

L.T. - DELCO. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4, 1957.
(Bc. given by Lowell, Jr. - L.T. in Africa)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The day was one of suspense - at Cape Canaveral. That Florida launching site - facing a problem of weather. Dark clouds overhead - a stiff breeze blowing along the shore. No kind of weather - for rocket launching.

All of which followed - delays - needed for fixing up the complex mechanism of the Vanguard. At first, they hoped to launch "the rocket with a man-made moon" - this morning. Then, some time around noon. But, that unfavorable weather was threatening everything. Maybe they might have to wait until tomorrow. But then, in the afternoon, the weather broke. The skies - clearing.

At last reports, the time was ten forty-five P.M. Eastern Standard Time. The Vanguard - to go soaring into the Florida sky. Scientists down there explained - it

would take ten minutes to tell if the rocket had
functioned successfully. Then, another two hours - to
determine whether or not the small satellite had been
hurled into an orbit - circling - the globe. That could
only be told from reports made by radar-tracking stations
around the world.

All this leaves us, at this hour - in suspense.

ASTRONAUTICS

The American Rocket Society is asking President Eisenhower - to create a Bureau of Astronautics, With a program of a hundred million dollars - to carry out a flight all the way to the moon, by Nineteen Eighty-Three, - Men - making the moon voyage.

The White House has informed the Rocket Society that copies of its proposal have been given to the Presidential Scientific Advisory Committee, and other federal agencies interested in such matters.

ANTARCTIC

At the South Pole - a seismologist has arrived - intending to conduct - a series of experiments to answer questions about the South Polar continent.

The Reverend Dan Linehan, of the Boston College Observatory - who will detonate explosives deep in the ice. And record - the shock waves that are set up. Seismographic soundings - that will show the depth of ice and the contour of the rocks below the glacier at the South Pole.

The question - is Antarctica really a continent? Or is it a series of mountain ranges, with valleys extending below sea level? Valleys - filled with thousands of feet of ice.

It's just possible that the South Polar continent, with its five thousand foot elevation - is not a continent at all, but is like Greenland - a series of islands bridged by ice.

EISENHOWER - MEETING

President Eisenhower held another meeting with Congressional leaders today. This time, Republican legislators. Giving them an outline - of domestic policies in the administration. The President told them - he's planning for a balanced budget next year.

EISENHOWER - ILLNESS

Meanwhile, in Congress itself, calls for quick action to clear up the question of possible presidential disability. How to determine - if a president is disabled.

Who is to judge?. The Constitution merely states - that, in the event of the death or disability of a president, the vice-president shall succeed him in office. No definition of "disability" - or of any procedure to be followed, determining disability.

Democratic Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, today, called on President Eisenhower - to resign. Because of what the Senator called "repeated illnesses". And, turn over the presidency - to Vice-President Nixon.

Morse adds that he has, in his words, "never been a great admirer" of Nixon. Which was - putting it mildly. But, in spite of his coolness toward Nixon, he thinks - a younger, more vigorous man, should assume the top job.

INTRODUCTION - RECORDING

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Here's another recorded report from my father -
now traveling in Africa. One - that really makes me envious.
I've been around a bit, myself - and know what interesting
people you can meet in far places. But how's this - for
good-luck, in finding a traveling companion?

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L.T.- : That old cliché: - "When you travel you meet
such interesting people", never hit me with greater ~~force~~
force than at the outset of this journey. Boarding the
Pan Am Clipper at Idlewild for the night flight across
the Atlantic to Paris, I found myself seated beside a
man who has in the past two years become world famous -
almost a legendary figure. The Boston heart specialist
who took care of President Eisenhower during his illness.
An illness perhaps of as much historical importance as
any in our time.

Airplane seats, as you know, are usually in pairs.

and you are as close to your seat-mate as you are in a packed football stadium. This was lucky for me because I had a four hour uninterrupted conversation with one of the most articulate, as well as one of the wisest and most charming men I ever met. The next morning our paths parted at Orly, outside Paris. He on a scientific mission to Italy and Crete. I bound for Equatorial Africa.

Since his journey has to do with health, we quickly got onto that subject - a topic of universal interest. The only comment he made on the President's health was a side remark. He spoke of the vital importance of moderate exercise to burn up the fats we consume and thus reduce the likelihood of heart trouble, the number one threat to long life in America. He mentioned that he had seen the President recently, that he was in fine physical condition - and then Dr. Paul Dudley White added:- "Thanks to golf." Loud applause from all golfers.

Speaking of the hazards of life in America, Dr. White said that heart trouble is our first and greatest hazard, causing the largest number of deaths. Cancer second. And, accidents on highways third.

And by the way he told me that he has started a nationwide campaign in which he hopes to get - and is getting - the cooperation of the manufacturers of automobiles. He advocates emphasis on economy, comfort and safety in building cars. Instead of more horsepower and more speed.

