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Good Evening Everybody:

The only reason Joe Walker doesn't have a pair of astronaut wings tonight - is that he's a civilian co-pilot. The astronaut insignia goes only to - astronauts and military airmen.

But Joe Walker showed today - that he can fly toward space with the best of them. He gunned his X-15 way up to an altitude of sixty-seven miles. And, no other pilot has ever even reached - sixty miles. Only astronauts in space capsules.

If he ever flies any higher, Joe Walker in the X-15 will find himself in orbit.

## ROCKETS

The latest rocket launching at Wallop's Island, Virginia, is a lesson in astronomy. First the Aerobee had to reach the edge of space, when the sun and moon were twenty degrees below the horizon.

Then the four photo electric "eyes" had to open right at the moment the rocket reached the "top" of its flight arc. And then snap "shut" just as it was falling back into the Atlantic.

The launching is called - a complete success.

The Aerobee rocket with an instrument package weighing two hundred and thirty pounds -- went up to an altitude of one hundred and fifteen miles, to measure the intensity of starlight at the edge of space.

## ECLIPSE

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The reason for the concern - is this. Much of North America will have - a seventy five percent eclipse of the sun. And that's not enough sunlight to keep you from looking. And it is enough to ruin the delicate mechanism of the eye. Not even sunglasses - or dark film - are enough protection.

So, either get your view of this eclipse on TV - or take the indirect method. That is, turn your back to the sun - and hold two pieces of cardboard, one above the other. If you filter the sunlight through a pinhole in the first - you can catch an image of the eclipse on the second. And do it safely. Better stick to TV.

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BOMB

THERE WERE <sup>those</sup> ~~SOME~~ WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE BEING BOMBARDED

FROM OUTER SPACE TODAY - HERE IN SAN FRANCISCO. AND I WAS  
ONE OF THEM.

AS I STROLLED DOWN MARKET STREET THIS NOON - JUST  
A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE KCBS STUDIOS - AN OBJECT CAME WHISTLING  
OUT OF THE SKY - CRASHED INTO THE STREET - BOUNCED HIGH,  
AND SHATTERED A WINDOW SEVEN FLOORS UP IN THE IBM BUILDING.

CROWDS RUSHED TO THE SPOT - AND THE WORD WENT AROUND  
THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN A METEOR. 'AN IBM OFFICIAL - HARRY ORCHARD -  
BROUGHT ME A PIECE. IT LOOKED OUT OF THIS WORLD TO ME -  
BUT NOT TO POLICE INSPECTOR PORTER, A FORMER NAVY FLIER *he*  
FINALLY DISILLUSIONED US. HE SAID IT WAS A PRACTICE BOMB -  
USED IN TRAINING PILOTS. SO, SOMEONE HAD BOMBED US BY  
ACCIDENT. NOT FROM OUTER SPACE.

## ASTRONAUT

John Glenn now admits that he is thinking about a political career! That is when he stops riding rockets into outer space.

Glenn is our oldest astronaut. He's forty-two. Which means he's near the non-astronaut age, that is, as far as exploration of space is concerned.

So he's already considering a future in Ohio politics.

Republican - or Democrat? John is keeping mum - about that.

## **NUCLEAR**

Reports from the nuclear test ban talks in Moscow - continue to be optimistic. Gromyko, Hailsham, and Harriman, making progress. Toward a limited agreement. A ban on atomic explosions in the air - in the water, and in outer space. The kind of agreement that could lead to more extensive cooperation - between East and West.

Khrushchev gave this hope a boost -- with his declaration about inspection, a way for international control teams on both sides of the iron curtain - to prevent a surprise attack. Not a new idea - but interesting that Khrushchev should revive it just now.

## IDEALOGY

The ideological dispute in Moscow has finally produced - an anti-Soviet rally in Peking. Before today, the Chinese Reds resorted - to euphemisms, mentioning Tito and the leaders of Western Communist parties - when Peking really meant Khrushchev and the Soviet Communist party.

All that - is now finished. Today's big rally in the Capitol of Red China - was frankly anti-Soviet. The speakers, denouncing Khrushchev - by name, terming the Soviet Communist party - "A lackey of imperialism". Calling on the Reds around the globe - to break with Moscow. The audience - ten thousand strong - cheering wildly.

Does Peking's attitude have Khrushchev worried? Not at all to judge from his demeanor today. The boss of the Kremlin telling the Chinese Reds - that they cannot force him out of power, and, that they cannot push the Soviet Union - into a thermo-nuclear war.



## SYRIA

In Syria, the usual sequel - to an abortive coup. The would-be revolutionaries, appearing before military tribunals, then hustled off - to the firing squad. About twenty executions reported by radio Damascus. The remnants of the revolt that failed - being mopped up today by the Syrian Army.

## EARTHQUAKE

The Leaning Tower of Pisa - is leaning more than ever tonight. And a lot of other buildings also are farther off base. Because of an earthquake that shook Northern Italy and Southern France. A series of tremors - centered on the Riviera. Jolting - the playground of Europe, rocking the Mediterranean coast from Nice to Genoa. Even rocking - the already leaning Tower of Pisa.

so Betty told the President. Her record today - a  
narration for exceptional service. Betty Miller who  
flew the Pacific, sold.

## **PILOT**

President Kennedy had an unusual visitor today. Betty Miller, first woman ever to fly the Pacific, solo. Betty took off from Santa Monica - on April thirteenth, landed at Brisbane, Australia - on May twelfth. Distance - seven thousand four hundred miles.

All alone - all the way, except for a doll with the unladylike name of "Dammit". Her "co-pilot" so Betty told the President. Her reward today - a decoration for exceptional service. Betty Miller who flew the Pacific, solo.

And came away - with a tie clip to keep. A gold tie clip in the form of PT-Boat 109 - for Sawa Sorjo-Sodano of Indonesia. For Dick.

## TIE\_CLIP

Here's a name - worth remembering, if I can pronounce it. Bowo Sorjo-Sodano. A high school student - from Indonesia. He's the one who ended up with President Kennedy's tie clip - after the near riot yesterday - that crowd of foreign students on the White House Lawn.

Today, Bowo Sorjo-Sodano turned up - at the Executive Mansion, and left the tie clip with a note of apology - which he thought would end the matter.

Instead he was escorted to the President's study where he exchanged a few pleasantries with the Chief Executive. And came away - with a tie clip to keep. A gold tie clip in the form of PT-Boat 109 - for Bowo Sorjo-Sodano of Indonesia. Now Dick.

## **TRAIN**

In Pittsburgh, the charge against John Lukich - is - being under the influence. The story? There was John lying between the rails, and too late for the engineer to do anything about it. Thirty freight cars - thundered over him.

The engineer, naturally, sent a call to the morgue ... come and pick up the pieces! But - the "Corpse" rose to its feet and strolled away - or teetered away.

Not even scratched. Lucky John Lukich who was run over by a train and lived to tell the tale - and maybe hoist a few more.

By tomorrow, or Wednesday, the world should know, say the experts, if the first agreement between the East and West on the subject of nuclear testing has been reached. A historic moment - if it comes, as many now expect it will.