

L.T. - GM - BROADCAST, Dec. 17, 1954

(Charles Collingwood substituting)

L.T.: GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Tonight, at this moment, while you listen to this program, I am off in a plane, flying east, on my way to distant lands. My itinerary, as it usually is, will be subject to change from day to day. But if you happen to tune in each evening, I hope that you will hear me making a brief report direct to you, from England, from one or two other countries in Europe, then the Near East, the Middle East, southern Asia and so on. After that - well, maybe I'll come back thru central Africa, or maybe I'll go right on around the globe. And while I'm away, in fact starting in in just a moment, Charles Collingwood will be giving you the highlights of the day's news. Most of you know him. He has been a top man in news for CBS for many years. For instance, on election nites when you've had those reports from that weird gent, Mr. Univox, the electronic brain, of course that was Charlie Collingwood speaking for him, explaining his eccentricities when he broke down and so on.

Just another word or two about my colleague. Charles Collingwood comes from Three Rivers, Michigan. He went across to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Then he became a United Press man in London. He joined CBS in 1941. He's a veteran war correspondent; he has won many honors, both in radio and television.

So, here are my greetings to all of you - from somewhere up in the sky. I hope to be with you every night from wherever I am. And now here is my distinguished colleague, Charles Collingwood, with the day's news.

Okay, Charlie!

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C.C.: Okay, Lowell! I didn't know you knew so much about me. Hope you're having a good flight out there over the Atlantic while I'm here wrestling with the news - and there's a good deal of it.

PRISONERS The Secretary General of the United Nations will fly to Peiping toward the end of next week. Dag Hammarskjold to negotiate for the release of those eleven American airmen. He goes by invitation from Chou-En-Lai, the Foreign Minister of Red China. The invitation rather strange in form - a thing of contrast. Last week the U.N. voted a resolution condemning Red

China for sentencing the American airmen on charges of espionage. It called this a violation of the Korean armistice. The resolution commissioned Secretary General Hammarskjold to take what action he could to procure the release of the prisoners. So, the Secretary General cabled the Communist Foreign Minister at Peiping and asked for a meeting. Today Chou En-Lai replied with two messages, two cablegrams, as different as night and day. One a diatribe denouncing the action of the U.N., saying the U.N. has no business to ~~xxxx~~ interfere, picturing the United States as the villain of the piece. From this you'd have got the impression that the Chinese Reds were answering with a flat, all-round rejection. The second cablegram from Chou En-Lai is entirely different in tone: a cordial invitation to the U.N. Secretary General to come to China for discussions on the prisoner issue, Chou En-Lai stating: "In the interest of peace and relaxation of international tension, I'm prepared to discuss with you pertinent questions. We welcome you to China. Please decide for yourself the date of your visit and inform us of your decision." So, there you have the contrast - a hostile blast followed by a friendly invitation.

Before going to China, Dag Hammarskjold has a mission to fill back home in Sweden. His late father was a member of the Swedish Academy, and now the Secretary General has been awarded the place his father once held. He's flying to Stockholm tonight, returning to New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, and then he'll depart immediately, flying to China in an effort to procure the release of the eleven American airmen.

In Washington, diplomatic officials are encouraged by the fact that the Chinese Reds agree to go into diplomatic talks. In Congress, Senator Wiley, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, says he hopes that something will come out of Dag Hammarskjold's trip to China. But he adds: "If nothing does come out of it, the United States will probably ask the U.N. to use force to liberate those eleven American airmen." On the other hand, committee-member Senator Sparkman of Alabama is dubious about the talk of the U.N. using force. He points out that President Eisenhower has indicated that there might be several steps short of war which this country might use.

Meanwhile there's an offer from eight Chinese students in this country who volunteered to be exchanged

for the airmen. They're at several American colleges and say they want to go home. These eight are believed to be among the thirty-five students to whom our Government has refused permission to return to China. They say they're not Communists; they merely want to rejoin their families.

