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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In Tunisia, today, the chant of "Ya, ya, Ike", rising to a roar - as President Eisenhower drove with President Bourguiba to Tunisia's presidential palace. A third of a million people - lining the route, giving Ike a rousing welcome - even though he was in their country only four hours.

Colorful cavalry in flowing cloaks and turbans - escorting the motorcade. Bands playing - along the way. Soldiers - snapping to attention. Boys and girls in smart uniforms - waving Tunisian and American flags. Veiled women too - and families in from the desert. The dispatch calls it - a combination of modern Tunisia - and the age-old traditions of Islam.

President Eisenhower is not exactly a stranger

to Tunisians. Tunisia was the scene of his first military triumph in World War Two, when the armies under him drove the German forces out of North Africa - and then invaded Sicily. Today, President Eisenhower took a moment - to visit the American cemetery at Tunis. The former Commanding General - paying his last respects to men who fought under his command.

Eisenhower and Bourguiba used their brief time together - for high level talks - followed by a joint communique - a communique, urging self-determination - for all nations, and expressing "grave anxiety" about Tunisia's neighbor, ALGERIA. At the same time avoiding any phrase that might offend France.

After his four hour visit to Tunisia, President Eisenhower returned by helicopter to the cruiser "Des Moines."

LATIN AMERICA FOLLOW EISENHOWER

Washington news tonight tells us the President is scheduling - another tour; a trip to Latin America. A good-will gesture that he hopes will help counteract anti-American sentiment in Latin America. When? No date set; but probably April.

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NATO

The western allies will use the next ten years to come closer and closer together - in matters political, military, economic and scientific. Nato today adopted a proposal by - American Secretary of State Herter, for more cooperation at every level - to meet the Soviet challenge over the long haul.

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KENNEDY

Senator Jack Kennedy will announce his candidacy - on January Second. So revealed in a letter drafted by the Senator's headquarters -- and made public today. The letter, addressed to - Democratic ~~ISSUE~~ leaders across the country. The letter, telling them - he believes he can win the nomination, and the election, ~~HE~~ asking for their support - at the convention, and promising a hard fight - for the White House.

ROCKEFELLER FOLLOW KENNEDY

Meanwhile New York's G.O.P. governor, Nelson Rockefeller is in Texas. Not yet a candidate; still trying to make up his mind. But, sounding more like one - every day. Although Oklahoma's G O P leaders - have come out for Nixon, Nelson Rockefeller says Oklahomans he met - "responded with good feelings."

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SPACE

Democratic Senate leader Lyndon Johnson says we must step-up in our space program. While our technology is okay to keep us abreast the Russians, he says our "leadership has failed," and warns that Congress will step in - if the White House doesn't do better. Senator Johnson and his colleagues on Capitol Hill - to push space exploration, if they think the President Eisenhower is not on the ball - the Space ball.

WASTE

The American taxpayer has just been saved a half a million dollars. Who did it? The auditors of the general accounting office. How did they do it? Simple. They found an error in the inventory instructions - issued at a naval supply depot. An order going out at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania - to scrap a half a million in useable equipment. All a mistake, and the auditors caught it.

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MOON

Life does exist on the moon - says a Soviet scientist. Until now, it's been taken for granted - that no living thing could survive on our natural satellite. The reason - no air.

But now Feodor Siegal of Moscow says - low forms of vegetation could have developed on the moon. Vegetation that doesn't need air. He sees changing colors at the bottom of lunar craters, and believes this is - new vegetation; and old vegetation, dying. Life on the moon - maybe.

TOUHY

The Chicago police are still puzzled about the shooting of Roger Touhy, of Capone days during prohibition. Convicted in the kidnapping of Jake Factor; Jake the barber.

Touhy, getting - two-hundred-and-ninety-eight years for that, but only serving twenty five. Released last month; shot to death last night - after only twenty-three days of freedom.

Today a Chicago police official attributed the murder to - "amateur gunmen." But, a U S attorney calls it the work of - the Mafia. The attorney, pointing out - that Touhy was an enemy of Capone - in the days when Scarface Al ran the bootleg end of gangland in and around Chicago.

BALLOON

The runaway balloon has come to earth - instrument
and all. The balloon - launched at Rapid City, South
Dakota, on Monday; disappearing into the sky - lost,
during a violent snowstorm. Its tracking plane - forced
to land. Nobody knowing - where the balloon was. Now
we know that it drifted South, and finally became
deflated near Fulton, Mississippi. Discovered by school
teacher Eupal Thornberry - when Eupal went out to feed
the chickens today. How's that Dick?

TRAP

In Braintree, England - they fined Claude Grimwood four pounds. The charge - setting an illegal fox trap. Testifying against Grimwood - the village policeman.

Sounds as if the local bobby did ~~a~~ a neat bit of sleuthing. Uncovering ^a ~~that~~ fox trap in ^{some} ~~the~~ underbrush.

~~At~~, But it didn't happen that way. The ~~first thing the~~ Braintree bobby ~~knew about the gadget - was when he~~ stepped into it! The village sleuth - caught by the leg, ~~snared~~ by the fox trap. ~~Then~~, limping into court - to testify.

What does the man who set the trap - think about the affair? Says Claude Grimwood - "fox trapping wouldn't be bad around here - if the law wasn't so clumsy."