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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The news is bad from London tonight - from the UN disarmament conference - Valerian Zorin, the Russian delegate, throwing cold water on any hope of early agreement.

Zoring told a news conference that there are still considerable areas of difference between the great powers - Russia and the U.S. specifically.

And Zorin added that American delegate Harold Stassen has been far too optimistic in suggesting that agreement may be near.

Then Z orin went on, to make another Communist attack on the American position - this time an accusation that we are deliberating trying to delay the talks by injecting the German unification issue.

STUDENTS

In Moscow the American Ambassador is making a last-minute effort to get those young American students to change their minds about going to Communist China. They are due to leave Moscow in a few hours time now - and the last count indicates almost forty of them still plan to defy State Department warnings, and make the trip.

Today they appointed a five-man delegation to call on the Ambassador, Llewelyn Thompson. He gave them another strong talking-to, warned them of the serious propaganda implications of their trip, and the penalties they might incur by disobeying the State department ban.

But the latest word - few of the forty have changed their minds. The next few hours, when the whistle blows and the train chugs off for Peiping, will tell the story.

Tonight Poland is faced with the threat of an uprising by the workers. The center of trouble - Lodz, the second largest city in the country. Five thousand workers are on strike in Lodz. They're still demanding a fifty percent increase in their wages. They say ~~they'll~~ they'll stay out - till they get it. Tonight, they're still ^{sitting down} in the two main bus depots - and the transportation system of the city is in trouble.

The strikers are described as in an ugly mood. They told reporters - the Communist newspapers have been lying about them. The papers charging - that the workers attacked the police yesterday. The workers' reply - the police attacked first - and touched off the violence. It was then that the militia fired tear gas bombs - injuring five women. And the strikers add - anything can happen - if the authorities order another attack on them.

So the Gomulka government is in real trouble.

The Communist Premier can't give in to the workers - because that would touch off a wave of demands for wage increases.

At the same time, he can't allow the transportation industry of Lodz to remain paralyzed. Which would seem to leave only one alternative - force. But that could very easily trigger another "bread and freedom" riot - similar to the one that struck Poznan in June of Nineteen Fifty-Six.

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The boss of Soviet Communism got a big reception in East Berlin today. A hundred and fifty thousand East Germans - on hand in Marx-Engels Platz - to listen to Khrushchev. ~~The reason for the change is very simple.~~ The ^{the crowd would be any less.} Reds took no chances/~~chances~~. They made sure of a big rally by marching workers in by the thousands.

Even Khrushchev noticed how cool his earlier receptions had been. He said a lot of people in East Germany - have been waving and smiling at him. And he added no one can compel people to act as friendly as that.

He devoted the main part of his speech - to the Communist government of East Germany. Khrushchev, throwing his support behind party chief Ulbricht, who had seemed on the way out, because he's an old-time Stalinist. Khrushchev made it plain today - Ulbricht will stay in charge of East Germany - the Kremlin, not ready to get rid of its puppet.

SYRIA

The government of Syria demands the recall of a diplomat attached to our Embassy in Damascus. Howard Stone, declared unacceptable - ordered home. He's accused of trying to entice officers of the Syrian army - into a coup against the present regime. According to the Syrian charge, some of these officers revealed the plot.

The demand for Stone's expulsion from Syria - was handed to the American charge d'affaires in Damascus, Robert Strong.

A spokesman for the Embassy denied the charges against Stone- calling the attack "obviously a complete fabrication." And in Washington, press officer Lincoln White said its "like an E. Phillips Oppenheim mystery thriller."

PROTEST

The US has protested
~~America protests~~ to the Soviet Union - over the

closing of part of the Pacific. Our State Department, sending a strong note - about the way the Kremlin has sealed off the naval base of Vladivostok - and closed the waters on both sides to foreign ships. Any vessel entering the area - now has to receive permission from the Soviet government. Western observers believe the reason is - that Khrushchev is pushing development of a big Russian submarine fleet in the Pacific.

The American note calls the Soviet act "contrary to international law," because the Russians are seizing part of the high seas - which all nations have a right to use.

AID

President Eisenhower may call a special session of Congress this fall. So announced by House Republican leader, Joseph Martin - following a meeting at the White House.

According to Joe Martin, Mr. Eisenhower is "deeply concerned" about what has happened to his foreign aid program in Congress. The President, telling his guests this morning - that it would endanger the safety of this country if Congress cuts the sum he asks for, too much. If he doesn't get a bill he can sign - threaten to the President/~~will~~ bring back the lawmakers to Washington for a special session - for a second look at the foreign aid program.

MISSILE

The ~~Our~~ Secretary of Defense ~~appoints~~ has appointed a committee - to decide on a single ballistic missile of intermediate range. Secretary Wilson telling the committee to investigate the Army's "Jupiter" missile - and the one developed by the Air Force called "Thor". The committee, to end the rivalry between the services - by selecting either "Jupiter" or "Thor."