PARIS

Premier Mendes-France was defeated in the French National Assembly tonight, but not on the subject of West German rearmament. The trouble was Indo-China, the National Assembly ~~xxx~~ voting against an Indo-Chinese budget presented by the Premier. It was the first adverse ~~xx~~ vote that Mendes-France has encountered since he became Premier. It does~~x~~ not mean the downfall of his Government. He'll present another budget for Indo-China.

SOVIET PROTEST

Soviet Russia today protested to Britain because of statements made by American Brigadier General John D. Stevenson. Stevenson had said the U.S. Air Force is ready to strike with an atomic attack at a moment's notice, in case of Soviet aggression. Yesterday Moscow protested this to Washington, not to London. It's unusual to complain to one nation about statements made by a military officer of another nation - but then, General

Stevenson commands U.S. atomic air squadrons based on Britain.

LONDON-SPY In London the espionage trial of John Clarence began today. Considered so important, the case against the defendant was presented by the Attorney General himself, Sir Reginald Manningham Buller. Sir Reginald stated that John Clarence, an unemployed clerk, turned over to Soviet agents information of a vital kind, secrets of the air defense of Britain, including the code word which was to be used in mobilizing air defenses in an emergency. It was not explained how the unemployed clerk was able to procure anything so secret as the code word. The Attorney General, Sir Reginald Manningham Buller, told the court that Clarence was a long-time Communist. The word is that he sold his espionage secrets cheaply. He supplied the Russian Embassy in London with information over a period of months and received small amounts of money at infrequent intervals. The dispatch from London uses the phrase "bargain-rate spy". The trial will continue in secret, the Attorney General stating that the evidence would deal with classified military affairs, military secrets.

**EISENHOWER**

President Eisenhower issued a Christmas message today in which he said that the danger of world war seems less immediate than at any time in the last few years. "But," the President warned, "evil conditions continue to prevail in many parts of the world, enslavement of peoples and the aggressive tendencies of communism."

**POPE**

The latest from the Vatican says the Pope's condition shows a slight improvement. This follows an earlier dispatch stating that the Pontiff had suffered a new attack of hiccups. The Vatican physician reporting then: "the general condition of the Holy Father is serious because he has grown steadily weaker." Then, a slight improvement today.

**DEFENSE**

The Defense Department proposes a new manpower program. It would extend the draft and enact the modified form of military training. The latter, a plan to give six-months' basic training to about 100,000 youths each year, after which they'd remain for nine and a half years in the reserve.

**PRINCE**

In Rome there's an unhappy nobleman: Prince Vittorio Massimo, a scion of one of the oldest Roman families. He's indignant about photographs of his

wife, published all over Italy. The Princess Massimo is Dawn Addams, a movie actress who was featured in the Hollywood film "The Moon is Blue". Recently she made a picture in Italy which ran into trouble with the Italian censor. The press agent put out publicity stills - and these are what ~~gripped~~ grieved Prince Massimo: Dawn Addams, the princess, shown in photographs decidedly daring. Prince Massimo tried to buy the pictures from the movie producer, who is the Marchese Nicolo Teodoli but the Marchese wouldn't sell and the photos were published. Today Prince Massimo said: "As a gentleman, I'd like to do something to the gentleman involved." He didn't say what. Maybe a duel! But the noble Prince has other causes for worry as well. He's an archaeologist and a spaghetti manufacturer. An unusual combination, perhaps. Archaeology is common enough for princely families, but the spaghetti isn't bending so well, even in Italy, the land of spaghetti. Today Prince Massimo said as he was interviewed about the situation involving his wife . . . he was asked about how his spaghetti business was doing; and he said: "spaghetti doesn't pay off any more. In Italy everybody makes spaghetti!" Same old story: too much competition! So the Prince, beset with troubles



involving ~~himself~~ his wife, her photographs, the spaghetti business and, of course, his archaeological hobby, the Prince says that he's planning to sell his spaghetti factory, concentrating on archaeology. **XX**  
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As an old numismatist, Hugh, one might say that there really is nothing, when you come down to think about it, like those old Greek coins the archaeologists dig up. They're considerably easier on the mind than the publicity pictures of a movie star princess.