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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There's a new man-made satellite in the skies - the biggest one yet - and we put it there. One of the big Atlas inter-continental missiles was fired from Cannaveral late this afternoon - two hours later - word came from the White House - from President Eisenhower himself - the Atlas is in orbit - and the whole missile - not just the forward part.

This satellite weighs eight-thousand eight-hundred pounds. Just over four tons - more than twice as large as the biggest satellite put into space by the Russians.

The Atlas is circling the earth once every one-hundred minutes - reaching a high point of 920 miles above the earth - swinging down to a low altitude point - of 115 miles.

It's expected to stay up there for about twenty-days

- close to four-and-a-half tons of man-made equipment -
whirling through space around the globe.

President Eisenhower - making the announcement -
said - this constitutes a distinct step forward in space
operations - the success opens new opportunities to the
United States and all mankind.

BULGANIN

In Moscow - ex-premier Bulganin came out of banishment - to confess that everything Khrushchev said about him - was true. He was a leader of the "Anti-Party" group - he did work against the general line of the party and thus was guilty of anti-criminal activities.

Thus, abjectly, white-goateed Bulganin - former travelling companion of Khrushchev, the man who tossed him out - stood before the central committee of the party - and confessed all of his political sins.

Of those others who were accused of being members of the anti-party group - Malenkov - Molotov - Kaganovitch and Shepilov. Yes - Bulganin said - it's true - they, too were guilty of the crimes charged against them. And Malenkov was the worst of all. Malenkov - he said - was an intriguer - capable of any dirty trick and any abomination.

So spoke - Bulganin - going on to praise - without limits - what he called "the genius-like" character and wisdom of the party and its central committee.

CYPRUS

At the meeting of Nato in Paris, there was a talk last night - between Greek Foreign Minister Averoff and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd. They had an earnest discussion, the result of which produced a dramatic scene - on the island of Cyprus today.

In a prison at Nicosia, two Greek Cypriots were attended by a Greek Orthodox priest. Receiving the final consolations of religion - before being taken out to be hanged. Costas Constantinides and Yannakis Athanasiou - convicted of a killing in the anti-British terrorism on Cyprus.

The priest was hearing their confessions, and the time for the hanging was seven minutes away - when, suddenly, the British Governor of the prison walked in, and announced:

"Your lives are spared. Your sentences have been commuted to life imprisonment."

So that was today's result of last night's

conversation at the Nato meeting in Paris. The Greek Foreign Minister - making an appeal. Asking - that the lives of the two prisoners on Cyprus be spared. British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd immediately relayed the appeal to Prime Minister Macmillan in London. The reprieve was granted, and the word sent out to Cyprus in the nick of time.

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MIKOYAN

We're soon to have a visitor of high rank from Soviet Russia - Deputy Premier Mikoyan, a close friend of Khrushchev. Mikoyan - one of the few big-shot Bolsheviks, able to survive the political ups and downs in the Soviet Union. Member of the Kremlin gang under Stalin - and a top notcher during the shifts of power in the post-Stalin era.

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Meanwhile, the news from Moscow mentions - Bulganin.

Saying - that he made an address before the Central Committee of the Communist Party. There's no indication of what he said, that former Soviet Premier, who was Khrushchev's partner in the well known team of B & K. He's been under bitter attack, ever since his fall from power - and, it's likely enough that he was defending himself in his address before the Central Committee.

GENEVA

It was curtains, today - for the East-West conference on the prevention of surprise attacks. At Geneva, the last meeting was held. The conference - adjourning indefinitely.

It began on November Tenth, with talks on a worldwide warning system against atomic surprise, but ran into one lone deadlock. The American delegation hopes the negotiations will be resumed - but that seems dubious. Washington says the conference failed the Soviets insisted on dragging in political questions.

Meanwhile, that other Geneva conference continues - the one to formulate a ban on atomic testing. Some little progress has been made - as the talks drag on.

CHINA

Here's confirmation of reports - that all is not going so well in Red China. The Communists are having trouble - in their fantastic transformation. Turning China into one enormous aggregation of peasant labor camps. Some five hundred million farm people - forced into "communes". To be regimented - like robots.

Today, the all-powerful Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party published a resolution saying - there are many "skeptics and doubters", especially among the intellectuals. Who doubt the wisdom - of that social monstrosity. The resolution admits that there's a split - between the Communist Party and the masses of the people. With disunity - even inside the Communist Party. Some Red leaders believe they've been going too fast - in trying to establish absolute Communism among the huge masses of Chinese peasants.

One purpose of the labor camps is to break up family ties. For ages the people of China have been organized into a

closely knit family system. Which, according to Marxist theory, must now be disrupted. But Chinese family loyalties are intense - and there's bitter discontent among the half a billion Chinese peasants.

Today's Communist Party resolution, admitting disharmony - confirms what we heard last night. That Mao Tse-tung has retired as chief of state - so ~~that~~ that, as the head of the Communist Party, he can devote all his time to the weird sociological development. Regimenting the vast population of China in giant labor camps.

MONKEY

American military scientists are saying, today - that the monkey's ride in a rocket was a success. That is, in the matter of providing data concerning the possibilities of space travel. Indicating - that a human being could survive the condition of "weightlessness", out in space.

On Saturday last, at Cape Canaveral, Florida, the small South American squirrel monkey was placed in the nose cone of a rocket. Which then went soaring to an altitude of three hundred miles - out where the earth's gravitation is weak. The monkey was fitted with scientific devices, which transmitted radio signals. These have now been studied, and show - that the anthropoid space traveler suffered no ill effects during a fifteen minute ride.

They're calling the monkey - "little old reliable." But the devices provided by human beings were - somewhat less reliable. The hope was that the nose cone would ~~give~~ come down intact, and the monkey would be recovered safe and sound.

But no trace of the nose cone has been found. The experiment, a success - but not for the monkey.

TRUCK

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There was a chain reaction at Walnut, Illinois - when a gasoline truck caught fire and ran wild.

The trouble began at the top of a hill, when a tanker truck, with nearly seven thousand gallons of gasoline - had a minor collision. Fire breaking out - in the cab of the truck.

The driver, Daniel Newell, jumped out and ran for help. Heading - for a roadhouse two hundred yards down the hill.

Actually, it wasn't much of a fire in the cab of the gasoline truck, but it ~~did one thing - that caused a chain reaction.~~ The fire burned through the air brake hose. Releasing the brakes - and the huge tanker went rolling down the hill. Following the driver - to the roadhouse. Something - like a speeding bomb.

In front of the roadhouse, automobiles were parked - and the runaway gasoline truck ran smack into ^{them,} ~~it~~ plowing through the parked cars.

The result was like an eruption. The tanker exploded - hurling seven thousand gallons of blazing gasoline. The parked

automobiles - burst into flame. Fire engulfed the roadhouse - and a gasoline station with several buildings went up in flame.

No lives lost, nobody hurt particularly - but, Don, what a blaze!

HORSE

Over in England, people are amazed by the story - of Charlie the homesick horse. We are all familiar with the homing instinct of pigeons, and we know how - the cat came back. But it's a surprise to find a horse performing prodigies - of homing instinct.

Last week, in Wales, Mrs. Anne Tomkin bought Charlie. A farm nag - nothing special about him, apparently. Mrs. Tomkin had the horse shipped from Wales, to her own farm in England - several hundred miles away. But, when Charlie was turned loose - he started back for Wales.

The evidence shows - that the home-sick horse has traveled some two hundred miles. Ambling through towns, crossing five highways, two main railway lines - and swimming eight rivers. And - he still is on his way.

Must be something attractive about Wales - at least for Charlie the home-sick horse.