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Good Evening Everybody:

Western observers in Moscow are becoming
convinced - that the ideological talks between Russia
and Red China have not actually started. That so far
the Red Giants have been unable to agree what to talk
about. Hence - no agenda.

Western interpretation is as follows. The
Soviets want the first item to be - peaceful
co-existence. That is they want to convince the
Chinese Reds - that war is obsolete, and furthermore
that Communism can win without war.

But Mao Tse Tung's men are determined to
begin with - Communist ideology. They want to
convince the Russians - that a Leninist line is a
hard line, and that Khrushchev is a revisionist.

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ECUADOR

That military coup in Quito may have been due - not to politics - but to firewater. Deposed President Arosemena - accused of excessive drinking, Of letting Ecuador's government deteriorate - while he was hitting the bottle.

Anyway, the three military services united - to overthrow the government. Army, Navy and Air Force, represented in the junta - that rules Ecuador tonight.

VIET NAM

The United States is more worried than ever about South Viet Nam - following the resignation of a top military man. General Le Van Nagiem - commander of the Vietnamese troops on the Central Front.

48 The General, joining the opposition - to Premier Diem. The Buddhist opposition - which claims ~~that~~ the Catholic Premier is ~~discriminating~~ discriminating against their religion. There have already been - two suicides. Several ~~major~~ ^{major} riots. Now the resignation of a general who feels that fighting the Red guerrillas in the mountains is not quite as important ^{as} as fighting for religious freedom in Saigon.

At least - that's his position. Premier Diem denies the ~~accusation~~ accusation - and calls the opposition "political".

INDIA

Britain and America are going to hold air ~~man~~ maneuvers - over Northern Hindustan. So reported - in London. Purpose - to train allied airmen, in case they have to go into action against the Chinese Reds. The High Himalayas are a special problem - for any Air Force. And the Allied command wants to have bomber squadrons - familiar with the highest mountains on our planet. London and Washington, determined to prevent a recurrence of - what happened during the Korean War. Pilots, rushed into action - before they were familiar with the terrain.

Meanwhile -
~~Incidentally~~ why haven't the Chinese Reds pushed ~~on~~ farther into India, this year? One surmise is - the Ideological struggle. Mao Tse-Tung, marking time in the Himalayas - while he forces a ~~shadow~~ showdown with Khrushchev in Moscow.

ECONOMY

How can the Pentagon save a billion dollars? Here's how. An Army radio set for use in the field - once had a price tag of more than two thousand dollars. Today - eight hundred and forty-three dollars. The difference due merely to a new system of competitive bidding.

Secretary of Defense McNamara made this point - at his news conference, and went on to say that other economies include - using items that have been stockpiles, instead of buying more, and shutting down obsolete installations.

Secretary McNamara says he expects to lower Pentagon spending - by four billion a year. C heers!

As for the new presidential panel, the six members - got to work today, and came up with an optimistic note, predicting that they may have a report for the White House by July twentieth, two days earlier - than the President asked.

RAILROAD

The GOP position on the threat of a railroad strike - seems to be this. The opposition party approves of the postponement - worked out by President Kennedy, but in no great rush - to pass new legislation. Republican leaders, argue that no bill should be passed under pressure. That any proposals from the White House should be given a long look on Capitol Hill. Not passed automatically - just because of the strike deadline. As for the postponement of the strike - an authoritative opinion comes from Mr. Kennedy's predecessor in the White House. General Eisenhower, terming the President's action - "perfectly correct".

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WEATHER

Now the weather story from Kansas and Oklahoma, tells of fire - and flood. Fire! The hot sun that has been beating down on the midwest for most of this month, parching the farmland of the two states so severely that we've been hearing references to the dust bowl of the Thirties. Topsoil might blow away - as it did a generation ago.

As for flood, twelve inches of rain - fell today, sending hundreds of streams - over their banks. One - Spring Creek in Kansas, surging through the town of Gypsum. Spring Creek, ordinarily - a few feet deep, tonight over the tops of cars on the streets of Gypsum.

FERRY

There's much sardonic irony about the ferryboat - that sank in the Rio de La Plata. When an SOS was picked up - on shore, a flotilla of Argentine vessels rushed to the area, but they couldn't see because of fog. Someone took - a wrong bearing. Result, the would-be rescuers went racing in the opposite direction - as the poor ferry went down.

Caused by - fire, evidently touched off by - an explosion in the boiler room. The craft sinking in a matter of minutes, with four hundred passengers - leaping over the side into the Rio de la Plata. Thirty odd - killed. Some forty - missing.

FUJIYAMA

I wonder what Lafcadio Hearn - would think of the following. Lafcadio Hearn, the nineteenth century New Orleans newspaperman - who went to Japan on assignment, stayed, and became a Japanese citizen and writer of fine prose - on Japanese subjects. One subject - Fujiyama. The volcanic mountain - that Hearn considered the most beautiful in the world. That he wanted left - in its natural beauty. Preserved - from desecration by man.

Would this be desecration, the Japanese government installing a radar station - on the crater? With helicopters, shuttling hundreds of tons of material - to a spot near Lover's Leap. Critics say it takes away the romance. I imagine Lafcadio Hearn would agree. Are you for Hearn Dick? Do you think they should leave romantic Fujiyama inviolate?

PENTAGON

A dispatch from London suggests that from now on, when you use the word "Pentagon" - you may have to say which one. London is going to have one too.

The latest espionage case - is the ultimate The British, reorganizing their armed services - in cloak-and-dagger operations. The British government according to the American pattern. Army, Navy and saying it will never reveal the name - of the Soviet RAF all under a single defense department, in a London intelligence official who defected to the West. In pentagon.

fact, his existence would have remained secret - except for a leak to the press. It was hushed up for three months - until the newspapers somehow got hold of the information.

All we know is, that - the Russians held so sensitive a position in Moscow - that British and American experts couldn't believe his defection was sincere. They suspected - a plant. A Soviet Agent, sent across the Iron Curtain - to spy on the West. But his story checked out, and he's now described as the central figure of "the greatest espionage victory of the cold war". A victory - for the free world - so