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SOVIET

*The Soviet housewife received a surprise today. The sale of one of her staple foods - bread - was unofficially, but effectively, rationed. Stores began allowing one-pound of white bread and four-pounds of black bread to a customer - as one baker put it: "on orders" from upstairs. Flour was unobtainable today in Moscow stores - as the Russian people begin to feel the pinch of a poor harvest.*

*No firm United States decision yet on selling wheat to the Soviet Union. President Kennedy is reported awaiting Republican approval before acting.*

## UNITED NATIONS

*An affable, smiling Andrei Gromyko was spreading some optimism at U.N. headquarters today. The Soviet Foreign Minister told a group of reporters that his talks with his American and British colleagues had narrowed the gap between their positions a little, on one or two points. One of them is on banning nuclear weapons from outer space.*

*He told a diplomatic colleague that the Geneva disarmament conference would work out the details. But American sources were more cautious - agreement in principle, they said, falls short of agreement in practice. But at a private dinner tonight Secretary of State Rusk and Mr. Gromyko can review their differences.*

**INTRODUCTION TO TAPE**

***Tonight Lowell Thomas reports on the preparations for his trip to the Antarctic. Lowell ...***

***Later this evening, over most of these CBS Radio Stations, you will be able to hear that recorded broadcast from Lowell Thomas - sent by short wave from the Antarctic.***



## ANTARCTIC PREPARATIONS

HELLO EVERYBODY -- this is Lowell Thomas, from Cape Town, South Africa. Twenty nine of us, in two huge U.S. Navy planes, are about to take off for the South Pole. This is an expedition which, if successful, may go down in history, as one of the great flights of all time. For never before has an attempt been made to fly from Africa to the Antarctic Continent, to the Pole.

If you will turn your globe upside down for a moment you will quickly see why this is so. All flying to the Antarctic, until now, has been either from South America and the nearby Falkland Islands, or from New Zealand. This for the obvious reason that both South America and New Zealand are in much lower latitudes, in the 40's or the 50's. While South Africa only extends a little below latitude 30 -- 30° south, just a short distance below the Tropic of Capricorn.

This is one of the reasons why a vast area of the Antarctic Continent, the part directly south of South Africa, is still largely unexplored, unknown.

As for this flight here's how it all came about:

For four years now, our Navy and Air Force people in the Antarctic, have been using a huge new plane, equipped with skis. It's called the Hercules C-130. This giant bird has enabled them to make long range flights, and land far and wide in that white Continent.

Each year scientists interested in the still little known Antarctic Continent at the Ultimate South, scientists gather from various countries for a four or five day session. Scientists from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina, France, Japan and a few other countries. Incidentally, this time the meeting was boycotted by the Russians because of the race problem here in Africa, no doubt. At any rate, they're not here.

Admiral James Reedy, of the U.S. Navy, is the present officer in command of our operations in the Antarctic. It's known as you have heard as "Operation Deep Freeze". Now Admiral Reedy was coming to Cape Town to attend the meeting of the Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research, and it suddenly occurred to him that this could be the ideal time to attempt what ought to be one of the great flights in the history of aviation -- four thousand six hundred miles, non-stop, from Cape Town, across the Antarctic Ocean, an empty ocean, and then all the way across the Antarctic Continent to the Ross Sea to McMurdo Sound.

Two Hercules C-130 B L's are making the flight.

Scheduled departure time four o'clock in the afternoon Monday, September 29.

By the way, I hope to have good news and report to you perhaps by shortwave "live" I hope, from McMurdo Sound. At any rate, this is Lowell Thomas saying solong from the tip of South Africa.



## BRITAIN

*Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan moved back into his official home today - after a three-year absence. While number ten Downing Street - the home of 42 Prime Ministers in 200 years - was renovated. Incidentally, the penny pinching British Treasury ran into the trouble every homeowner encounters. The cost of refurbishing number 10 Downing Street - more than twice the original estimate. 2 million 800 thousand, instead of 1 million 200 thousand - even the smaller, original estimate had drawn much bitter comment that the job wasn't worth it.*

UNDERWORLD

*Convicted killer and dope peddler Joseph*

*Valachi continued his expose of the crime syndicate*

*"Cosa Nostra" - telling how in a recruiting drive from*

*1954 - 58 it became possible to buy membership in the*

*underworld organization - if an applicant had up to*

*40 thousand dollars, and a Cosa Nostra sponsor.*



## REBELS

*Algeria's President Ahmed Ben Bella has received a warning from a leader of the Berber rebels. Ait Ahmed, who once shared a jail cell with Ben Bella, warned the President to make note of the "example of Napoleon" - whose army was crushed in both Russia and Spain by guerrillas. Said the rebel chieftan - "this will be guerrilla warfare.*

## BASEBALL

69 thousand cheering fans heard the cry "play ball" in New York's Yankee Stadium this afternoon ... as the first game of the World Series got underway. But then, the hometown Yankee fans - settled back in stunned silence. The New York team was favored to win this first championship game from the Los Angeles Dodgers, but a young man named Sandy Koufax got in the way. The slender left-hand Dodger pitcher had everything to his liking - limiting the Yankees to a mere six hits, and putting a new record into the books - 15 strikeouts. In case you don't already know - the Dodgers won that game - five to two.