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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

First - a report on Lowell Thomas. He's in Charleston, South Carolina, tonight - giving an address at "The Citadel". A military academy - often called the "West Point of the South". The Commandant is General Mark Clark, of Second World War fame. General Clark had long wanted Lowell to give a talk for the cadets at "The Citadel". Lowell was on his way to attend a weekend wedding in Florida, and that made it convenient to stop off at Charleston. So much for "The Citadel", and now for the news.

STOCK MARKET

Today, the Stock Market investigation in Washington featured the supposition that the inquiry is responsible for the fall of prices in Wall Street. The break in the market - earlier this week. Committee Chairman, Senator Fullbright of Arkansas, said - he had been receiving telegrams "complaining bitterly". Telegrams charging that the investigation had, in the Senator's words, "put the market down, and rocked the boat". To which Fullbright remarked: "It's a mighty weak market - if this hearing could put it down".

STORM

Reportsof a wind storm in the Middle West. ~~—~~★ picturea
fantasy of the raging gale. A four state area swept by winds
of hurricane force. Tornadoes - in places. Violent
thunderstorms - in others. The damage? Well, it was in the
millions - in the case of a couple of Pennsylvania steel mills,
alone. The wind blew down two giant ore bridges, which fell
crashing to the ground. Creating havoc - on all sides.

In Indiana, two tornadoes ■ hurled railroad box cars
off their tracks. The lightning - touched ~~ed~~ off a million dollar
fire. At Cornersville, Indiana, the tempest ^{blew} ~~roared~~ refrigerators
from inside a manufacturing plant. Out - into the nearby field.

At Steubenville, Indiana, the gale touched off
air raid sirens - which shrieked for twenty-five minutes, while
the wind howled.

In Indiana - hail stones, the size of golf balls,
fell in a tempest, with winds up to sixty-three miles an hour.
Hail stones - like bullets. Luckily - nobody was killed.

PHENIX

In Alabama, today, a jury convicted former Deputy Sheriff Albert Fuller, of Phenix City. Found guilty - of the murder of Albert Patterson, the anti-crime crusader who had been nominated as the State Attorney General. Under Alabama law, the jury fixed the penalty - life imprisonment.

~~(This ends a twenty-six day trial at which lurid evidence was presented - of crime and vice in Phenix City. Fuller's defense was largely, an alibi - which the jury would not accept. The sentence will be appealed.)~~

MAMIE

The White House issued a bulletin today - a medical report on Mrs. Eisenhower. The First Lady was feeling "much better". She got out of bed for the first time, since she suffered an attack of the flu on Monday.

The medical bulletin reports also - on the President. His cold has "completely cleared up", but he still has a touch of bursitis. Pains in the shoulder - which have afflicted him for some time.

But the focus of the interest is less on the President - than on Mrs. Eisenhower. Following - the uproar produced by Democratic National Chairman Butler, when he said, the state of Mrs. Eisenhower's health might persuade the President against running for a second term. The storm this raised among the Republicans would be astonishing, if it were not for a political interpretation. A good guess being ^{that} _^ taking up the cudgels for Mamie, is a way of urging Ike to run again. Their hope, we hear, ^{is} _^ that the presidential ire might be aroused by the statement of the Democratic National Chairman. Dragging - the First Lady into the political picture.

FERGUSON

President Eisenhower today named a new Ambassador to the Philippines. Former Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan - who takes the place of the retiring Ambassador, Admiral Spruance.

Homer Ferguson was, for years, one of the top Republicans in the Senate. Then, in the November election, he was a surprise casualty - the number one Republican casualty, ^{perhaps} in the Democratic trend. Now he gets a diplomatic post - U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines.

ROME

Italian ratification of the West German rearmament treaties has been completed. The Italian Senate - voting ~~for~~^{its} its approval today. The vote - one hundred and thirty-nine to eighty-two.

