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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Have you been listening to explanations today of why Nixon lost and Kennedy won? If you haven't, you're the only person in America in that category.

One of the first persons I encountered this morning, was Jim Farley, my favorite political prognosticator. I talked to him at breakfast, where he was flanked by two little girls, his granddaughters. Grandpa Farley thinks the major GOP mistake was in building up Jack Kennedy by allowing him to go on that TV series with Dick Nixon. He pointed out how FDR had declined to give Wendell Wilkie such an opportunity. And he doubts that any future American President or Vice President will ever give an opponent such a unique opportunity for exposure to the electorate.

Jim Farley also made the sage prognostication

that Kennedy, like FDR, will be wise enough to include some top Republicans in high positions in his administration, maybe even offer Mr. Nixon a post as a top Ambassador, as our representative at the U.N., or even in the Cabinet. Jim also remarked, how wise it would be if President elect Kennedy should offer to keep the present Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Anderson.

One other remark Jim Farley made to me at breakfast, was that there would be no ill-felling between the man who won and the man who lost. He said he thought Jack Kennedy knew that Nixon prevented certain things from coming out late in the campaign that might have done Kennedy much harm. On the other hand, another friend of mine who is wise in matters concerning politics, said he doubted that Mr. Kennedy would offer to Mr. Nixon in his administration, for the simple reason that Nixon came so near winning that

he is pretty sure to be the logical GOP candidate in Nineteen Sixty-Four. Said he:- "would Kennedy want to build up Nixon?"

For a time it looked as if Nixon's popular vote might catch up with the Kennedy vote, and maybe pass it. Even now, tonight, some Republicans still think that's in the cards.

Recently, Alaska became a state. Many people up there used to say they wanted statehood partly because they felt that as residents of the Territory they were only second-class citizens. Today I heard the remark, doesn't our present electoral system still make people of some states second-class citizens, since their votes don't count as much as they would if these Americans lived in another state?

Probably that will be talked about for a few weeks, and then forgotten.

KENNEDY

At any rate, tonight Republicans as well as Democrats - are hailing the election winner. One New York paper, this afternoon - says editorially, that it's ready to follow him forward across "the new frontier." The "New York World Telegram and Sun", which supported Nixon - has high praise for the way Kennedy won without dividing his party or his country. The same remarks are coming in from all over the country - from Maine to California, from North Dakota to Louisiana.

Abroad, our friends appear satisfied. In London and Paris there is a firm belief that President elect Jack Kennedy will meet the cold war vigorously. The Vatican newspaper and the Kremlin newspaper are in agreement for once - "L'Espresso", because Kennedy is a Catholic, "Pravda", because Kennedy defeated Nixon.

As for Latin-American editors, they are pleased because they expect more interest from Kennedy - than our friends south of the border have had from any recent American president.

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GOLDWATER

Oh yes, and one Republican has already announced his availability - for Nineteen Sixty-Four. No, not Nelson Rockefeller. Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona - charges that the Republicans ran on a platform that was just too liberal. He promises a strictly conservative program - if his party should tap him four years from now. Said Barry Goldwater today - "I want to figure in Nineteen Sixty-Four."

LADIES

~~The Democrats did well in this election - and so did the~~
~~ladies.~~ For the first time in history, the Senate will have
two women - serving full six-year terms. Both of them -
rather well known. Margaret Chase Smith, the ~~Maine~~ Republican -
and Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, the Democrat from Oregon.

All fourteen of the ladies who ran for re-election
in the House - made it. And they^are joined by a newcomer -
Mrs. Julia Hansen, Democrat from Washington.

One lady politician who didn't win - Mrs. Coya
Knutson, Democrat, of Minnesota, ~~Mrs. Knutson~~ blamed her
defeat two years ago - on her husband's plaintive plea,
"Coya come ^{home}". This time Coya had ^{Papa's} ~~the~~ support - but not
enough Minnesota voters went along with him. Or with her.

