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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Around the world tonight, eyes are focused on - Laos. Anxiety as to whether "Laos is about to become another Korea?"

First, the news from Vientiane - the Laotian capital. We are told that Red invaders have crossed the border - in force. Savage fighting is said to be raging - in the border provinces. And the Communists are claiming - great victories. But so far - Laos has not asked her allies for military aid.

In nearby Bangkok, in Thailand - the Seato Council agrees that there is Red intervention in Laos. The magnitude of the intervention - not clear. What will Seato's strategy be - as this crisis develops? So far no answer to that. The attitude of the member nations appears to be - wait and see.

In London, the tendency is to minimize the size of the Communist invasion of Laos. The British government thinks it's a more a matter of - small guerrilla bands siding the Laotian rebels. That is no invasion by any sizeable force.

In Washington, our government is taking the situation - more seriously. Today President Eisenhower conferred with Secretary of State Herter - about the possibility of using American troops for a Korea-style action. We have the men for the job - aboard our tank force in the China Sea. The question is - whether they should be sent into Laos.

In Moscow, Khrushchev is calling for - a renewal of the International Commission that presided over the end of the Indo-Chinese war in Nineteen Fifty-Four. Washington is cool to the Khrushchev plan - because we don't want to see action in Laos hampered by a Red veto.

Widespread concern over what is happening in
Southeast Asia.

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CHINA

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BELGIUM

In Belgium - the truce between battles. That's
what they ^{are calling the calm} ~~re saying about the quiet~~ - that has prevailed
over the holidays. ^{with no one} ~~The only demonstrations - peaceful.~~
^{ing it} ~~But nobody expects this truce~~ - to last. Not with the
Socialists threatening a general strike; And the Reds
^{are} trying to seize control ~~of this crisis~~ and force Belgium
into Chaos.

One tip ^{off} on the anxiety among the Belgians -
~~people~~ - housewives are buying up stocks of food;
Preparing to sit it out at home, instead of going to
market - should there be any more ^{street} ~~rioting, in the streets.~~
And, rioting is predicted - for tomorrow.

Today King Baudouin conferred with Premier
Eyskens - about government strategy. The Premier,
describing new precautionary measures - special ~~pi~~ police
units, tanks at key ~~places~~ places in the big cities, a
possible curfew, and so on. The King, said to be in full
agreement that his government must act vigorously now ->

before another eruption of the violence that is shaking
Belgium. Violence, triggered by - the loss of the
Congo.

RUBLE

Westerners in Moscow are amazed by - the new "hard rubles"; ~~They're~~ amazed - because the bills look like the stage money used ~~in~~ in the game "monopoly".

The old ruble notes were so big - they had to be folded to fit into a wallet. The new ones - are smaller than a dollar bill. Colored with delicate tints - and bearing a picture of the Kremlin.

~~Yes,~~ ^a The new rubles look like - stage money. ~~But,~~ they're legal tender, - ~~and bring Soviet currency in line with that of the West.~~

McCLOY

The next Director of our disarmament administration - will be a Republican. John McCloy - who used to be head of the World Bank - and recently head of a great New York bank, held high posts under Roosevelt and Truman. Now he agrees to serve in - the Kennedy Administration. McCloy's assignment to draw up high level strategy for the new administration's disarmament policy; decide on instructions - for those who do the negotiating with the Russians.

FOOTBALL

An old Navy man went to the Orange Bowl in Miami, today - to see Navy play Missouri. Jack Kennedy didn't see his service win - but he did see a rousing football game.

It began ~~xxx~~ with a spectacular Navy play. End Greg Mather intercepted a Missouri lateral - and set an Orange Bowl record by racing ninety-five yards for a touchdown. But after that, it was all Missouri - until the last quarter.

The Tigers from the "Show Me" state - bottled up all-America Joe Bellino. And smashed through the Navy line - for three touchdowns. Then Navy came to life - with quarterback Hal Spooner passing to Bellino for a touchdown. Navy tried desperately to win in the last minute of play - but a pass interception killed their hopes.

Navy - losing its first Bowl game. Missouri - winning for the first time. Final score - Missouri twenty one - Navy, fourteen.

ADD FOOTBALL

What about the rest of today's bowl games?

Mississippi surprised nobody - by beating Rice in the Sugar Bowl. They did it with power running - and the passing of quarterback Jake Gibbs. Score - Mississippi fourteen, Rice six.

Duke and Arkansas played a ragged defensive battle - in the Cotton Bowl. Duke Seven - Arkansas Six.

What about the glamorous Rose Bowl? I suppose you've all been watching or listening to that one!

TRAFFIC

With the New Year holiday ending tonight - we have the usual tragic figures for this time of year. The holiday death toll on our highways. Last year Americans set a record of - three-hundred-and-seventy killed in traffic accidents. This year - it may be higher. An average of over four deaths an hour - since the holiday began on Friday.

So the appeal from the National Safety Council, Dick, is drive carefully. And, if you drive, better not drink.

BANK

Here's an example of how the news - makes news.

The place - Milford Haven, England. The story - an attempted bank robbery. The would be robber, pointing a gun at Teller Marjorie Robinson - ordering her to fork over the cash.

Well, Marjorie listens to news broadcasts. A few months ago she heard a story from America - in which a teller demoralized a bandit by pushing her pencil into the barrel of his revolver. So what did Marjorie Robinson of Milford Haven, England do - when confronted with the same situation today? You've ~~ga~~ probably guessed it. She pushed her pencil - into the barrel of the gun. The gunman, paus^{ed,}~~ing~~ in consternation - then rac^{ed}~~ing~~ out of the bank.

News - making news.

FISH

Today fisherman Joe Braddock of Cleveland remarked - "I wish that fish was the one that got away." Joe, referring to the trout he caught - in Quebec's Richelieu River.

The Isaac Walter from Cleveland was ~~xx~~ casting - on the river bank. The last time, he cast his line far out into the stream ~~and~~ ^{he} was off balance when a fish took his bait; ~~The fish~~ gave the line - a violent tug, ^{and} ~~Joe went~~ ^{went Joe,} head over heels - into the Richelieu River. He was swept down stream, shouting for help - until two other anglers hauled ~~xx~~ him ashore.

^{Then,} Joe told ~~them~~ - about his ~~xx~~ catch. An enormous fish - gigantic. ~~xx~~ So big - it pulled him into the river. He'd prove it - if only ^{he} ~~he~~ could find his fishing pole. Well, they found it - all right. The pole - stuck in a sandbar. The fish - still tugging on the line. Reeling in, they ~~xx~~ came to Joe's catch. A trout ^{weighing} ~~ten~~ ^{ten} ounces. No wonder the Cleveland fisherman sighs mournfully and says - he wishes it was the one that got away.