ninth state.

ADD ALASKA (as much for L T as for the show)

A dispatch from Anchorage has just come in -- the wild celebration in the north has already begun. ~~See~~ Sirens screeching -- radio and television announcing the news. Bond fires burning -- cheering all over the place.

In Washington, the Boston promoter, John Fox - testified again, today. Repeating, principally - what he had said before: that millionaire textile manufacturer, Bernard Goldfine - spoke a lot about political favors he was getting from Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams, and - the financial favors that Goldfine gave Adams.

There couldn't have been much that was new - because the committee told the witness to stick to his previous charges, and not make any further allegations.

There ^{has} been a lot of criticism about the way the committee permitted Fox to accuse Adams of a lot of things - merely on a basis of what Goldfine said. How Adams was protecting him - in the troubles with the government. How Goldfine gave Adams an interest in Goldfine companies and so on.

Today, Fox declared there were two witnesses who heard this kind of talk - his own secretary and Goldfine's bookkeeper, Mildred Paperman. These two, Fox intimated, could

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substantiate his testimony.

He also told the committee that, at a meeting in a hotel, Sherman Adams was present - when Goldfine was talking about the way the Presidential assistant would help him. Whereupon Sherman Adams took the textile millionaire aside - and told him to keep his mouth shut.

Fox concluding his testimony, today, announced - that he'll file suit for a million dollars against Sherman Adams. The same thing - for several others whom he called "his enemies".

Goldfine is to testify before the committee Wednesday morning.

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The Soviets, after all- will join the talks in Geneva tomorrow. For days there ^{has} been confusion. Russia - on again, off again, in the matter -- of attending the conference of scientists. Which - is to devise technical means of safeguarding a ban on atomic tests.

Last week, Moscow said - the Soviets would boycott the proceedings. Because the west wouldn't agree in advance - on a nuclear test ban. But then, over the weekend, a delegation of Russian scientists appeared in Geneva.

So, today, the chief of the American delegation, Dr. James Brown Fish, had a talk with Chief Russian delegate Fydorov. Asking officially - did the Russian^s intend to participate in the discussions? Fydorov answered "yes". His view - optimistic.

"We want an agreement to end nuclear test explosions, and we ^are quite ~~xxxxx~~ sure the other side also wants it", said he. So the talks between the East and West - will begin tomorrow.

AIRMEN

The United States denies, bluntly - the Moscow claim that a U S Air Force plane deliberately violated Russian territory. A diplomatic note explaining - that the transport plane, unarmed, was making a routine flight from Germany to Pakistan - and may have strayed across the border into Russia, through a navigational error. The more likely -- since the plane, presumably ^{was} above an overcast, flying on instruments.

Washington - concluding with a demand for the release of the nine member crew, now being held by the Russians.

SPUTNIK

Sputnik number three, now in an orbit around this earth, may be doing a kind of spy job for Soviet Russia.

The ~~sat~~ satellite - equipped with instruments for signalling information of events on the ground. So says Dr. John Evvard, a member of the National Advisory Commission for Aeronautics, speaking - before a space and missile conference in Detroit.

He explains - that, by the use of infra red rays, a man-made moon might be able to detect movements on land, ships at sea, planes in the air. Which sputnik number three may now be doing.

Dr. Evvard adds - that a much simpler form of observational satellite could signal data on cloud formations and the ~~move~~ movement of masses of air. ~~It~~ Vital information - for predicting the weather.

ATOMIC

President Eisenhower has on his desk, tonight - the legislation to permit this country to share atomic weapon secrets with its allies. Today, the Senate completed Congressional action on the bill - with a modifying clause to limit atomic secrets to countries ~~and~~ already in the atomic field - meaning - Britain.

The President will sign the bill promptly - permitting the conclusion of an agreement for sharing British American nuclear information.

LEBANON

In Lebanon, rebel forces are in the hills - only seven miles from the Beirut international airport. Parties of tribesmen - reported to be planning an attack on the flying field. That was the situation which brought about an attack by ~~the~~ jet fighters of the government. Sweeping over the hill positions of the rebels -- and assailing them with rocket fire.

On the rebel side, the claim is - that forces of tribesmen have cut the main highway to Damascus.

CUBA

Two more Americans - kidnapped by the Cuban rebels.

In Havana today, the U S Embassy was informed - that the insurgents in Oriente Province have seized Sherman Avery White of New York City, manager of a nickel plant owned by the U.S. government, and his assistant - J. Andrew Toll, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Which means - that the Cuban rebels are holding at least forty-two kidnapped Americans, and - two Canadians. All - reported in good shape.