SUBMARINE

The latest vessel to join the U.S. Navy - is an anti-submarine submarine. The atomic powered "Tullibee" - skippered by Commander Richard Jortberg of Portland, Maine, ^{is an} ~~this~~ undersea boat ~~is almost~~ three hundred feet long, weighing twenty-six hundred tons - and ~~is~~ loaded with sonar; ~~Meaning~~ scientific equipment for detecting subs far below the surface of the sea. Her mission - to track enemy subs, and destroy them down near the ocean floor. The "Tullibee!" - a sub, ^{that is} ~~and~~ a sub killer.

CONGO

"The worst incident involving U.N. troops in the Congo" - is what they're saying in Leopoldville.

Referring to - that ambush of an Irish patrol deep in the equatorial forest. Eleven men, on duty in secessionist Katanga Province - were suddenly assailed by fierce Baluba Tribesmen. The Irish, overwhelmed by a rain of arrows and primitive spears - before they could unsling their guns. Ten members of the patrol are reported killed - in the first Baluba volley. An eleventh member of the patrol, unaccounted for is believed hiding out in the jungle.

The U.N. assembly voted tonight to suspend its Congo debate after a heated session at which delegates from the Soviet bloc and Ghana interrupted a Belgian speech by a table-thumping demonstration.

Ghana asked that the debate be suspended until an Asian-African conciliation commission reports back

on efforts to resolve differences between rival Congo political factions.

Its motion was approved 48-30, with 18 abstentions.

At one point the Belgian foreign minister, speaking on a point of order, was interrupted by desk-pounding gestures similar to those of Soviet Premier Khrushchev when he attended the opening weeks of the Assembly.

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ELEVATOR

In Lyons, France, Jean Leveau runs the Bon Ton Hotel, with a spanking new elevator, glittering with chrome and plastics - and a lot of push buttons.

Today a group of ladies asked Jean - to show them how it worked. So Jean bowed his guests into the elevator - and pushed one of the buttons. The door clanged shut - and the elevator raced up three stories. Jean pushed another button - the elevator dropped straight down. He pushed another button - and then another; frantically he tried every button on the board.

The elevator zoomed - up and down. The ladies, screaming, fainting - and falling on top of one another. Finally, they landed with a thump, in the basement, and staggered out saying avoir to Jean Leveau and his fancy elevator.

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ALASKA - HAWAII

As you all know, there were two states voting for a president of the United States, for the first time, Alaska, our forty-ninth, and Hawaii, our fiftieth state.

As you also no doubt know, the outcome in these two was as surprising as anything in the election. All the forecasts were that Hawaii would be in the Republican column. But, in those Garden-of-Eden, Central-Pacific islands, named for the Earl of Sandwich, the race has been a hula hula lulu. Kennedy in the lead most of the time. Then Nixon apparently winning, and now the latest, that Hawaii has gone Democratic *by only about 100 votes.*

So the forecasts on that one were all wrong.

As for Alaska, well, hadn't you heard that there were almost no Republicans up there? Never once did I hear even a hint that Nixon might win in our vast new northern Arctic-SubArctic state, the state that is a fifth the size of all the rest of the U.S.A., the state ~~k~~ with a coastline greater than the coastline of ^{all} the south forty-eight states.

But, the latest word is, Alaska goes for Nixon, *by a margin of some 220 votes.*

One more hilarious episode - in the career of Columnist Art Buchwald.

A few days ago, the witty columnist - who is here from Paris - wrote about our two candidates, - and kiddingly said each had a double. The men out campaigning, said Buchwald - were the Nixon double and the Kennedy double. Then he explained that the real Nixon was in Washington, in the Pentagon - working on a prestige counter that could be used in a U-2. Fly over a country and record our prestige. The real Kennedy, why at this time he's been home at Hyannisport - writing a biography of Norman Vincent Peale.

That Buchwald column was wired to Moscow where Pravda, official Kremlin newspaper, printed it as straight news.