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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The greatest single exploit in contemporary athletics has been achieved - the four minute mile! For years, foot races have come might near it. But - not quite. Athletic experts predicted - some day, some day, somebody would run the four minute mile. But it never happened; until today!

The place - Oxford. Britain - winning the honor of accomplishing the legended exploit. Roger Bannister running the mile in three-minutes-fifty-nine-and-one-quarter seconds. Which clipped two full seconds from the previous record - made by the famous Gunder Haegg of Sweden.

At the Olympics, in Nineteen Fifty-Two, Roger Gilbert Bannister of England was a disappointment - coming in fourth in the fifteen hundred meter run. Today, in a meet at Oxford, he was close to the four minute average in the first three quarters of the mile. Then, in the final quarter, he put on a

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blazing burst of speed - ending it by running the mile in six tenths of a second less than the four minutes.

He used to run for Oxford, But today, he was racing against his Alma Mater. As a member of a team of the British Amateur Athletic Association.

So, tonight, the world of athletics is hailing the twenty-five year old medical student as the runner of the ages -- the man who at long last smashed the four minute mile. So long expected - the ultimate feat - of flying feet.

HEARING

The Army-McCarthy drama brought forward a new mysterious character, today - Mr. X. Introduced - by McCarthy aide, Roy Cohn, as he questioned Army Counsellor Adams.

Mr. X described as a member of the Pentagon loyalty board, who raised funds for subversive organizations. Groups - denounced by the Department of Justice. Presumably - a Communist front.

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Mr. X, of the Army Loyalty Board, likewise employed a physician with a subversive background, when Mr. X was an official of a cooperative housing project in Maryland.

Yet he was on the loyalty board, passing on cases of - ~~dis~~ disloyalty. Removed - last year. But still - cleared for security information, official secrets. The McCarthy side presenting the case of Mr. X - as a horrible example.

The proceedings today waxed angry - ~~with~~ with acrimonious wrangling. Senator McCarthy insisting - that he'll

make public the summary of an F B I report on subversives in the army. Although Attorney General Brownell declares that this would not be "in the public interest."

ADD HEARING

The Wisconsin Senator turned loose oratorical fireworks - demanding that Attorney General Brownell be called to testify.

... and Congressman Condon. Both running for Congress in the California primaries. ... James Brownell - in a headline scandal charged with misconduct - by his wife. Congressman Condon - barred from attending state tests. Although he has testified - he never was a Communist. Democratic Chairman James A. Mitchell holding - that neither candidate should be backed by party funds.

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DEMOCRATS

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SEAWAY

The House of Representatives voted an okay, today -
for the St. Lawrence Seaway project. ~~It~~ ^{It} had been approved

already - by the Senate. President Eisenhower is for it.

In fact, ^{and that was} the action by Congress represents a White House

victory. So U.S. participation, with Canada, in the St.

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INDO CHINA

The big news from Indo China - a break in the Monsoon. The drenching season of tropical rains ^{now and then} ~~can have~~

~~has~~ a hiatus - a day or two of clear skies. Which was the ^{And that was} case - today, a signal for all out air action.

Fleets of planes flew to the sector of Dien Bien Phu. Squadrons of war planes - assailing the Reds with bombs, rockets, ^{and} flaming napalm. ^{also} Streams of big transports - dropping supplies and reinforcements by parachute.

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Within the besieged fortress, the garrison is busy, day and night - constructing defenses with all the technique of modern military ~~in~~ engineering. The space they hold has

shrunk to a few acres. Which they've transformed into
bristling "hedge hogs." Making ready for another mass
assault by the Reds - which is expected in four or five days.

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GENEVA

The French request for an armistice at Dien Bien Phu has been rejected by the Communists at Geneva. The suggestion for a temporary cease-fire - to permit evacuation of wounded from the fortress. The delegates representing the Indo Chinese Reds replied - that any proposal for a mercy truce would have to wait until the formal start of *the* Indo Chinese negotiations. *Now* - set for Saturday.

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FRANCE

In Paris, Premier Laniel won a vote of confidence ~~today~~ tonight - on the issue of Indo China. He asked the National Assembly to give him a free hand in seeking to ~~arr~~ arrange a settlement out there in southeastern Asia. The vote - three-hundred-and-eleven to two-hundred-and-sixty-two. The Premier - authorized to take all possible measures for Indo China peace.

PARAGUAY

A revolutionary government has been installed in Paraguay - following a revolt of Army units. President Chaves deposited - held virtually a prisoner, we hear. A military junta set up - and now in full control. Such, at least, is the report in a broadcast from Paraguay.

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BUTTER

The Federal government offers to sell a third of a billion pounds of butter to friendly foreign countries - at bargain prices. Which reverses a previous decision by Secretary of Agriculture Benson - (who had refused to sell surplus butter abroad - at any figure below the ~~EMER~~ current market price in the United States. However, the mountains of butter are piling up - purchased in the program to support farm prices. So now - cut rate prices, for ~~export~~ export sale.)