This morning, the word was - that the insurgents would soon release their prisoners. But the two new kidnappings make this ~~word~~ appear to be - doubtful.

The rebels declare they^are acting in retaliation - because Cuban government warplanes have been refueling at Guantanamo, the U S Naval base. Which, the U S Embassy in Havana denied, yesterday. But there seems to be a confusion - because there's an auxiliary flying field near Guantanamo - used regularly ~~it~~ by the Cuban Army.

ANDREA DORIA

A new theory comes out - in the sinking of the Italian luxury liner Andrea Doria in Nineteen Fifty Six.

A supposition to explain - why the Doria was rammed by the Swedian liner Stockholm. A third ship involved - a mystery ship.

Such is the conclusion ~~is~~ of a naval expert, John Carrothers - writing in the magazine, "U S Naval Institute Proceedings", a technical journal.

He based his "third ship" theory - on the contradictions in the testimony brought out in court. The third officer on the Stockholm who was in charge - stating one thing. The captain of the Doria - stating another. The differences between the two - mystifying.

The Swedish officer testified - that he saw the lights of the Italian liner ~~on~~ the left. Radar signals - also on the left.

The captain of the Doria swearing - that his ~~ship~~ ship was approaching from the other direction.

So naval engineer Carrothers believes that the lights and radar spotted by the officer of the Stockholm - were not those of the Andrea Doria at all. But -of another ship. And the Stockholm, trying to avoid a collision with that other ship - ran into the Doria.

But, in all the investigation, there was never a hint of another ship. The naval expert now saying - "mystery ship".

SKIN DIVER

From the Gulf of Mexico - a tragic story of the under-water. A mishap of "skin diving", when two friends were proceeding along below the surface - spear fishing.

Kenneth Claybourne and Joseph Bludworth, both of the University of Texas - plunged into the gulf, off Corpus Christie. Then, in the murky water, the two skin divers became separated. Claybourne - swimming alone, hunting for fish.

Then He saw what looked like a big one - and fired his spear, scoring a hit, reeling in his ~~in~~ line. Only to see - that the big fish was his ~~own~~ friend, Bludworth.

The accident - fatal.

We've heard many a fish story. This one - the saddest of all.

JAPAN

In Japan - a story of heroic rescue. Twenty-two coal miners - entombed for three days. The rescue crews - having to dig for a distance of eight hundred feet, in order to reach them. All twenty-two - brought out safely, today. Three - still missing.

On Friday - subterranean water poured into the mine. Causing - the collapse of a wall. The miners - trapped by water and huge masses of debris.

Today, the rescuers dug their way to an air intake pipe. From which - came a whisper. The entombed ■■ miners - reporting through the pipe that they were alive.

BOOKS

London reports - a record breaking sale of books.
How many? Oh, not a large number -- only about a hundred.
But they sold for - more than three hundred thousand dollars.
Which would average - better than three thousand dollars a
copy.

The Duke of Devonshire - selling a few volumes from
his family library, ~~In~~ which ancestral collection - books have
been gathering for centuries.

In the auction of old quartos and folios, the
champion price was paid for a volume published in fifteen
twenty five. An account of Magellan's voyage around the
world. Printed - a mere three years after the first circum-
navigation was completed. Only six copies known to exist -
of that historic edition.

KING

In London, His Majesty King John Gawsorth - has had to hire a secretary. So many letters coming in — from people - seeking to buy his kingdom.

Gawsorth is a poet who writes, we suppose, the puzzling kind of modern verse, which you can hardly figure out. Through inheritance, he has a royal claim to the island of Redonda, a small bit of rock in the West Indies. Not worth much - except for the title of royal sovereign. Redonda - now part of the British West Indies federation. But the London Colonial office does not, in any way, deny - the poet's title of "king".

Recently, Gawsorth inserted a newspaper advertisement - offering to sell his royal realm. The purchaser - to become King of Redonda. So that's what has brought in - the flood of offers. One - said to be as high as two-hundred-and-eighty thousand dollars. And that, Don, surely would be enough to keep a poet - while he writes volumes of odes, ballads, and epics.

LION

Over in England, a champion mother. She's also a Queen - because, if the lion is the king of beasts, a lioness must have royal status as well.

At a zoo, Mary the lioness - that's her name, Mary - has a new set of triplets. Bringing the total number of her cubs - up to forty-one. Quite a family - forty-one. Which they say, is a record breaking number of cubs for a lioness - in captivity.

So in England they are hailing - Mary, the Queen Mother of beasts.