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CONNALLY

I suppose it was symbolic that Tom Connally should have passed away in Washington. We all remember him - as a typical Texan. And with his flowing white hair and black bow tie - he might have been an old-time judge from the Panhandle of the Lone Star State.

But Tom Connally was a statesman. He served during the terms - of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Sometimes opposing the White House like an independent Texan.

After World War Two, Senator Connally headed the American delegation at the San Francisco meeting - that set up the United Nations. In nineteen forty-six, he attended the first session of the U.N. General Assembly - in London. He served his country

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until the day of his retirement - in nineteen fifty-three.

*Now dead in Washington - at the age of
eighty-six. A man who helped to make the history of
our time - Tom Connally of Texas.*

RUSSIA

The official Soviet News Agency, Tass, announces that big ships will be sailing to Moscow by next Spring - which will be, when it happens, a fact of sentimental as well as economic importance. The Russians have always striven to reach the open sea.

Take a look at the map - and you'll see what I mean. The long Soviet sea coast in the North - faces the inhospitable Arctic Ocean. The Baltic in the West is hospitable enough - but it has only one narrow outlet to the Atlantic, the Straits of Jutland. The Black Sea in the South - runs through the Turkish-held Dardanelles. And far off in the East, the great Soviet port of Vladivostok is on the Sea of Japan - with the Japanese islands sealing off the sealanes into the Pacific.

The biggest nation in the world is kept from the open sea by an odd paradox of history and geography.

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Nor does the new route - get the Russians out of their box. It begins in the Baltic, and runs through a new canal to the upper reaches of the Volga River. Then down the Volga - to the Moscow canal.

Not a direct route to the high seas - and ice breakers must keep it open in winter. But - if you can believe Tass, at least ocean freighters will be docking - where they never docked before. At Moscow.

JUNKET

Some political scientists are saying, "It's about time" - with regard to today's vote in the House.

Subject - an overseas trip by a group ^{of} Congressmen. A "junket" - to use the common, if somewhat pejorative, term.

The point is that there has been much criticism - of Congressional junkets. Many experts, claiming - that the lawmakers usually waste time and money. And only too often - antagonized other nations.

Well, today the House went along - with that opinion. Refusing to approve a junket headed by - Congressman Pucinski of Illinois. Object of the proposed trip - to study the processing of technical data in Europe.

[For once] - the House said "no". The vote - one hundred and sixty-four to one hundred and nineteen. No junket - for Congressman Pucinski and his colleagues.

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE:

Tonight we find Lowell Thomas talking about the

Antarctic - by way of Moscow. Lowell.

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HELLO DICK, GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Or, as they say here in Moscow --

Pardon my Russian accent!

How did I get to Moscow of all places from the South Pole - and why Moscow? I'll explain that later. Tonight I'd like to take you back to the Antarctic for a few moments. It wasn't until I arrived at Stewart Novins headquarters here in Moscow that I found out that my final South Pole broadcast, somehow failed to get through to you. And in it I had told about the good fortune we had in bringing to a successful conclusion what may have been one of the most important flights in the entire history of exploration. At any rate, it was a flight that included at least two major aviation firsts. The first flight ever made from the continent of Africa to the continent of

Antarctica as well as to the South Pole, and the first flight ever made over one vast segment of that still little known part of our planet.

Admiral Reedy and his U.S. Navy and Marine Corps airmen were in the only plane in the world with the equipment needed to make this 4,700 mile non-stop flight and land successfully in the Antarctic. That Admiral Jim Reedy's -- his two specially rigged Hercules C-130s did get down safely was due to four things, probably, at least four. The flying skill, expert navigation, and because nothing went wrong mechanically, also some good luck. I only have time now to explain the good luck part. The Antarctic is still an empty continent. No animal or even bird lives there, except a few penguin rookeries on the coast. A few scientific bases are manned by human beings all year round but no ships and no airplanes are able to get to them except during the brief Antarctic summer. Our destination was to be McMurdo,

on the Ross Sea side of Antarctica. When the planes arrived from Africa at the edge of the White Continent, and then headed inland over a region never seen before, the Russians radioed us from their winter base at Mirny, on the coast about 1200 hundred miles off to our left. They said that they had just heard over their powerful radio equipment that the weather had closed in at McMurdo, that our two planes probably would not be able to get down. But, and here's where Lady Luck smiled on Admiral Reedy and his airmen, and on the rest of us who were flying with them. By the way we reached the vicinity of the South Pole, the Navy men and scientists in their ice tunnel there at the Pole radioed up to us that conditions had improved a bit at McMurdo. That was 800 miles up ahead of us. But what if the weather closed in again at McMurdo? Anyhow, it didn't. The planes got down. But a half hour later we couldn't have landed. Moreover, the C-130s only had fuel enough for two more hours flying, with nowhere

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to go. In my next I'll tell about the arrival at McMurdo,
what happened when we landed there on the ice.

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DAHOMEY

You might have some trouble identifying - the scene of the latest military ~~scuffle~~^{COUP}. Dahomey is on - the west coast of Africa. But the shoreline - is very narrow. Most of Dahomey extending far back - into the wild African bush. Back - to Niger.

It's hard to keep the politics of so remote a nation - in focus. One thing, however seems clear tonight. The government of President Maga - has been overthrown. The new strongman - a certain Colonel Soglo. Soglo - of Dahomey.

MOROCCO

From Marrakech, Morocco - a war bulletin.

The Moroccan high command, claiming - a big victory over the Algerians. We're told that King Hassam's Army drove forward into the disputed border zone - for eighteen miles. Pushing the Algerians out - except for those who threw down their guns and surrendered.

War talk in Marrakech - as the King of Morocco prepares to talk peace with Algeria's President Ben Bella. They're both attending the African summit conference in Bomako - capital of the Mali Republic. Hassan and Ben Bella, joining President Keita of Mali - and Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. After Ben Bella confers with his generals - about the fighting.

The problem before the four African statesmen - to find a formula for ending the border war between Algeria and Morocco. If - they can.

MINE

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Mine disasters are never pleasant - to report. They're especially poignant - when the death toll is high. As it is - in Peine, West Germany. Hope having been abandoned for thirty-nine men who were trapped - when their iron mine was flooded on Friday.

Still, eighty-six miners either got out under their own power - or else were hauled to safety. And the belief tonight is that rescuers will reach three more - who are alive almost three hundred feet below the surface.

As for the mine incident in the Johannesburg gold fields - that's no disaster. The two cages dropped for thousands of feet - when the ~~MM~~ cables snapped. But all seventy-four miners survived - without serious injury to any of them.