The committee, ^{is} headed by William Holaday, one of our top experts on guided missiles. As soon as Holaday and his colleagues make up their mind - all of our production is expected to be thrown behind the weapon they think best - a ~~ballistic~~ missile with a range of fifteen hundred miles.

DEFENSE

Secretary of Defense Wilson/^{has ordered}~~orders~~ a five percent cut back - in "progress payments" to major defense contractors. "Progress payments" are sums handed over by the government to companies making military equipment / that takes a long time to produce. For example, planes. Until now, a contractor producing a plane costing^{say} a million dollars - received seven hundred and fifty thousand as the work went along. Under the new Wilson plan, the same contractor/~~will~~^{would} get seven hundred thousand.

The "progress payments" run into quite a lot of money. The Defense Department now has about four billion dollars' worth of them in existing contracts. A five percent cut back would mean a saving of about two hundred and sixty four million. But the saving is only temporary - because the full amount has to be paid on delivery.

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SENATOR

The Senator from Connecticut - wants his colleagues to show a little more dignity. Senator Prescott Bush, referring to what he calls "publicity stunts" that hold up debates in the Chamber. The Connecticut Republican objects to his colleagues who introduce guests in the gallery. Senator Bush mentioning famous personalities from the stage and T.V. - for example, Arthur Godfrey and Jimmy Durante. They've both been introduced to the Senate, while sitting in the gallery. And then there are less famous dignitaries - like high school students, musicians, and winners of spelling bees.

The point Senator Bush makes - is that when introductions are made - it's customary for the Senators to rise and applaud. And that puts a temporary stop to the debate going on. So the Senator from Connecticut proposes a new rule - that would prohibit members from introducing anyone in the gallery - while the Senate is in session. Senator Bush saying "let's keep the Senate free of publicity stunts."

ARMS

Another shipment of Communist arms - has reached the Arab world. So announced in an official British statement - from the protectorate of Aden. The report mentions guns, tanks, and planes - entering Yemen - which borders on Aden. We're also told that Red instructors arrived with the arms. The consignment, unloaded yesterday from a Russian ship.

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SPY

The alleged leader of a Soviet espionage ring, Colonel Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, appeared in a New York court today. All by himself. He didn't even have a lawyer with him as he faced charges, that could bring him the death penalty.

Abel, told the Judge he would need about a week - to find a lawyer. The alleged spy, also saying - he wanted to see a copy of the indictment. So a copy was turned over to him. Abel, reading a charge that he conspired to steal information about our military bases and atomic operations. Also, that he tried to recruit American soldiers to work for him.

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REBELS

The police of Miami today seized a cache of weapons - bound for Cuba. Included in the haul - rifles, machine guns, and fifty thousand rounds of ammunition. They were earmarked for the rebels, who have been trying to overthrow President Batista.

Two Florida highway patrolmen stopped a trailer just out of Miami. In it they found several rifles. The driver, Gil De Gibaja, took them to his home - and showed them a lot more illegal arms. At least, he showed them the boxes in which the arms were hidden. But he denies knowing anything about it. He says he thought the boxes contained farming tools.

Tonight, the police of Miami are trying to find out just how the guns got into the boxes, and how the boxes got into Gibaja's house.

ARCHAEOLOGIST

An American archaeologist - found guilty by an Egyptian court. Charles Muses, of Indian Hills, Colorado - ordered to pay a fine of more than fifty thousand dollars.

Muses was excavating at Dahshour - burial place of the ancient pharaohs of Egypt. Last spring, he was about to board a plane at the Cairo airport - when customs officials found a lot of archaeological remains in his luggage. Pieces of pottery, ancient sculpture, and so on. So Muses was thrown into jail - accused of smuggling valuable relics of the ancient Egyptian empire.

Muses, also ^{was} accused of playing the black market in currency. He pleaded innocent to both charges. But the court found him guilty today - and clipped him with that fine of fifty thousand dollars. Muses insists he won't pay ⁻⁻⁻ for one reason, because he ^{says} /doesn't have fifty thousand dollars.

DRINKING

Passengers on commercial airliners, won't be able to get a drink any more - if two Senators have their way.

Senators Thurmond of South Carolina, and Neuburger of Oregon told a Senate sub-committee that the use of liquor while in the air is dangerous. The Senators are both teetotlers ^{by the way.}

Neuburger told the sub-committee his opinion is based mainly on hear say -- because he doesn't fly ^{which is never} ~~very~~ ^{much more often than he drinks} often. But anyway, he feels that fire-water should be banned on all flights.

Thurmond was more decided in his testimony. He said he flies a lot - and he has yet to find one good reason why an airline passenger should have so much as a martini during a flight. The Senator from South Carolina charging that drinking is a threat to safety - in an airplane as in an automobile.

But the Vice Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board took the opposite view. Chan Gurney, telling the sub-committee his organization has investigated every complaint -

and has never found that drinking endangers the operation
of a plane.