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Good Evening Everybody,

If you live in a strategic city like New York or Washington, your area was hit by atomic bombs, a few weeks ago. That is - hypothetically. That is - if we can believe the London report of British nuclear bombers, getting past our defense system. The report, asserts that the bombers fooled our radar, by means of a new electronic device, and penetrated far inland, over the United States.

Four London newspapers say the story is true, while officials in London and Washington say "nonsense."

## CONGO

In the Congo, the Central government is reported taking over control of Katanga Province. Premier Adoulla, signing the document by which the administration and finances of Katanga will be handled from Leopoldville. By-passing secessionist Premier Tshombe against whom the present U.N. drive is waged.

The officials who run Katanga will not be Katangese, unless they are loyal to the idea of Congo unity.

The U.N. attitude is that Tshombe abdicated his responsibilities, even fled from Katanga, leaving a political vacuum.

IDEOLOGY

is the ideological split between R ussia and Red China leading to a personal showdown between Khrushchev and Mao Tse Tung? The Soviet boss has promised to attend next week's Congress of the East German Communist party, to push hard for his ideology of co-existence.

Mao also will be there, so will there be a head-on collision between two top Communist leaders?

Today Moscow named Peking - and Peking named Moscow - as the disturber of the peace in the Red bloc. Khrushchev and Mao glowering at one another.

PERU

The government of Peru had ~~it~~ information about that attempted leftist coup - before it began. Hence, the speed with which - the ring leaders - were rounded up.

More than three hundred - some say more than a thousand - in jail tonight. Tabbed as "Communists and castroites."

Lima still ~~looks~~ like an armed camp - with ~~two~~ tanks

in the main square, ~~But the government insists that this~~  
*the* leftist bid for power ~~has been thwarted.~~ *smashed.*

MEREDITH

The Administration is worried about the effects -  
if James Meredith ~~should~~ leave<sup>s</sup> the University of Mississippi.  
Attorney General Robert Kennedy, fearing - that segregationist  
feeling ~~might~~ <sup>may</sup> harden in the deep South. ~~And that the failure~~  
~~to integrate Ole Miss - would reflect on American democracy~~

As for Meredith, he says that he wants to return  
to his classes - next semester. But not under - the present  
conditions. Namely - the boycott he has had to face at the  
University. And - the shots fired at his father's home.

TED KENNEDY

The Junior Senator from Massachusetts, may oppose the President - during the Eighty-Eighth Congress, which convenes tomorrow. At least, so said the President's younger brother - today. Ted Kennedy, telling newsmen, ~~that~~ he's thinking of voting against the administration on certain parts of the Trade Bill, ~~The~~ parts ~~that~~ he considers - not in the best interests of his state.

In other words, Ted Kennedy denies - that he'll be a "yes man" for John Kennedy. <sup>No</sup> ~~The White House, having no~~ automatic vote on Capitol Hill - just because there's a Kennedy in the Senate.

Incidentally, Ted Kennedy contradicted his big brother today. Subject - that ~~famous~~ <sup>ing</sup> record called "The First Family," Vaughn Meader and his troupe - impersonating the Kennedys.

You may recall President Kennedy's opinion - that Vaughn Meader sounds like Ted Kennedy. Ted, however passes the honor - if you can call it that - on to the Attorney General. In Ted's words - "Vaughn Meader sounds more like Bobby than me."

I wonder who the impersonator sounds like- to the Attorney General? ~~The President is maybe?~~

FIRE

The five casualties of that fire in Wallingford, Connecticut - might have escaped with their lives. If they hadn't tried to use the stairs.

The hotel - only three stories high. The other residents jumped - to safety. But the unlucky five - ~~tried~~ to run down a back stairs, <sup>They ~~found~~ *faced*</sup> a sheet of flame, ~~below~~. Frantically ~~they~~ raced back up the stairs, only to find ~~that~~ the blaze had cut them off at the top.

The tragic story, ~~pierced~~ together by the firemen - who discovered the five bodies.



CRASH

Every so often the news wire carries the tragedy of - a bus hit by a train. But this is the first I can recall of a bus hit by two trains - simultaneously.

Place - Bridgosetz, Poland. The bus driver, failing to notice either train - because of a heavy fog. Pulling his vehicle up on the two sets of tracks - just as the locomotives were scheduled to whiz past one another.

The front of the bus - ~~was~~ hit first. A split - second later - the ~~ran~~ rear of the bus. ~~The vehicle, battered between the trains - ~~like~~ like a badminton ball. Then tumbling between the tracks - in a heap of junk.~~

Miraculously -only nine passengers were killed.

Another forty - ~~it~~ injured. Lucky survivors of ~~what could~~  
*the Winter is*  
~~to this year~~ most bizarre accident. A bus, hit by two trains - going in ~~in~~ opposite directions.

## EARL

When a British Earl takes his place in the House of Lords he appears in the traditional robes of scarlet and ermine. But what if the robes are rented? Fresh off the rack of a ruddy London haberdasher? That's enough to make their lordships raise their aristocratic eyebrows.

The ninth Earl of Buckinghamshire isn't exactly what you picture a member of the peerage. Frederick Hobart-Hampden was a gardener until last week when he inherited the title. Hence his scramble to hire the right togs for the House of Lords.

What will the new Earl discuss in the upper Chamber? "I can tell their Lordships a thing or two about gardening", says the Ninth Earl of Buckinghamshire.

SHIP

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~~What~~ What could be more idyllic - than sailing  
leisurely ~~in~~ through the romantic South Seas? Getting away  
from it all - aboard your own ketch?

