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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Australia was the scene of a hair-raising real life thriller today. Like something out of Edgar Wallace. It had everything - a blonde heroine, a couple of sinister gun men; and a hero. The heroine - Madam Petrov, wife of the Russian political refugee, Vladimir Petrov, who has been granted political asylum - and is hiding some where in Australia. The gunmen - two Russian agents, sent especially to Canberra to carry Mme. Petrov back to Moscow. The hero - R.S.I. Leydin, secretary of the Northern Territorial Government.

And now for the highlights of this real life thriller. We heard last week how Mme. Petrov was a prisoner in the Russian Embassy -- after her husband had fled, taking with him a load of secret Russian Embassy

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documents. Today she was taken to the Sydney airport - the blonde heroine - the Russian - ex diplomat's wife - seated between the two gunmen, in a black Cadillac. Hearing about this dash from Canberra a crowd had collected at the Sydney airport, as Mme. Petrov and her guards rushed up. Observers say that she stumbled along between the guards who held her by the arms.

Then, suddenly, she began to struggle. The guards dragged her along, and she even lost her shoes in the scuffle. Some white Russians were in the crowd. They heard Mme. Petrov scream in Russian: "Save me! Oh, save me!" She was forced in the plane by her companions.

Then, Australian Security men went aboard to speak to her - to see if she wanted help. But she seemed too frightened to say anything - hung her head and remained silent. Then the plane took off for Port Darwin on the north coast of Australia - the first leg of an intended flight back to Russia.

But this turned out to be too much for the Australian government to stand. Instructions were flashed from Canberra to Darwin, to R.S. Leydin, Secretary of that far north Australian territory. He was offered to see Mme. Petrov. Ask her if she really wanted to go home.

When the plane came down at Darwin, police went aboard. The two Soviet agents tried to resist but they were quickly overpowered. And the ~~px~~ police took their revolvers.

Mme Petrov was then escorted to a safe place where she could converse with Secretary Leydin. The Secretary made it plain that she could stay in Australia if she chose. He talked with her for nearly an hour. At first, Mme. Petrov seemed bewildered and frightened. But gradually her courage came back, and finally she said she did want to stay in Australia with her husband.

So that decided it. Mme. Petrov today at Port Darwin, was granted political asylum by the Australian government. She now will join her husband, wherever he is.

MRS. PETROV

This afternoon again we have had the mystery of where is Madame Petrov? Word came over the news wires from Australia that she had been put on a plane bound from Australia to Russia. The blonde wife of the Russian political refugee took off from Sydney.

But will she ever reach her native land? The guessing is that she will not.

Last week, Madame Petrov was held a prisoner in the Russian Embassy at Canberra. No one allowed to see her. Today she was taken to the Sydney airport in a black Cadillac, a car so loaded with guards the reporters barely saw the woman wearing the dark glasses.

A large crowd collected at the airport - say that the Russian woman was weeping - and near collapse, stumbling so that her guards had to hold her up.


Then, suddenly she began to struggle. The guards dragged her along, and she even lost her shoes in the/ scuffle.

There were several White Russians in the crowd, and they say that what she screamed in Russian was:

"Save me, save me!"

After she was dragged ~~on~~ into the plane, by her guards, Australian security men went aboard to speak to her, and asked her if she wanted political asylum in Australia. They say she just hung her head and ~~remain~~ remained silent, and appeared to be too terrified to make any appeal to them.

But she still may be saved. After the plane took off an Australia member of parliament announced that he will try to have Madame Petrov removed from the plane when it drops down at Darwin, to refuel.



The report is that the plane will fly first to Switzerland and the Swiss say - that if she wants asylum in Switzerland, she can have it simply by asking. As the head of the Zurich police put it: "If Mrs. Petrov wants to remain in Switzerland or go back to Australia - all she has to do is step up to the nearest policeman and ~~ask for~~ ask him for protection. But will her Russian companions give her any chance to do so?

At any rate the end of the story is not yet.

*from Reuters!* -

Later word just in : She has been taken off the

plane at Darwin and the Australians are now taking her back

so she can rejoin her husband. She to get political

asylum in Australia.

## DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles thinks it "unlikely" that American troops will be sent to fight in Indo-China. So he stated today after a meeting with President Eisenhower. After his session with the President, about the recent Vice President Nixon statement on Indo China, that we might have to send troops to support the French. The Dulles comment was that the Vice President certainly had a right to say what he said, and then he added that it was a personal opinion - off the record - and in answer to a hypothetical question.

Asked if he favored sending troops, the Secretary of State replied:- "I prefer not to answer the hypothetical question -- on an 'on the record' basis.



SALTONSTALL - FOLLOW DULLES

Senator Saltonstall of Massachusetts told the Senate that there <sup>has been</sup> ~~is~~ no change in the administration's policy on Indo China. That ~~is~~ policy -- still against sending American troops. The Senator revealed that he had talked with defense Secretary Wilson, ~~And~~ the defense secretary stated that our policy is still ~~what~~ what it was -- <sup>no direct</sup> ~~no~~ involvement in the Indo Chinese war.

The Reds continue to gain ground at Dien Bien

Phu. Tonight they are reported within seven hundred yards of the center of the stronghold. The French admit the situation is critical.

Savage hand to hand fighting for five hours, with both sides using grenades, bayonets, and knives. The defending troops falling back. The Reds swarming over the air strip, a part of which they now hold.

We hear that General DeCastries is still getting supplies from the air, and the morale of the defenders is reported good. From the air they today even received light artillery, for use against an expected human sea attack.

The French are also dropping leaflets, asking why the Viet Minh Indonesians are fighting for the Chinese who are their traditional enemies.

From Paris we hear that reinforcements are being rushed, from ~~RAR~~ France to Indo China. Particularly paratroopers.

LODGE

Russia, now on the defensive in the cold war.

Our chief U N delegate, Cabot Lodge today said this to the convention of the American Newspaper Publishers meeting in New York. Referring to the fact that President Eisenhower has taken the initiative away from the Kremlin.

According to our U N delegate, we foolishly, blindly threw away our favorable advantage right after World War Two. Letting the Soviets catch up and pass ~~us~~ us. He says this went on, until December Eighth of last year, the day on which President Eisenhower made his historic speech in the U N. The speech - in which he suggested an international atomic stock pile to be used ~~for~~ for peaceful purposes.

Cabot Lodge believes the Eisenhower speech showed the world that we were sincere about the ~~peace~~ peace time use of atomic energy. And that ever since it has been clear to all the world that the Soviets are blocking world peace. Otherwise they would join us to make sure atomic energy

~~XXXXXXXX~~ be used for the benefit of man, not his  
destruction.

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scientists working for the Russians used that same technique  
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Hoover says we found out only by analyzing radio-active  
debris caused by a Soviet a-bomb. Then, we re-created the  
same technique -- and built ours.

The California Congressman Joffe got another  
thing wrong. He said that the British had stolen the  
secret. In fact, the British got it from the  
U.S. congressional committee on Soviet espionage which  
had access to the knowledge needed to derive the bomb.  
The Congressional Record is sure of it. It lists the  
names of the British spies, and that we copied their  
technique.

## H BOMB

The H-bomb was copied from a technique first used by Russian scientists. So says Congressman Craig Hosmer of California. Speaking in Long Beach, Hosmer declared that our scientists had discarded the principle as "unworkable." But, according to the Congressman, Italian and German scientists working for the Russians used that same technique to build H-bombs.

How did we learn about their success? Well, Hosmer says ~~we~~ we found out only by analyzing radio-active clouds caused by a Soviet H-bomb. Then, we ~~we~~ adopted the same technique -- and built ours.

The California Congressman doesn't say whether there was any deliberate delaying of the H-bomb in this country. In fact, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ he put it this way: "No congressional committee or loyalty board - has the scientific knowledge needed to decide the issue."

All Congressman Hosmer is sure of - is that the Russians had the H-bomb first, and that we copied their technique.

## MCCARTHY

In Washington, Senate Investigators have reached tentative agreement - on the ground rules for McCarthy versus the Army. Chairman Mundt so announced after a closed meeting of his sub-committee. No details, but he says the tentative rules allow for the possibility of the Wisconsin Senator crossexamining witnesses.

