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Good Evening Everybody:

East Europe is buzzing tonight - about the ideological dispute between Russia and Red China.

Buzzing about a coming split - that will pit the two Communist giants against one another, and force the satellites - to choose sides. In other words - a showdown. A struggle for the allegiance of - the Communist parties of the world.

We've heard much of this - before. But never so authoritatively. Because the Roumanians who recently visited Peking - say they got it straight from Mao Tse-Tung. Mao telling them that Khrushchev must accept - the Peking party line, or else diplomatic relations - will be broken, and the strongman of Red China will launch a drive - to topple the boss of the

Kremlin.

The Roumanians also visited - Moscow, where Khrushchev told them - that the Soviet policy of peaceful coexistence is irreversible, and that he is prepared for a showdown - with his Chinese rival.

Tonight, the satellite leaders of East Europe are convinced - that the showdown can't be far off. A direct collision between two of the most formidable men in the world - Nikita Khrushchev and Mao Tse-Tung.

AMERICANS

The case of the two American airmen ~~in a Soviet jail~~ has become so mystifying-that the state department is reduced to a rather negative statement. "We do not have any reason to disbelieve-we are not inclined to doubt-that they will honor their word." So says that familiar figure ^{is} ~~around~~ Washington ^{known as} the State Department spokesman.

A lot of negations on the subject of-Captains Hollander and Kessler. Still no sign of the Americans-who were shot down when their plane strayed over East Germany. So the question is-^{did} what the Russians mean by "The very nearest future?" That's when they said-the Airmen would be released. They said it-four days ago. And-we^{re} still waiting. No wonder there's a bit of spluttering-in Washington.

MISSILE

The "Minuteman" missile launched at Vandenberg Air Force Base-really put on a spectacular display. Not-the kind the Air Force likes. But-spectacular nonetheless.

The "Minuteman," roaring up-from its underground silo. Arching into the bright sunlight-for a five thousand mile journey across the Pacific. But observers hardly had a good look at the rocket-when it blew up. Torn apart by an explosion-that sent echoes along the California coast. Flame erupted-as the fuel caught fire, ^{with} ~~and~~ chunks of wreckage-^{falling} ~~fell~~ into the Pacific.

The "Minuteman" that flew-for less than a minute.

JACKSONVILLE

The latest violence in Jacksonville, Florida-is only sporadic. A few individuals, chasing pedestrians-tossing rocks. But no mass rioting-like yesterday~~s~~ at the Stanton High School.

Traffic ~~is~~ moving freely through the city-again. And ~~the~~ police ~~Captain Nashburn~~ says ~~that~~ the crisis is over. But, ~~he is~~ ^{they are} keeping his ~~men~~ on the alert-just in case.

Meanwhile, Governor Bryant has been holding conferences-in Tallahassee. Talking to Civil Rights Leaders-who asked the Governor to move into the Jacksonville situation. They emerged to tell newsmen-that he was "cordial," ~~But~~ not inclined to act-because he thinks the Jacksonville situation is now under control.

LUXEMBOURG

Here is a question for - some of our economic experts.

What country has-the world's richest iron and steel industry? Per capita-that is! And what country-has absolutely no unemployment?

Answer-Luxembourg. Tiny, one thousand year old Luxembourg-smallest member of the common market.

Why is Luxembourg-in the news tonight? Because Grand Dutchess Charlotte, the country's Monarch-and ruler-is abdicating. Giving her throne to-her son Jean. Who has been filling in for her officially-for the last two years.

The Grand Dutchess came to the throne-in nineteen nineteen. A staunch ally of the U.S. She chopped down the bridge between Germany and Luxembourg-when world war II was declared. Was eventually forced to flee for safety-to ^{the} ~~the~~

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country
~~States~~ Where President Roosevelt *reassured her, saying:-*
~~promised her "Don't~~
Don't worry, Duchess, we'll bring you home again."

A promise fulfilled in nineteen forty-four. After
General Patten's armor-cleared the way. ~~That was~~ Twenty
years ago.

Grand Duchess Charlotte-our firm friend-is now retiring.
Looking forward to-some leisure. Some time to spend-with her
hobby, her prize-winning roses.

MACARTHUR

At Walter Reed hospital in Washington - for thirty thousand messages are stacked up. Letters, postcards and telegrams - all addressed to one patient. General Douglas MacArthur. One of the acknowledged greatest military leaders of all time, gravely ill. But his doctors today were saying that they are amazed by his fight for life. "Alert and conversing" - is the way they describe him. Which is remarkable - since he's under sedation.

Looks like another victory - for a man who has known so many victories. Douglas MacArthur.

WEATHER

How would you like to be buried in a car for eighteen hours - in five feet of snow? You and your three children? That's what happened to - Mrs. Susan Procter of El Cajon, near San Diego. Finally they were rescued after Mrs. Procter's husband walked three miles through that snow - five feet deep - to get help. All were suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning - but O.K. tonight.

This is just one of the stories - coming out of southern California. Things almost back to normal now - after a three day storm of snow and rain. The storm, coming after last week's widespread fires - deluging the Los Angeles foothills. Causing - mudslides, and damaging homes that had survived the fire.

Up to forty inches of snow - in Far Southern California's San Bernardino Mountains.

In the mid-west, snow warnings up for -

ST. PAUL'S

We in America are sometimes accused of-not having enough respect for tradition. Of-tearing down historic buildings. Like Penn Station in New York City-for instance.,

But what is happening-to staid old Britain?! The very home of tradition-and all that?

Nearly one thousand demonstrators appeared today-on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Protesting the erection of a tall, modern office building-in front of St. Paul's, a building ^{that} ~~which~~ will hide the front-of that ^{impressive} ~~lovely~~ world famous Christopher Wren ^{land mark.} ~~church.~~ The Government-refusing to stop the erection of that new building.

But-let us not be dismayed! The demonstrators were rallied by-a labor party peer, who told them he would bring the matter up-in the House of Lords; And who called on the Government to-"leave some amenities" in London. The labor party defending St. Paul's against a conservative

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Government-in the House of Lords! How British-can you get!

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W.S. FISHER THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1964

**Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri. Hailstones in
Kansas City - as they usually say Dick - as large as
golf balls.**

**And in Colorado - more trouble. The highway
over wild Wolf Creek Pass blocked off again - for
about a mile, after another avalanche that caused - at
least three deaths.**

The Senators decided to end sixteen days of debate
and bring the measure to the Senate floor. Then
they defeated a motion to read it back to committee.

So the head-on collision was over.

Too much about - is almost sure to read back soon.

with opponents of the bill all set for a filibuster

when the debate was under way.