While the Senate voted, Communists were rioting in the streets of Rome, Shouting against West German rearmament. Three hundred arrested - during a day of disturbance.

FORMOSA

The Nationalists on Formosa issued a defiance, today. Giving orders to their warships - to intercept the Finnish tanker, Arruba, ~~xxx~~ carrying thirteen thousand tons of jet plane fuel to Red China.

On Wednesday, the Chinese Communists came out with a truculent warning. Saying - that if the tanker ^{was} ~~here~~ interferred with, the consequences would be serious. Today, a high Nationalist official on Formosa told the United Press: "We will capture this ship, if we can."

(The Nationalists believe that the Arruba is bound for the Red port of Foochow, at the entrance of which is Matsu Island. The Communists appear to be mustering for an attack on Matsu, and the cargo of jet plane fuel would be important for their Air Force - based on the nearby mainland.)

MOSCOW. In Moscow, a huge handout of brass and gold braid. A spectacular list of eleven promotions for Soviet military men. Generals - raised to the rank of marshal. Eight of them ^{war} - army commanders. Two new Air Force marshals ^{were} named - and a Chief Air Force Marshal.

There's immediate speculation about - what this means. The general impression is that the wholesale promotions to the rank of marshal are in the nature of rewards, granted by the new regime - in return for military support.

The Army backed the palace revolution which brought about the downfall and execution of Beria, head of the Secret Police. After that, the military men took a leading part in the ousting of Malenkov as Premier. Bringing in - Marshal Bulganin as Premier. And Marshal Zhukov - as Minister of Defense.

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Communist Party Secretary Krushchev - reported to be the power behind the scenes.

All along, the impression has been that the military men were assuming more and more control of the Moscow government. Another indication of which might seem to be - today's creation of new Soviet marshals.

Dr.
Sridharan

Re: India

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INTRODUCTION TO DR. SHRIDHARANI. Before he left, Lowell Thomas had asked ~~me~~ a prominent Indian journalist to appear on this program - with a report on affairs in India. Dr. Krishnalal Shridharani - who has had a distinguished career as a writer and editor. He has just arrived in this country from New Delhi - and we all know the importance of India in the present South Asian crisis. So, now - Dr. Shridharani.

~~(Talk - followed by some remark, perhaps on what he says.)~~

SHRIDHARANI

DR. SHRIDHARANI: During the recent elections in the state of Andhra, India give a demonstration of what she had been doing since independence. The Communists got a thorough beating in what was regarded as a Communist stronghold. The Congress coalition, under the leadership of Pandit Nehru, won a resounding victory for parliamentary democracy. The election results have clinched one point. India's higher (?) plan is succeeding in seeping down to the villages. If the Communists are weaker today than they were three years back, it is because the conditions of the masses are improving. India is now self-sufficient in food. It has advanced industrially. The cost of living has been kept under a greater check than in Great Britain or the United States. The rupee currency is sound and respected abroad. There is no inflation. What is more, to

community projects and extension services, the slumbering villages have started to stir. There are roads where there used to be ruts. There are lamps where there used to be darkness. There are schools and new occupations and new ideas.

A great parallel is emerging in Asia. In a way, it can be described as a race between India and the mainland, China. Or a race between democracy and totalitarianism. The new India and the new China started about the same time, around 1947. Both are underdeveloped and technologically backward countries. Both have vast territories and vaster populations. Both had the burning problems of land reforms and of empty stomachs.

Both India and China have decided to solve these problems, by industrialization, by scientific agriculture, by land reforms. But while China employs the compulsions

and the regimentation of totalitarianism, India goes about in a democratic way to secure its regeneration.

Beyond India, the free world and the West have a stake in this race between Nehru and Chou-En-Lai, and I think on India's side if India can prove that the vast backward country can secure a rapid rise in the standard of living of the common folk, democracy will be entrenched in Asia. It will be a resounding object lesson for other wavering and unstable Asian nations. It will carry conviction that no amount of military preponderance can. Now back to Charles Collingwood in New York.

