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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

As you all know, children from coast to coast went back to school today. Some willingly, getting a bit bored by now with the long summer vacation. Some dragging their feet a bit, maybe. Not much news in that, as a rule. But in Biloxi, Mississippi, sixteen Negroes were accepted without incident, in four elementary schools. The first desegregated public school in that state of the deep South. Biloxi, one of four Mississippi cities ordered to desegregate schools this fall, not enthusiastic but accepting the inevitable.

The atmosphere in sharp contrast to that at Oxford, Mississippi, two years ago, when James Meredith enrolled at the University of Mississippi, and rioting erupted that caused two deaths. Today in Biloxi, a calmer mood prevailed.

STORMS

Mopping up operations are still going on in Florida, after Hurricane Cleo. An expensive lady to entertain, by any standard. Cleo leaving behind her a trail of destruction, that officials say will take two months to clear away. Damage to the tune of two hundred million dollars.

Meanwhile Cleo has spawned no less than five tornadoes in the Carolinas. Two of them in Laurinburg, North Carolina, where fifteen people were injured, homes, churches and stores were battered, power and communications cut. Estimated damage in dollars about seven hundred and fifty thousand. Just some of the items on Cleo's expense account.

HUMPHREY

Among the members of Congress who reconvened on Capitol Hill, one is getting special attention. The one who left Washington as the Senior Senator from Minnesota, and came back as a candidate for Vice President of the United States.

Hubert Humphrey received an ovation when he appeared. His colleagues applauding. Gallery - cheering. Much shaking of hands. Plus an embrace for the Democratic candidate from the Republican leader in the Senate. Dirksen of Illinois, embracing Humphrey of Minnesota.

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The trouble down on the farm last month was what happened when the farmer went to market. He had to accept low prices - for potatoes, tomatoes, cotton and hogs. Dropping farm income for crops and livestock - a full one per cent. Four per cent lower - than a year ago.

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KEATING

Were you surprised by the New York Republican choice for Senator? I guess everyone knew the nomination once again would go - to Kenneth Keating; the statesman with the silver hair, the ruddy complexion; and the handsome smile - who looks like a senator, talks - like a senator; and acts - like a senator.

The only question today - was whether Senator Keating would have any opposition. It was answered in the negative - when Congressman Paul Fino withdrew. And Keating's political problem has been simplified by Clare Booth Luce - who decided not to run for the Senate as a Conservative.

Fino and Mrs. Luce both are hoping for - a Keating endorsement of the national ticket. But Keating repeats - that he will run simply as - Kenneth Keating, Republican candidate for United States Senator.

DEWEY

Once again - as in San Francisco four years ago, the most effective speech was made by a former leader of the Republican Party. Today's brilliant nominating speech was delivered by Thomas E. Dewey. Among other things, he referred to Senator Kenneth Keating as "the man who may have saved the nation in Nineteen Sixty-Two." Because, said Dewey, "he first told the American people that Soviet missiles were in Cuba."

An eloquent address by a master of politics who himself just missed being President by an eyelash.

CONGO

The word from the Congo is that - the three-month long state of emergency has been lifted. Premier Tschombe's government - in a mood of confidence after its victory in the provincial capital of Albertville. The Congolese Army now has a new military objective - Uvira - at the northern end of Lake Tanganyika. If Uvira is recaptured, rebel supply lines to the neighboring republics of Ruanda and Burundi - will be cut. So the Congolese Army is now pushing toward Uvira.

KHRUSHCHEV

The boss of the Kremlin is in Prague - to help the Czechs commemorate the defeat of the Nazis in World War Two. But Khrushchev isn't thinking - entirely of the past. He's more concerned with - the present. Hence his secret talks - with Czech President Novotny.

Subject - Mao Tse-tung. The strong man of Red China has just launched his most savage attack - on Khrushchev. Including a threat - to bury the Soviet Premier; and an insulting refusal to even consider attending - a Red summit conference in Moscow.

Anyway, Khrushchev has Novotny - on his side. The Czech leader, falling in - behind Khrushchev; against - Mao.

TRAIN CRASH

Head-on collisions are a common occurrence - on any highway these days. It doesn't happen quite so often - to trains. But it did today - at Westervoort near Arnhem in the Netherlands; where two trains, one Dutch, one German - rammed into each other; at the point where a double line track becomes single - to pass over the narrow Westervoort Bridge. The toll - at least five dead and twenty-two injured. Even the suspected cause of the accident is something that happens all the time - on the road. The engineer of the German train - may have gone through a red light.

BEES

Here's a fact about American life - that may surprise you. More people are killed by bees every year - than by snakes.

Of course, a lot more of us get stung - because bees fly almost everywhere. But that's not the complete answer - according to the entomologists at Cornell. The experts on insects claim to have proven - this scientific fact, that the poison of a bee is almost as lethal - as the poison of a rattlesnake. That is - equal amounts.

One of the insects - just a nuisance. But a swarm - they cause fatalities every summer. The accumulation of venom, having the same fatal consequences - as the bite of a single rattlesnake. "Anaphylactic shocks" - according to the science of entomology. "Bee sting" - to you and to me, Dick.

ROBBERS

Now, in the Dukedome - of Tennessee. If I should begin like that - you'd be puzzled. Dukedom - the bailiwick of a duke? Distinctly - European. Tennessee - what could be more American?

But in this case Dukedom is a Tennessee town - and the scene of this story.

A gang of safe crackers attacked the vault of the local bank in Dukedome - with acetylene torches; spent half the night - trying to cut through the lock; and finally - gave up. Not only did they fail to get the loot - the job cost them money. Because they left their acetylene torches - at the door of the vault.

Crime not only doesn't pay - it's actually expensive - in Dukedom, Tennessee.