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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In British Honduras a city that tonight is a lake. Belize, under ten feet of water - after being hit by hurricane "Hattie." A plane flying over the area, spotted houses - piled on top of one another like children's blocks. The radio tower - down. The official description of Belize - "complete devastation." The government of British Honduras, appealing for help - including small boats to cross the lake that once was a city.

Meanwhile, hurricane "Hattie" has crossed Guatemala to the west coast of Mexico.

PLANE

The irony in that plane crash near Recife, Brazil - is that the DC-7 was on a "friendship flight" from Portugal. A flight intended to promote tourism between the mother country - and the former colony. But it ended on a note of - not friendship, but disaster.

One report states that two explosions rocked the ~~par~~ plane - while it was in the air. Whatever the reason, it came down too low - and smashed into a hillside. A moment later - it was engulfed by flames. Of the eighty-five aboard -- forty-eight were killed in the crack-up.

BERLIN

The West has called off negotiations on Berlin - for the time being, at least. Britain, France and America ^{declaring -} ~~agreeing -~~ that this isn't the time to sit down at the conference table with Khrushchev. Not when the Soviet dictator is attempting to frighten us with - atomic blackmail. Not when his henchmen are acting as if they intend - to cut our ^{access} ~~links~~ routes to West Berlin. Besides which, there's that Soviet diplomatic offensive - against Scandinavia. Moscow, starting with a show of belligerence - toward Finland, ^{and} threatening to give Sweden, Norway and Denmark - a dose of the same.

^{This new} ~~The new Nakaswak~~ Western attitude ^{looks} ~~seems to be~~ ^{like} ~~something of~~ a triumph for DeGaulle. The tough old soldier of France has always opposed - negotiating at the point of a Khrushchev ultimatum. Macmillan and Kennedy, apparently coming to the conclusion - that DeGaulle is right.

U.N.

At the U.N. today, the West heard - what it likes to hear. An African leader, condemning some of his colleagues - for using a double-standard with reference to self-determination. Conversely, praising Britain and France - for the wisdom of their colonial policy.

President Senghor of Senegal, telling his fellow Africans that they have no right to be anti-colonial -- if they wink at Soviet imperialism in eastern Europe. Senghor, adding that it's absurd to be anti-British or anti-French -- when so many African states have been given their independence by London and Paris. This is a subject about which the leader from Senegal - knows a good deal, *for of course* Senegal *'till recently was* ~~used to be~~ a French colony.

Later in the day, the delegate from Pakistan had some harsh words - for the Russians. *Grey-bearded* *Zafullah* Mohammed Khan, accusing Moscow of forgery. Referring to *wierd* ~~those~~ documents that are supposed to map out *an American* ~~a~~ "death zone" across Iran and Pakistan. Purpose of the mythical "death zone" - to hold up the Soviet army.

The Ambassador from Karachi, tracing these phony documents to what he calls - "the subtle art of the Soviet propaganda mill."

ALGERIA

Important news from Algeria with many datelines, indicating that violence is raging throughout the Algerian countryside. The larger cities, Algiers and Oran, are reported comparatively quiet, because they are under the control of the riot police. In Algiers, thirty-five thousand special guards - have the European and Moslem zones completely cordoned off.

But outside the big cities it's a different story. Towns with Arabic names - in a turmoil. Savage battles, erupting - where the two extremes meet.

The violence, so bewildering - no exact count of the casualties is possible. The guess is that before this Moslem demonstration is over - there may be a hundred dead, a thousand seriously injured.

COMMUNISM

The scheduled Communist summit meeting in Moscow has been called off - because of Mao Tse-tung's intransigence. The delegates from the captive nations stayed on in Moscow - to attend the conference. But the Red Chinese delegation - left in a body, today. Indicating - that Foreign Minister Chou En-lai won't be coming back to Moscow.

After all, Chou would find himself - in a rather peculiar atmosphere. A rather - hostile atmosphere. Before leaving Moscow, he laid a wreath on the Lenin-Stalin mausoleum - with a note reading, "To the great Marxist-Leninist, Josef Stalin!"

The irony of it all being that
~~the~~ the Lenin-Stalin mausoleum - doesn't exist any more. It's now - the V.I. Lenin mausoleum. Stalin's body, contemptuously removed last night - and buried in a grave with a bare name-plate. The Moscow dispatch doesn't say what Comrade Khrushchev did with - the Stalin wreath left by Red China's Chou En-lai.

TIBET

The Dalai Lama seems to be a real optimist. He announces that he is preparing for the time when he can return to Lhasa, and resume leadership of his people. With this in mind, he has set forth a declaration of principles, as a preamble for a Tibetan constitution -- if and when the Roof-of-the-World is rescued from the Chinese Reds. The Dalai Lama thinks this will be soon, but he doesn't say how it will be done.

His plan is for the ancient hermit theocracy of central Asia to have a modern type legislature, a judiciary independent of the government, with the Dalai Lama himself as the executive authority, head of both church and state.

One of his younger brothers is sitting beside me in the studio. His name is Lobsang *Sumden La*. Lobsang is ~~now~~ 28 years old. When Lowell Jr. and I were the guests of the Dalai Lama in Tibet twelve years ago, he was just a youngster, age 16.

With Lobsang tonight is a man whose book you probably have read, Heinrich Harrer, an Austrian mountaineer who escaped from a British prison camp in India, fleeing across the Himalayas. We found him in Lhasa. Later ~~he fled, upon the~~ *when* ~~entry of~~ *invaded Tibet, he* ~~crossed the Himalayas,~~ *crossed the Himalayas,* and then wrote that famous book, "Seven Years in Tibet". He has written another recently, ~~that~~ ~~is~~ equally interesting. The title, "Tibet is My Country".

It's a biography of the Dalai Lama's brother Norbu, and the only *intimate* biography of a Tibetan ever written, I believe. A fabulous story.

Mr. Harrer, when do you think the Dalai Lama will ever have a chance to return to Shangri-la, to his palace, the Potala, in Lhasa.