Which McCarthy has insisted on. Senator Mundt also says officials of the Army will have the same right. Senator Mundt, and others of the sub-committee, had suggested that it would be best for McCarthy to stand aside, completely. He declined to do so. So the sub-committee apparently has decided to let both sides take part, in the questioning.

According to Senator Mundt, the sub-committee expects to adopt final rules for the investigation tomorrow. The televised hearings, to begin on Thursday.

Meantime, there is answer to one McCarthy question. The Wisconsin Senator had written to the defense -

Secretary - demanding to know how many Congress<sup>men</sup> and government officials have requested favors for service men since the end of World War II. The reply - the armed forces get nearly two hundred thousand requests of inquiries every ~~year~~ <sup>that</sup> year. But they very rarely run into the kind of pressure that McCarthy and Roy Cohn are charged with exerting in behalf of David Schine.

## DICKENSON

In Washington, Corporal Ed Dickenson goes on trial. A military court, hearing the ex-G I accused of informing on American prisoners while they all were in Red prison camps.

Dickenson from Cracker's Neck, in the hills of Virginia, agreed to stay with the Communists. Then changed his mind and returned home. Later, he was arrested after testimony by fellow G I's.

Corporal Dickenson is accused specifically of causing two buddies to be mistreated by the Reds. The indictment declares that he informed about the escape plans of one Private Edward Gaitner of Philadelphia. As a result, the charge says that Gaitner was put in solitary for seven months, also severely kicked and beaten by the prison guards.

The other G I mentioned is a Corporal Martin Christensen of Libertyville, Illinois. The indictment says that Corporal Dickenson told the Communists that Corporal Christensen had a pistol and ammunition. Which information caused the corporal to be repeatedly beaten by the guards.



Those are the main charges against the first G I to change his mind. What does he say? He insists that he is innocent. The trial is a military one. The court made up of nine officers. He is defended by a civilian lawyer, Guy Emery. Another of the defense lawyers is Captain Wilton Persons, Mr. -- son of a top assistant at the White House.

Today New York Stock Exchange Frank ...  
with New Jersey legislators, who was inviting him to ...  
was the news. Oh no it's not definite yet. ...  
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## STOCK EXCHANGE

The famous New York Stock Exchange - may move out of New York. That's what its able President Keith Funston says. Where will it go? Why, across the Hudson- to New Jersey.

The reason? Taxes! For taxes are lower in Jersey.

Today New York Stock Exchange Prexy Keith Funston met with New Jersey legislators, who are inviting him to make the move. Oh no it's not definite yet. Funston says the Stock Exchange wants to stay where it is - in New York City. But he adds: "We may be forced to leave!"

Wonder what ~~that~~ that would do to Wall Street? Would it become a deserted canyon - something like say ~~the~~ Dinosaur Canyon on the Yampa River in Colorado? A canyon of echoes - not a canyon with an Echo Dam like some people want to put in one of the most beautiful national parks.

Maybe Wall Street would become a national monument -- just a place for tourists. All the financial excitement moved to New Jersey!

QUEEN

Today a cat looked at a queen in the midst of a very solemn ceremony. And Her Majesty looked back -- and almost burst into laughter.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were at Kandy, of all places. Where is Kandy? Why, high in the jungle clad hills of Ceylon. The Royal couple were meeting the leaders of Ceylon Singalhesse notables from the hinterland. Fifty head men, shaking hands with the Queen.

In the midst of the ceremony, a cat strolled up onto the dais, walked across, slowly, and looked up at the Queen. While Queen Elizabeth was shaking hands with the eminent Ceylon islanders. The dispatch from Kandy says the Queen almost laughed outright.

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After that ceremony, Elizabeth and Philip went to the sacred shrine of Dalada Maligwa -- sacred because it holds Buddha's tooth just one tooth -- which is in seven caskets. Today the caskets were removed one by one and the precious sacred tooth of Gautama was shown to the Queen - and the Duke.

Visitors take off their shoes at the foot of the stairway leading to the chamber of the tooth. And that was what the Queen and her consort did. In order to see the sacred tooth of the "Light of Asia."

According to tradition, rain follows every time the tooth is removed from the caskets. And rain - it did - it rained! But it also rained nearby everytime I ever visited Kandy!