CHARLES COLLINGWOOD: Thank you Dr. Shridharani....

CEYLON - FOLLOW SHRIDHARANI. Here's a dispatch, which will interest our guest from India. A Soviet complaint - about Ceylon, on the subject of science. Today, Izvestia, official newspaper of the Soviet Government, protested - a refusal of permission for Russian astronomers to visit Ceylon.

There will be an eclipse of the sun on June Twentieth, visible - in the tropics. Izvestia says that Ceylon is the best place from which to study the eclipse. So Moscow planned a scientific mission, and asked the government of Ceylon for the necessary permission. But this was refused, and the Kremlin is - annoyed.

INDIA - FOLLOW CEYLON. From India comes a dispatch that might surprise - even Dr. Krishnalal Shridharani. Six mournful maidens - in distress. A couple of shopkeepers - in trouble. All - because of singular customs in age-old India.

At the village of Katihar, in the State of Behar, they were celebrating a Hindu festival called "Holi." And people were being dusted - with red powder. That's a traditional feature of the revelry - they throw red powder on each other. Something like our American way - of throwing confetti.

Two village shopkeepers were having a fine time - tossing the red powder. When, along came six young women - and the two shopkeepers, laughing their heads off, gave the girls a fine dusting.

Whereupon - the six maidens burst into tears.

Weeping and sobbing, they demanded that the two shopkeepers - should marry them. Which astonished those village business men no end.

The girls explained - they came to town from some distance away - and, in their tribe, red powder has a special meaning. If a man becomes engaged to marry a girl, he throws red powder on her - which makes it official.

After being dusted like that, a girl has no chance of marrying anyone else. So you see the dilemma. Which, according to the mournful maidens, could be solved in only one way - the two shopkeepers must marry them. In that part of India, apparently, a husband may ~~has~~ have a number of wives.

The two shopkeepers hadn't any intention of marrying the six. They were so pestered, they took refuge in the village jail.

The local authorities are puzzled - what to do about it. But you can bet - those two shopkeepers will think twice, before they throw red powder on a girl again.

MARGARET

The Church of England issues a denial of the rumors that Princess Margaret will marry Captain Peter Townsend. This word is unofficial, but authoritative - published in a newspaper sponsored by the Church. It says - "There has not been any discussion whatever at high levels." Discussion, ~~that~~ that is, of the Church of England's attitude toward any such marriage. Ecclesiastical authorities would be involved, because Queen Elizabeth is the head of the Church of England - which forbids a remarriage of a divorced persons. And Captain Townsend has been divorced - his former wife living.

(The recent headlines in British newspapers concerning Princess Margaret and Captain Townsend are called "the cheapest kind of tenth rate gutter journalism.")

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STOCKHOLM. In Stockholm today, a big department store had its show windows, decorated - with two huge photographs of a former messenger girl. Who - worked in the store more than thirty years ago. Going to work when she was fourteen - running messages from one department to another. ^{Then,} In the course of time, she became - world famous.

Greta Garbo - who began her career in ^{Stockholm's} ~~the~~ great

~~THE~~ "P.U.B." Department Store. After having been a messenger, she was promoted to the job of sales girl. Then - was picked as a mannequin to appear in a publicity film, advertising the store.

Her first movie job, and from then - on and on.

TEACHER

Here's a case of poetic justice.

At Memphis, Tennessee, Judge Beverley Boushe presides over a traffic court - and Miss Lucy Kittle was brought in for a traffic violation. In her car, she pulled away from the curb, improperly.

Miss Kittle is a veteran teacher in a local grammar school - and years ago Judge Boushe was a pupil of hers, in the second grade. So now he found her guilty. And what do you suppose was the penalty he imposed?

He sentenced her to write, "I'll be more careful, pulling from the curb." Write it - ten times.

Which certainly was - getting even with teacher.