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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

On the island of Flores in the East Indies - a frantic rescue operation is underway tonight. A search for survivors - of that multiple earthquake. Three tremors, hitting the area of Ender City, with a terrific jolt, knocking down eighty percent of the buildings in the city. Sending sixty thousand people fleeing to the hills - in terror. The toll of dead and injured expected to be high, when the figures are in.

COMMONWEALTH

The Prime Ministers of the British Commonwealth of nations - ended their London conference today. Their joint comminque is remarkable for - what it doesn't No mention - of South Africa. Complete silence about Prime Minister Verwoerd's decision to take his country out of the commonwealth. Instead, the London communique says - the expected things! Support for the U.N. - in the Congo: approval of the plan - for a mem neutralist Laos: disarmament to be pushed; and so on. No mention of the rich and important country of South Africa making its historic decision to go it alone!

There is bitterness in Portugal - tonight; much of it aimed at the United States - because of our vote in the U.N. Adlai Stevenson, supporting the motion for a debate on Portugese rule in Angola. Lisbon repeats that the vast west African territor is a domestic problem. Adding that it's unfortunate America should have changed policy so abruptly.

Also Liebon is angry with - the U.N. command in the Congo. Charging that the Congelese troops have
not - been prevented - from crossing the border into
Angola. The Congelese on an orgy of murder, mayhem,
and arson - until they were driven back by the army
of Angola. That's the report.

The State Department is again urging American missionaries - to get out of the Congo. That is, if they can. For those who can't - we are requesting better U. N. protection. The State Department declaration, noting that many Americans have already been abused by berserk Congelese soldiery. With the same fate threatening those still trapped in the jungle.

U. N. Troops have rescued thirty missionaries in Kivu Province. But Washington is concerned about anti-missionary violence breaking out in the other
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Peace talks aimed at ending the Algerian war probably will be held near Lake Geneva; in Swiss

territory just over the French border. This was
announced in Tunis where the Moslem government-in-exile
has accepted the French proposal for the conference.

France at the start, will be represented by - the Paris minister of Algerian affairs. The rebels by - the foreign minister of the government-in-exile.

DeGaulle, and Ferhat Abbas, head of the Algerian rebels not to attend, unless the conference hits a snag.

Meanwhile, in Africa, die-hard right-wingers are vowing to keep up the fight for a French Algeria.

Circulars appeared in the streets of Algiers today - calling on European Algerians to prepare for armed resistance - rather than see Algeria lost to France.

SAUDI-ARABIA

The United States will continue work on the air terminal at Dhahran in Saudi-Arabia. So announced by State Department spokesman Lincoln White. In other words, we are not letting the project be affected by the fact that our Air Force won't be able to use the field after 1962. Saudi-Arabia cancelling the agreement of 1957.

Actually, the Administration hasn't decided whether we will continue to use Dhahran as a transit point. President Kennedy is waiting for a report - on our global strategy. So, the Air Force may not be hit too hard, even though it is obliged to take Dhahran, off all our flight schedules.

Those charges of attempted bribery in basketball involve the familiar angle; players, asked - no, not to lose deliberately; but - to "shave points;" win by less than the number of points - their teams were expected to win by.

The teams approached by the gamblers - Seton Hall and Connecticut. The suspects Aaron Wagman and Joseph Hacken, both of New York. Hacken is accused of trying to bribe players - of the Seton Hall team. Wagman, accused of doing the same - with the Connecticut team.

Ironically, at the time - Wagman was out on bail.

The charge against him? Trying to bribe a player - on
the University of Florida football team.

DRIVER

Just when you think, gallently, that those old jokes about women drivers aren't so funny - a story like this one breaks on the news wire.

The driver - Marlene Bell, of Kalamazoo. Marlene lost control of her car - while she was driving home today. She smashed into a telephone pole, knocked it over, and put an end to telephone service in the area. That wasn't all. Her car bounced off the pole, hit a fire hydrant, uprooted it - and started a flood of six hundred gallons a minute. With that score racked up -Marlene managed to stop the car. Whereupon it promptly burst into flames - while the driver scrambled out just in the nick of time.

Meanwhile, the water from the broken hydrant surged down the hill. Turning the house at the bottom into a shambles of mud and debris. Also, the water
froze on the hill - interrupting traffic until a truck
with the sand arrived.

Result? Oh, a ticket from Marlene. And North
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ST. PATRICK'S

Today was the day of the Welshman.

No, that's not a misprint for Irishman! Upinewsman Louis Cassels reminds us - that St. Patrick actually came from the other side of the Irish Sea.

St. Patrick born - in Wales; in the year - four-sixty-one A.D. His full name Maconus Succetus Patricious; which indicated that he was - a Roman citizen - although a Welshman.

Captured by a band of Irish raiders - when he was sixteen, he spent six years in captivity, in Ireland, before escaping. Then, years llater, he returned - as a Bishop. The beginning of his missionary work - that resulted in the conversion of Ireland. Oh yes and the expulsion of the snakes, if you believe that. Many Irish say three never were any snakes in Ireland.

So if you want to know why the sons and daughters of Erin have been parading all day long - it all goes back to a Romanized Welshman. Maconus Seccetus Patricius - who never heard himself called St. Patrick.

IRELAND FOLLOWS ST. PATRICK

Ireland's patron saint is, of course, being saluted in Ireland tonight - with the usual Hibernian gusto. It used to be - more's the pity - that the pbus were closed on St. Patrick's Day; causing a lot of dry throats; and a lot of protest. Also a reform movement - that finally won this year. Irishmen now allowed as many shots of irish whiskey as they can manage.

Maybe that's the mason why - the parades in Ireland were more lively today. Or could it be the international situation? After all, there's a Kennedy in the White House. And a Boland from Freland. presiding over the U.N. General Assembly, and a McKeown commanding the U.N. army in the Congo. In fact, if you are trying to find the Irishmen who are busy running most of the world, all you have to do is look around you. I don't have to look far. My wife is Irish - and she's my boss.

Now Dick Noel, who may be an Irishman for all I know.

DISSENT FOLLOW IRELAND

There's one dissent from - the Amrican version of St. Patrick's Day; from - a real Irishman. Brian Durnin, of the Irish Embassy in Washington says he's fed up with what he calls the "stage Irishman;" the broth of a boy, with his green hat, clay pipe - and shillelagh. Says Diplomat Durnin, "I'm shocked when Congressman come charging at me - with their green ties and imitation of brogues."

From Win Pk., Colo. - here's hoping you've had a fine St. Patrick's Day - and s - 1 - u - Mon.