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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

West Berlin feels - "Unlimited pleasure" tonight. At least, that's how Mayor Willy Brandt is reacting to the news - that the American Vice President, is on his way to the beleaguered city. Brandt, speaking for the people of West Berlin hailing this gesture by Vice President Lyndon Johnson. Said Mayor Brandt - "The Soviet Union will correctly understand Mr. Johnson's trip."

It is, of course, a dramatic sign of our determination - not to abandon West Berlin. Underlining our meaning, the tall Texan is accompanied by - General Lucius Clay. General Clay was the tough, piercing-eyed commander of American forces in Germany in Nineteen Forty-Nine - when the Allied air lift defeated the Berlin blockade. So the General's presence may also be

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something Khrushchev will understand.

Actually, the Johnson-Clay visit - is much more than an indication of our determination. The Vice President will investigate the situation in West Germany and West Berlin - and report back to the president. Lyndon Johnson, then to offer his own prescription - for meeting the Soviet challenge.

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## RUSSIAN

The Russian scientist who defected to the West - is the kind of man you would hardly notice in a crowd. Mikhaio Klotchko, five feet four - in height, weighing - about a hundred and thirty pounds. A small man - with a rather shy bearing.

But scientist Klotchko was entirely at ease - when he met newsmen in Ottawa. Giving his replies without any hesitation - explaining why he found the Soviet Union intolerable. It all began - back in Nineteen Forty-Eight. That was when he criticized some of his colleagues in the Moscow Academy - because they were making science play second fiddle to the party line. As a result, his own projects - were shelved. Set aside - for political reasons. The Soviet bureaucrats, adhering to their wierd dogma - that what the party leaders don't like is unscientific.



Doctor Klotchko finally decided that he had no future in science - except in the free world. Whereupon he chose Canada - where he will be able to carry on as one of the world's top chemists.

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## SHIP

I suppose it's news - when a captain hijacks his own ship. By now you undoubtedly have heard about Cuban captain Jorge Navarro - and his freighter, "The Bahia de Nite."

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## RED CHINA

The cholera epidemic in Red China - proves one thing. The regime of Mao Tse-tung has failed to reach a goal that was allegedly reached several years ago. In ninety fifty-six, the Peiping radio boasted-that natural calamities in China were a thing of the past. Floods, famine, and disease - all supposed to have been conquered by Communism.

This year - the Red propaganda mill hasn't been so boastful. The Yellow River, still menacing - Chinese farmers getting poor harvests. Result, famine. Now, the last straw - for those who took Mao's promises seriously. Disease is so far from being wiped out among the Chinese - that thousands are in flight from it. Just as in the old days - before the gospel according to St. Marx came to China.

Needless to say, Peiping is blaming the catastrophe - on America. Calling it - germ warfare.

But the Chinese people, who have had experience with  
past epidemics, know better. They know its cholera.



KENNEDY

The record peace-time budget for the military --  
is now a law. President Kennedy signed it -- at the White  
House, today. ~~Authorizing for the~~ **Forty-six** billion dollars --  
for a big increase in our armed strength. Including three  
and a half billion -- for a quick build-up to meet the Berlin  
crisis.

*Also*  
~~and the~~ money for a trip to the moon, ~~to see~~  
~~available.~~ *R* An appropriations bill of almost nine billion --  
also getting the Presidential signature. *This* covers everything  
from the Veterans administration -- to a nuclear rocket for  
space exploration.

SPACE FOLLOW KENNEDY

Our man for the moon may set out sooner than expected -- according to an announcement by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The announcement is that we are dropping -- sub-orbital flights. Alan Shepard and Virgil Grisson having provided sufficient scientific data on this, so no more rocket rides down the Atlantic range are necessary. The next shot at Cape Canaveral, will orbit an astronaut - around the earth - or attempt it.

## BURMA

In Burma, it's official - after almost twenty-five hundred years. The Rangoon parliament, deciding - that Buddhism is the state religion. Which merely emphasizes - what we already knew.

The Burmese were among the first to accept the doctrine preached by Gautama Buddha - the Indian prince who became the Light of Asia. Anyone who has ever visited Burma, has seen many Buddhist monasteries there, and thousands of Buddhist temples - pagodas - along the Irrawaddy from Rangoon to Mandalay, and from Monlmein to Bhamo at the Burma end of the Burma Road.

Buddhism - now the state religion of Burma?  
Which in reality it has been for many centuries.



## MOON SHINERS

Down in the Florida hills - in the back country, the moon shiners are having trouble - protecting their stills. No - it's not the revenooers this time. The problem - other moon shiners. The makers of mountain dew, violating the old maxim about - honor among thieves. Some of them, not bothering to build their own apparatus - when they can pilfer what they need from their competitors in the trade. In one area, fourteen stills disappeared - during one night. Also - tons of sugar, hops, and sour mash. That's why a lot of moon shiners are out with their rifles - looking for other moon shiners. A big fued, brewing - in the back country of Florida. Brewing did I say?

## UNCLE SAM

Have you been following the wrangle in Congress about who was the original Uncle Sam? Our lawmakers want to honor the memory of the man who gave us - the symbol for the United States. But - who was he? That question is causing a bit of an uproar on Capitol Hill.

The dispute mainly between New York and Indiana. New Yorkers, claiming that the symbol goes back to a man from upstate New York - one Samuel Wilson, who is buried right here in Troy where I am at this moment. But Hoosiers are just as convinced - that the original Uncle Sam is buried at Merrian, Indiana.

Ah, but wait a second. Congressman Ernie Wharton, of Tennessee says it's Sam McGee. You all remember Sam in Robert Service's poem - "The Cremation of Sam McGee;" in the Marge of Lake LaBarge at the head of the Yukon, just outside White Horse where several of us made a forced landing in a rather small plane two

DEBUTANTE

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in her own words, "Riding, looking, and thinking."  
Beautiful Gigi Gorman, who ran out - on that fashionable  
wedding. The one that would have cost her father -  
around six thousand dollars.

Gigi went through with rehearsal, then began to  
wonder if she really could go through with - the  
wedding. Impulsively - without even saying so long,  
she jumped into her father's sports car - headed north,  
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years ago. What state was Sam from? Robert Service tells us about the gold rush, the gold seekers scaling ~~KNILIN~~ Chilkoat pass on there way to the Klondike.

Says Service:

Now Sam McGee was from Tennessee,  
Where the cotton blooms and blows.

Sam, half frozen crawled into the boiler of a boat near Miles Canyon at the head of the Yukon. And there he was cooked alive. His last words were - you remember -

Since I left Pluntree down in Tennessee,  
It's the first time I've been warm.

Sam McGee the original Uncle Sam? Dick, that would surprise the men who followed that icy Trail of '98.

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