That's not - a rhetorical question. It has a  
definite answer - which is this:- "When your crew is made up  
entirely of - beautiful young ladies."

Picture Lee Quinn aboard the "Neophyte" which lifted  
anchor at Sausalito. Heading through the Golden Gate, west  
toward Honolulu - and on to the South Seas. Answering "Aye,  
Aye - to the skipper's commands - the following crewmen: Or  
Or should I say - crewgals? Carol Hope - twenty. Susan Bird  
- twenty. Giselle Mayer - twenty-two. Jackie Miller -  
twenty-four. Skipper Lee Quinn - and his wife obeyed it!

~~What~~ Just back from <sup>and Hawaii</sup> Tahiti, ~~and~~ I can imagine  
the delights of sailing <sup>in the South Seas</sup> ~~Tahitian waters~~ with Carol and Susan  
and Giselle and Jackie, can you Dick?

## THEATRE

What production would you guess has had the longest run in theatre history? Chu Chin Chow? Abie's Irish Rose? My Fair Lady?

The answer is a surprise. "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. This thriller opened in London in Nineteen fifty-two. Soon it caught on as another London sight, comparable to Trafalgar Square and the British Museum. And it's been on ever since.

Tonight's performance - number four thousand two hundred. Two thousand more than any other play the British capital has ever had. The playgoer's trap - Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap".

I had intended to use one of my first hand reports from Indonesia. Maybe tomorrow night. And so long until tomorrow.

## ISSUES FOLLOW CONGRESS

And what about the issues before this new session of Congress? What key bills will be going from the White House - to Capitol Hill?

The one we've been hearing about - is a possible tax cut. The President has given this measure - highest priority. And Congress will have to decide soon - whether or not to go along with the President. The best guess is - that Mr. Kennedy will get most of what he wants in the way of a reduction of income taxes.

Both the Administration and Congress want to do something about farm price supports and surpluses. Will they agree on the same remedy? On this maybe a real hassle.

Civil Rights. Mr. Kennedy is expected to ask for improved employment opportunities for everybody.

While the President still wants federal money - for elementary and secondary schools, the question of aid to parochial schools - remains unsolved.

Medicare. This could be the big issue at this session. The President is as adamant as ever - about putting health insurance for the aged under Social Security. Opponents of the bill in the House Ways and Means Committee may prevent it from getting to the floor of the House. The debate is likely to become public again, both sides - on radio and TV.

These are some of the issues that will make the Eighty-eighth session of Congress a lively one.

## RUSSIANS

Three more Soviet citizens have been executed - for defrauding the government. So says - Radio Kiev. Referring to that old, old story in the Soviet Union - stealing from government factories. The three getting away with <sup>ten</sup> million rubles worth of textiles - before they were caught.

How - did they do it? One was - the factory director. Another - the chief accountant. The third - the shop foreman. They fooled the Comrades in Moscow - until last week.

## IRELAND

We know what happens when Greek meets Greek - result - a tug of war - or a restaurant. But what happens - when Irishman meets Russian? Nothing - to judge from that courtroom scene in Waterford, Ireland.

A Soviet sea captain, brought into court - on a charge of fishing in Irish territorial waters. The evidence - apparently conclusive. But no one in Waterford, Ireland speaks Russian. Russian skipper doesn't speak - English or Irish. So, case adjourned - until they get a linguist from Dublin. Some one who can persuade the Soviet defendant - to say either "da" or "nyet".



INTRODUCTION TO TAPE "SUKARNO"

Let's see, where am I - on tape tonight.

Oh yes, in Indonesia. Now my voice - from Java.

SUKARNO

I promised to tell you about attempts made to assassinate President Sukarno. It may take two of these brief reports to do it. I went to the Presidential Palace with something less than an open mind about the strong man of Indonesia. Although I had never met him, I had crossed his trail a few times, and the stories I had heard about his interest in young women, they were lurid. But he is a Moslem. And they have their own ideas about the fair sex.

I knew he must be a man with a striking personality, otherwise, he couldn't possibly have held on, as the strong man of this part of the world through the political storms, the revolutions and the general turmoil that have plagued these lush rich islands to the southeast of Asia ever since World War II.

Almost the moment I stepped into the plush oriental room in which Sukarno receives guests, I discovered why he has been one of the most successful political figures of our era.

Sukarno has personality plus. He came toward me, seized me by both arms and said "Why, Lowell Thomas, I've been a follower and fan of yours since I was a school boy". Now, that could have been the friendly greeting of a man who is good at public relations. But, he added: "In my youth I read Asia Magazine, and you were one of my favorite authors. Your Lawrence of Arabia series, and another on your journey to Afghanistan". It was the first time in twenty years that anyone, anywhere, had reminded me of the writing I did during that period, and I'm human, and you can imagine the glow I got there at the palace in Jakarta.

In addition to being a man with an unusual amount of vitality, President Sukarno is bubbling with wit and humor. He gets a lot of exercise just from laughing. And, he laughs at himself.

He said he thought the Dutch made a tragic mistake in keeping education away from the Indonesians, that there was only one college for a hundred million people and only four in his class, when he graduated in engineering and architecture in Nineteen Twenty-one. "I was an incompetent engineer, and a bad architect," he said, "so I became a politician. A bad politician too! But, at least I'm galant to the ladies!" Big laugh.

A few years ago the Sultan of Jogjakarta gave his palace for a university, which opened with two hundred students and now has twelve

thousand. Also other colleges with one hundred and fifty thousand students.

When it comes to personal magnetism, the Indonesian President has it. Sukarno has the vital spark.

END OF TAPE "SUKARNO"

He does - indeed. And I think we'll be hearing more - about the Indonesian strongman.