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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There was a near-panic - in west Germany business circles, today, following the official announcement that the Soviets are transferring their part of the control of Berlin, handing it over - to Communist East Germany. The news - causing a collapse of prices on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. With west German industrial concerns - making heavy withdrawals from branch bank accounts in west Berlin. This the business reaction - to the latest Russian move.

However, west German diplomatic circles are not so gravely alarmed. Although they admit - the Soviets are waging a "very serious" diplomatic offensive against West Berlin. They emphasize the words "diplomatic offensive". Not - military.

The Russians announce, what they call: "the measure the Soviet government plans to take - with the aim of

liquidating the occupation status of Berlin."

This implies, of course, a denunciation of the arrangement which the Western powers share in the control of the city. And now it draws - another warning that Britain, France, and the United States - intend to remain in Berlin. Intend to keep open their communications with the city.

The question of communications - a key point.

Because the Soviets will turn over to the East German Reds - control of the territory between Berlin and West Germany. Placing the western communication lines - in the power of the East German Communist regime.

This, of course, would compel the Western Allies to deal, not with the Russians as heretofore - but with the East Germany Reds. Which - they've been refusing to do all along.

SPACE

At the United Nations - a Western acceptance of the greater part of a Soviet proposal, on the subject - of outer space.

After plenty of disagreement, the Russians put forward a compromise - for the formation of an international committee, to study - the use of space for peaceful purposes. Most of it - acceptable to the Western Powers. They today, presented only a few reservations.

TOKYO

Over in Tokyo, the Soviet Embassy - is trying to hush up an embarrassing incident, in which an Embassy official - is reported to have stabbed a Japanese ^{young woman,} ~~waitress,~~ Because she said - she hated Communists.

The Japanese government ^{is} also playing down this episode - for diplomatic reasons. But, as it happens, the news reporters in Tokyo - have had access to the report of a Japanese **detective**, who investigated the case.

At the Soviet Embassy, the First Secretary and Chief of Protocol is - Benevolenski, Who seems to be - a festive sort of diplomat. Benevolenski - going to a Tokyo ^{night spot,} ~~bars~~ Monday at midnight, where he joined a Japanese ^{employee,} ~~waitress,~~ Toyoko Okubo, at a table. Having - quite a few drinks with her. To make things all the merrier - Benevolenski got into arguments with a couple of American G.I's. But the real trouble came when Benevolenski asked Toyoko Okubo - about a Communist group in Tokyo.

To which the girl replied: "I hate all Communists."

Whereupon, Benevolenski - stabbed Toyoko Okubo. The Japanese detective says he couldn't figure - whether the stabbing was intentional or not. Maybe Benevolenski was merely gesticulating - with a table knife. In any case, Toyoko Okubo - was cut on the ^{face,} ~~cheek~~ And - on the abdomen. The injuries - not ^{too} serious.)

^ But it sure has provoked a lot of embarrassment for the Soviet Embassy.

ISRAEL

Another clash - in Palestine. Israel reporting that Syrian forces, today - opened fire with mortars and machine guns. At the Hula Bridge - across the Jordan, in the vicinity of which - the wife of the British Attache in Israel was killed several days ago. By Syrians - according to the Israelis.

MERGER

In New York, today, a federal judge - gave a ruling of the utmost importance to American industry. Applying, as it does - to the tendency toward mergers between large concerns. Judge Edward Weinfeld - forbidding a proposed merger between the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

The important legal point is that the decision of the court - is based on Section Seven of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act. Which part of the anti-monopoly law - has never before been tested in court. Section Seven provides ^{es}~~es~~ - that any merger is illegal, if it lessens competition and tends toward monopoly.

The federal government opposed the merger of Bethlehem Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube, claiming - it would lessen competition. The Company replying - that, on the contrary, the merger of the two concerns would increase competition. Because the combination would be better able - to compete with U.S. Steel, the giant in the industry. Today's decision by the federal judge in New York will be taken at once - to the Supreme Court. The high tribunal - to rule on Section Seven.

CANDIDATE

The first of the presidential hopefuls - announcing himself as a candidate for Nineteen Sixty. He'll run for president - and is beginning his campaign. Elmer Coy - of Toledo, Ohio.

Today, Elmer, who is in the insurance business, proclaimed his platform. He'll run on ^a~~the~~ program - of paying off the national debt. Which, if he can do it, really should win him the election.

The method - a nationwide lottery. Elmer arguing - that millions of people would buy lottery tickets. The profit for the government - many billions.

Elmer says - he hopes to run on the Democratic ticket. Winning the nomination - at the Democratic National Convention. So, ^{there's a warning to}~~you'd better look out~~ Senator Kennedy, Governor Soapy Williams, Senator Symington, and others.

CHRISTMAS

Here's a story to remind us - that Christmas is coming
A little girl - helped by Santa Claus. ^P Over in Germany, the
old city of Nuremberg, a policeman found a five year old,
walking around - lost. She said her name was Manuela - but
that's all. She couldn't remember her last name - or where she
lived. The policeman took Manuela to the station house, where
they tried to get some more information out of her. But - in
vain.

Then five year old Manuela spied a telephone, and
said - she'd like to speak to Santa Claus. Manuela remembering,
for one thing - that Christmas was coming.

So they put in a telephone call to Santa Claus - who
was, of course, a policeman at the other end of the line.
Manuela - telling him what she wanted for Christmas, a long
list. To which the policeman replied - yes, he'd surely drop
all those presents down Manuela's chimney. But - what chimney
was it?

Instantly, Manuela remembered. Giving her full name
and address.

Nothing to refresh a woman's memory - like presents.
And now - to refresh your mind about Deles.

KISS

In London, a young woman faces a jail sentence - for what you'd hardly consider a crime. A kiss! Jean Haddon - giving the boy friend a kiss, long and affectionate.

Which romantic ~~occulation~~^{incident} - happened in court. The boy friend - getting a prison sentence. The judge, in his full bottomed wig - pronouncing the penalty.

So what was wrong with kissing the boy friend good-bye, at such a ~~deplorable~~^(mournful) moment?

Nothing at all, except for the fact - that Jean, under the very nose of His Honor, the Judge, slipped the boy friend a chisel and a wrench. Tools - for escaping from prison.

Unfortunately, the would be-jail break went wrong.

~~And~~ loving, sentimental Jean ~~was~~^{was} locked up - for that long kiss.