Dr. White has a very personal reason for this. You know in the West, on those long straight stretches where cars are constantly driven at speeds of from 70 to 90 miles an hour? His own 18 year old daughter was in a car, on a road in New Mexico, when it was involved in an accident. Although no bones were broken, at that speed he says the shock upsets the cells in the brain. And she was only saved by a new miracle operation - a recent

discovery of science.

President Eisenhower's famous doctor is on a most unusual journey - to study something of interest to all of us. I'll tell you more about that tomorrow - if you are interested in how to live longer. So long.

FOLLOW RECORDING

Tomorrow, L.J. will continue his interview with Dr. Paul Dudley White - as he flies on, in search of more material for his new Television "High Adventure" series.

TEAMSTERS

Also in Washington today, an official of the Teamsters Union told what happened - when he protested against a bit of skullduggery. Theodore Daley - Secretary - Treasurer of the Yonders, New York, "local" - said that in Nineteen Fifty-five, Union funds were being used for the defense of two Teamster officials, charged - with extortion. The Union - paying their lawyers. This, Daley denounced - and was threatened. One of the two officials under prosecution warning him - about "shooting off his mouth."

Well, the two were convicted of extortion - and got prison sentences. But, what happened to Daley? Today, he stated that, some time later, he was driving a truck - when two wheels came off. Daley - sustaining injuries. He says that two pins had been removed from the wheels of the truck. So the wheels would fly off - while he was driving along.

This testimony, given at court proceedings -
where thirteen rank and file New York Teamsters are
trying to prevent Union President-elect Hoffa from taking
office. On the ground - that his election was rigged.

BLIZZARD

Here in the East - the first big blizzard of the season. Sweeping across New York -- and nearby states.

The heavy snows began in the mid ~~west~~ west on Tuesday, and drove eastward along a line reaching ~~to~~ from New England to Virginia.

New York City, tonight, with traffic tied up by the ^{heavy} snowfall. The same going for other large cities.

JERUSALEM

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - is going to lift its blockade on Mount Scopus. An enclave held by Israel, inside the territory of Jordan. For ten days, Jordan has been stopping Israeli convoys - bound for Mount Scopus - on the ground - that the Israelis have been illegally fortifying a disused hospital on the summit.

Now, that's all over. That was the latest bit of trouble in the Holy Land - and one of the matters taken up by Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary General, during his present visit in the Middle East. Success for Hammarskjold! Jordan agreeing to lift the blockade on Mount Scopus.

BELFAST

Over in Belfast, North Ireland, wild scenes - at a soccer game. It was an international match - an Italian team versus an Irish team. Which would eliminate one or the other - from competition for the world championship, - in that game of "kick-the-football."

The stands were jammed with wild-eyed partisans - when the Italians - tied the score, - with - rough play.

Whereupon the mob swarmed onto the field, stoning and beating the visiting team. Some of them injured severely enough - to be carried out on stretchers.

A few of the Irish players, also beaten up - when they tried to protect the Italian team from the wild mob.

LONDON

In London - nightmare/ ~~suburban~~ ^{and} railway disaster.

Southern England - like midnight, at noon today. Under a dark blanket - of dense mist and coal smoke. On the outskirts of London, three crowded commuter trains piled up - in a fantasy of collisions. First, one ran into another - passengers hurled from cars, down an embankment. Then ~~another~~ ^{a third} train plowed into the wreckage. All - in that midnight of smog. Visibility virtually zero. As many as forty lives may have been lost. But, at last reports it was impossible to tell. Because - so little could be seen.

Police cars ~~on their way to~~ ^{on their way to} the scene - got lost.

Ambulances carrying victims to hospitals - creeping along, following policemen on foot with flashlights.

REGIMENTS

In Scotland, the kilt has lost a battle against - the trews. The Highland Light Infantry, a famous Caledonian regiment, will now take off the kilt, and put on - short pants. Known as - trews.

The kilt is, of course, the traditional dress of the Highland clans. The trews - worn by regiments from the Lowlands. ^{Well,} / The Highland Light Infantry is being merged with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. The latter - a Lowland outfit.

^{And} / The combined regiments could hardly wear ~~any~~ different uniforms. So the question was - which would it be? The kilt or the trews. The London War Office deciding - in favor of the Lowlands (- as against the Highlands.)

Indignation is ~~intense~~ intense among the clans of the north - and two honorary colonels have resigned in protest. But London insists ^{that} / the Highland kilt will have to go.

Joe,
So, now, [^] let's hear a few sour notes - on the bagpipe. Or are they all sour?

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas, Jr. with a ^{closing} ~~short~~ oddity.

L.T.JR.: ~~Some~~ Moscow Radio, today, broadcast a contribution -
from New York. Some New Yorker having sent a poem to the
Soviet government. Verses called - "Ode to a Sputnik" --
One stanza going like this:

"Promise me my little sphere,
Never, never to interfere
With old Santa and his deer
Flying through the atmosphere."

~~Some~~ Christmas sentiment ^{finding an} ~~echo~~ echo even in
Bolshevik Moscow. Not even Khrushchev would want - "Sputnik"
to hit Santa Claus.

And so long until tomorrow