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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Reports from Geneva, that the East-West conference on atomic testing has taken a step forward. For eleven days the Soviet and Western delegates had been deadlocked on the question, which comes first? The Soviets - wanting to begin by discussing a ban on atomic testing. The Western powers - thinking the question of controls should come first. So what's the compromise?

Very simple, my dear Alphonse. They'll both - come first. The two questions - taken up simultaneously. While debating a ban, they'll also talk about controls. So, in this case, both the chicken and the egg come first.

QUOEMOY

Today's date - an odd number. The eleventh - of November. Which, on the China coast, made it - a day of bombardment. Hundreds of Communist shells - falling on Quemoy.

Meanwhile, a high official of our State Department says - the Russians may have made the Chinese Reds diminish the violence of their former bombardment, when they were hitting Quemoy - with intense shell fire every day.

In Milwaukee, Deputy Under- Secretary of State Robert Murphy, addressing a Veterans' Day gathering, cited a theory - that Soviet Russia was worried by the warlike moves of the Far Eastern Communists, and pressured them - to take it easy. Hence, what's happening now. Every other day a blast of gunfire.

JORDAN

The buzzing of King Hussein's private airplane by Syrian jet fighters - is kicking up a large rumpus.

Jordan putting in a complaint - at the Security Council of the United Nations. Charging - the monarch's plane was "attacked". Crowds in Amman, the Jordanian capital - demonstrating angrily against Nasser's United Arab Republic. Today - declared a holiday, so the people may rejoice at the safe return of their sovereign.

On the Syrian side, they still insist that Hussein's plane violated international rules of air travel. Violated - at least nine. Damascus repeating the contention - that the jet fighter planes merely wanted to "escort" Hussein out of Syrian territory. They ridicule the monarch's account of an "attack". Saying - he's using his imagination.

In London, however, diplomatic sources are speculation - that, maybe, the Nasser people were trying to kidnap the Jordanian King. Taking advantage of the fact - that he was over Syrian territory, intending to fly to Rome

for a vacation. Nasser's United Arab Republic - bitterly hostile to King Hussein. So they might have made him abdicate - if they had caught him.

AIRMAN

Over in Japan, today, U.S. Airman Peter Longpre, of Lakewood, California - pleaded guilty. Facing a Japanese court, he made a confession - of accidental fatal shooting.

He said he was on guard at a U.S. Air Force base, as a railroad train was passing nearby. Fooling around with his gun, he raised it, aimed at the train, and pulled the trigger. But he says he didn't know the gun was loaded. Had forgotten - he had put in live ammunition. A Japanese music student killed - by the bullet.

Under Japanese law, Langpre faces - either three years in prison, or a fine of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars. Or - both. On a charge - of negligence.

ARGENTINA

Argentina - having a crisis. The government of President Frondizi, today - clamping on a "state of siege", Modified - martial law. Arrests - all over the place. A thousand Communists, Peronists, and other malcontents - grabbed by the police. Strong measures - to check strikes and other labor agitation.

The cause of the trouble - the government plan to bring in foreign capital, for the development - of Argentine oil resources. Which, it is believed - would produce enough oil to supply the needs of the country.

Left Wingers and Peronists - against the invitation to foreign capital.

ROCKET

The moon rocket the U.S. Army is preparing - may become a satellite in an orbit. Not around the moon - but around the sun. So stated by Dr. Werner von Braun - Missile Director for the Army.

Addressing a symposium on space, at San Antonio, Texas, today, he stated - they have no idea of putting a rocket into an orbit around the moon, as the Air Force - has been trying to do. Instead, the Army missile will be aimed straight at the lunar satellite. Trying - to hit the moon.

But von Braun adds - it's likely the rocket will miss. In which case, it will be going at such fantastic velocity - that it will speed right on out into the solar system. Go in orbit - around the sun.

The Army moon missile - the old reliable Jupiter. With - additions. The new version - named Juno. After the goddess - who was the wife of Jupiter.

OFFICER

At the Army School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas - they're bewildered. Unable to make a guess at any kind of possible explanation - in the case of Major Russell Edgar Parker of Corbin, Kentucky. Who died the death of a common thief in Kansas City.

Major Parker, a decorated veteran of World War Two and the Korean War. Regarded - as an officer with a brilliant future. Sent by the Army - to the Command School. Which is attended by the most promising officers of the U.S. Army, and the armed forces of the Western Allies.

Yet, in Kansas City, last night, he went into a motion picture theatre, where he held up the Manager, at pistol point. Seizing the cash box - with five hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

As he fled, the manager grabbed a gun, and fired three shots at the fugitive. Killing him instantly - the officer who seemed to have such a bright future in the United States Army

SHIP

Strange doings - aboard an oil tanker, out on the Indian Ocean. The government of Ceylon - sending naval vessels and ~~and~~ airplanes to investigate.

The melodramatic events began with a radio message - reporting a mutiny aboard the tanker Chloe, flying the Liberian flag. The radio operator of the ship stating that mutineers had killed the captain and the chief officer - and were trying to break in to kill him. After which - the ship's radio went dead.

Well, it sure sounded like a good old melodrama - mutiny at sea. But, a couple of hours later - another message from the Chloe. Saying - pay no attention to the mutiny story. Explaining - that the radio operator had gone off his rocker. Imagining - the mutiny.

But, in Ceylon, they are not sure - which version is correct. Mutiny - or a looney radio man.

GENEVA

By the way, at that international horse race at Laurel, Maryland, today - Soviet Ambassador Menshekov didn't waste his money. He didn't place a bet on either Russian thoroughbred . The two Soviet entries - doing about as badly as expected. One - left at the starting gate. The other - finishing sixth. The Australian horse, Sailor's Guide, winning. The American horse, Tudor Era came in far in front - Don - but was disqualified, for nudging Sailor's Guide. Moral - don't nudge.

LOCUSTS

The island of Tenerife reports - an almost incredible phenomenon of nature for an island out at sea. The sky-darkened by locusts.

Of course, it's common enough in many parts of the world for clouds of those insects to obscure the sun. But consider where Tenerife ~~island~~ is. One of the Canary Islands, several hundred miles or so off the coast of Africa. So where did that swarm of millions of locusts come from?

The answer - found in reports of a plague of locusts in southern Morocco. The insect swarm extending for hundreds of miles - from the Algerian frontier to the Atlantic. Now those clouds of locusts flying - out over the ocean. One part, number millions - reaching the island of Tenerife. Other myriads upon myriads, of them - falling into the sea. Feeding - the fish.