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TEST

The largest lie detector test on record - is being held at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Where a fifteen year old high school girl vanished last October - with indications of kidnaping and murder. All other investigation has failed - so now seventeen hundred students and teachers are being submitted to the lie detector. Beginning today when two hundred and fifty students took the test.

GAS

Here's news with a terrifying sound. Scores of men exposed to that fantastic agent of death, nerve gas.

At the Rocky Mountain arsenal, near Denver, the army has a plant, where they make the lethal vapor - which can destroy the nervous system. Something went wrong, and one-hundred-and-twenty workers, apparently - were gassed. But, their exposure to the nerve gas was - mild. They breathed very little of it - and all have recovered without permanent injury.

Yet, small ~~was~~ as was the dosage - it had weird effects. Physical symptoms - affecting vision, breathing, digestion. To mention - only a few. Mental symptoms - anxiety and the jitters, reckless~~of~~ judgment, wild dreams, nightmares. Even a mere trace ~~of~~ the nerve gas - affecting the nervous system.

All of which was disclosed today by Army Medical officers - who added - that, in every ~~was~~ case, the patient got well within five days.

KIDNAP

In San Francisco, this evening, a jury found Harold Jackson and Josef Lear - guilty of kidnapping. The verdict means, automatically - the death penalty. Under California law.

This was in the Moskowitz kidnapping case - the San Francisco real estate dealer abducted and held for a three hundred thousand dollar ransom. The jury convicted the two defendants, and made no recommendation of mercy.

Which makes the penalty mandatory - death in the lethal gas chamber.

Jackson, a former private detective was a wise-cracker all along - and he kept on wise-cracking when he heard the verdict. Lear, a salesman, broke down and wept.

MOON

An amateur astronomer declares that - somebody is building roads on the moon. Frank Manning of New Orleans -who studies the heavenly bodies through a twenty inch telescope.

He says that, recently, he observed a line "straight as an arrow" on the lunar surface. Near the crater called "Piccolomini (accent on the next to the last syllable). He claims the straight line wasn't there before, and must have been constructed recently. It must be a road- built by inhabitants of the moon!

The professor of astronomy at Tulane University, Fraser Thompson, says that amateur astronomer Manning is "respected" by professionals. But - is known to have what the professor calls, a "high imagination."

High imagination would seem to be right - the man in the moon building a highway.

HEIFETZ

The famous violinist, Heifetz - played a cut rate concert, today. Heifetz is known to be - a high priced artist. But he slashed the price. It happened in Japan. As a result of a letter ~~was~~ written by a girl.

When the recital was announced, there was great enthusiasm - especially among the students. But then, the price was announced - ~~one~~² thousand yen per ticket. About - two-dollars-and-eighty cents. Which ~~is~~ few students could afford.

So a high school girl, Tomoko Shimade, wrote a letter to a Tokyo newspaper. Saying: "The announcement about the admission fees pushed us - from the height of joy, to the depth of sadness."

Heifetz couldn't leave Tomoko Shimade "in the depths of sadness." So he scheduled another concert - for students, cut rate.

Tomoko Shimade was there - raised to "the height of joy" again. The same going for some three thousand other students who crowded in.

Here's an announcement of an intended marriage. Guess who? Zsa Zsa and Porfirio Rubirosa. Both join in stating - they'll have a wedding, as soon as their entanglements of divorce are cleared. Porfirio, for example, will have to be freed from his brief marriage to Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress.

When he wedded the Princess of the five-and-ten, Zsa Zsa displayed a black eye he gave her, and said he still loved her. Apparently the black eye was a token of true love all right. Because the blonde movie actress and the Dominican playboy spent several weeks together in Europe, and now, returning to the United States - announce their marriage plans.

ACTOR

A Hollywood actor will appear on ~~radio~~ Radio Free Europe next week - to beam an angry answer to Soviet propaganda. Film star Kirk Douglas, about whom the Reds broadcast the following story. Under the heading of American ignorance.

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They said an Italian film producer invited Kirk Douglas to appear in a motion picture based on Homer's Odyssey. Douglas was interested, so much so that he asked - had Mr. Homer written any other movie scripts.

That's what the propaganda said, with an observation - that a Hollywood star knew less than a fifth grade school boy in Russia.

All of which made Kirk Douglas highly indignant. He says he read Homer as a child, and took a course in the "Iliad" and "The Odyssey" at ~~an~~ college. So, on radio Free Europe, he'll tell - how much he knows about the poet Homer. And he'll say it in the right way, the right language.

The name "Kirk Douglas" may sound Scottish, but the actor is the son of Russian parents, immigrants to the U.S.A. He learned Russian at home, and will talk about Homer in Russian. Harry, his name originally may not have been Ivan Skavinsky Skavar. But it ~~is~~ wasn't Kirk Douglas either.

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... Premier Daniel ...
... as he spoke ...
... "sacrificed"
... carry on by himself in far eastern
... This quite naturally is interpreted
... Anglo-American hesitation, delay and refusal
... That is, to send help in
... too late.

But Daniel added that France will meet the crisis
at a great nation's expense. No despair because of this tragedy
... of them - rose to their feet
... solemn announcement. Some clapped
... The only