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Good Evening Everybody:

It's on the way to the moon. Our Ranger Seven hurtling through space tonight heading for our natural satellite with everything so far o-kay.

The space craft rode an atlas rocket into what they call a "parking orbit" around the earth, where the upper stage rocket went into action and hurled it on its way through space. A three day trip that will take Ranger Seven almost a quarter of a million miles.

Whereupon it is expected to crash into the moon. But before it hits the moon the television cameras it carries may send back - the most spectacular photographs ever taken of the moon.

GEMINI

The boss of our next Gemini Space project will be the same with the alternative name.

Christopher Craft, who won his spurs - if that figure of speech is not out of order - of a space scientist - in the Mercury program. The first orbital flights - of American astronauts.

The specific assignment for Christopher Craft - the sub-orbited flight scheduled for this fall. A two thousand mile rocket flight - to check out the space capsule. Then - if all goes well, two astronauts will blast off together - early next year.

HARLEM

The key figure in New York's Harlem seems to be - a Baptist preacher from Atlanta, Georgia. At least, everyone seems to want to talk to Martin Luther King. Mayor Wagner has already held two long sessions with the Civil Rights leader - on what to do about Harlem, how to prevent another racial outburst. And Martin Luther King will hear what Harlem leaders have to say at which they are calling tomorrow's Negro summit conference. One thing for sure, that he'll hear complaints about his meeting Mayor Wagner - before meeting them. However we hear he hasn't changed his mind about the right method for dealing with civil rights disturbances. Martin Luther King still favors non-violence.

ROUMANIA

The idea of Charles DeGaulle visiting Red Roumania - is enough to give Khrushchev the jitters. Which no doubt explains the silence of the Moscow news media on this particular subject. But in Paris they are talking about it - and have been - ever since the arrival of the Roumanian Premier.

The premier defied Moscow to make this jaunt to the city of light and bucharest is anxious to play host to DeGaulle - for an obvious reason, and Khrushchev nowadays wouldn't dare interfere if the President of France decided to return the visit. And a visit from DeGaulle would help Roumania become more independent of the Soviet Union.

Another dilemma for the Kremlin - when Khrushchev and his colleagues put their heads together.

KHRUSHCHEV

A BRITISH DIPLOMAT SAID IN MOSCOW TODAY - "KHRUSHCHEV IS FRUSTRATED."

IN FACT, THE WHOLE DELEGATION with RAB BUTLER - APPEARS TO BE OF THE SAME
OPINION. THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY HIMSELF, NEEDLESS TO SAY, ^{is} ~~is~~
~~is~~ MAINTAINING A DISCREET SILENCE.

KHRUSHCHEV'S FRUSTRATION IS SAID TO HAVE ~~BE~~ BECOME EVIDENT WHEN
BUTLER MENTIONED LAOS. THE SOVIET PREMIER, SKIRTING THE QUESTION - OF
RESTORING THE LAOTIAN PEACE. OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE MAO TSE TUNG HAS ELBOWED
HIM ~~IN~~ ASIDE IN SOUTH EAST ~~IN~~ ASIA.

UNWILLING TO ADMIT THIS - UNABLE TO CONTROL THE LAOTIAN REDS
- NO WONDER KHRUSHCHEV IS "FRUSTRATED".

COMMUNISM

The following sounds like a chapter from Sax Rohmer, The mysterious Doctor Fu Manchu - and all that. Subject - opium. Place - Macao, the exotic Portuguese island in the South China Sea. Only a stone's throw from Red China. Plot - Chinese Hatchet men using Macao as a base to smuggle opium into the United States.

But this is not a story by Sax Rohmer - about Fu Manchu. It's a melodrama by Nikita Khrushchev - about Mao Tse Tung. The boss of the Kremlin charging that the strong man of Red China - runs a world wide opium ring, out of Macao. The plot - has a neat twist. What Khrushchev objects to - is not the opium but the island. He says Macao proves that Peking is allied with Portugal. With - the capitalist exploiters.

Mao's answer - an indignant repudiation of the charge. He insists that he wouldn't think of using Portuguese Macao as a base for his opium business.

BOMB

The world war Two bomb discovered in London's financial district - is bringing back a lot of memories. Remember those fire raids on London - in December of Nineteen forty, the Nazis dropping tons and tons of explosives and phosphorus - much of it in the area of St. Paul's Cathedral. Where it wiped out one whole area of the British capital.

Not all the fire bombs exploded and one more of them somehow got lost in the rubble. Not uncovered until today - when a bulldozer hit it, and touch it off. No casualties, but it caused a bit of excitement - before the bomb disposal squad took it away. One more big Nazi fire bomb that's been lying in London's financial district for these twenty-four years.

CHURCHILL

The honors that are being lavished on Sir Winston Churchill have not been paralleled since the days of the Duke of Wellington. The occasion, as you may have heard, is Churchill's retirement from the House of Commons. The elder statesman of the free world, dropping the political career that began - when Queen Victoria was on the throne. Back - in nineteen one. And took him to his "Finest Hour" forty years later - when he roused the British to stand alone against Nazi Germany.

Almost unimaginable - to us of the Twentieth Century. The House of Commons without Winston Churchill.

ANDES

A train trapped in the High Andes caught in a blizzard. The engineer began the run from Salta in northwest Argentina, five days ago. Destination - Antofagasta, Chile. Of course it's winter in the Southern Hemisphere. And, heavy snow began to fall - as the train reached the upper Andes. Winds of fifty miles an hour - whipping the snow into deep drifts across the tracks; and the train ground to a halt. Tonight there it is trapped in thirteen feet of snow much as "the city of San Francisco" was trapped out here in the High Sierra. That was in January Nineteen fifty-two, says Southern Pacific Merle Jennings who was in charge of the rescue on that one.

Now on the Argentine-Antofagasta run, way up at fourteen thousand feet, some Chilean Merle Jennings is on the way to rescue trainmen and passengers trapped in the lofty andes.

GREAT LAKES

If you happen to be a geology buff - you might try your science on this:- How can we stop the Great Lakes - from sinking?

The problem is acute, according to a conference of scientists and business men - at Michigan State University. The level of the Great Lakes - subsiding at the astonishing rate of one foot in one year. The water line - receding farther and farther off shore.

Docks - left high and dry. Vessels having a harder time negotiating shallower and shallower stretches between Lake Superior and Lake Ontario. Cost of shippers in the millions.

The largest inland water area in the world - sinking - those Great Lakes of North America.

MALAGASY

Now let's consider a public figure. Who would you say - fits the following description? A man now in middle life - born in cattle country, worked hard during his youth and became a teacher in the nineteen thirties, entered politics and was elected to the legislature, and finally became President.

Sounds like Lyndon Johnson. But no, the name is Siranana. The country, the Malagasy Republic on the Great Island of Madagascar. President Johnson points out how the description does fit both himself and his guest from Madagascar, that island off the east coast of Africa where life is a bit different - where they even have man eating trees. One difference President Johnson noted: That President Siranana is not up for re-election this year in Malagasy - Madagascar.