

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Lyndon Johnson's latest example of thrift is in aid of -- the Democratic Party. The President, on a political trip-- to Detroit; his party footing the bill. So L.B.J. switched to a smaller charter plane -- for the flight to the motor city. The expense of a bigger plane, hardly appropriate -- when he's on a fund-raising mission. Tonight's dinner in Detroit -- complete with presidential address.

Among those "bumped" from the flight -- the four newsmen who cover the President's trip. They had to find another way to fly to Detroit. Their only consolation -- the presidential news secretary bumped also.

SCRANTON

A leading Republican left Detroit - before
~~President~~ ^{Mr.} Johnson arrived. Governor Scranton, speaking
to - the Detroit Press Club. And lambasting both ~~Lyndon~~ ^{Messers}
Johnson - and ~~Dwight~~ Goldwater.

Johnson, according to Scranton - wants to
"harass" ⁿ the national government with federal power.
Goldwater, according to Scranton - wants to retreat
back toward the past.

The Pennsylvania Governor promises ^{ing} to take
third path - if elected. ~~President~~ ^{Moving} vigorously
- toward the future ^{without} ~~but not~~ hampering the economy ⁿ
with too many controls. "Let's harness automation"
- says Bill Scranton.

How - is his campaign ~~for the nomination~~ going?
Scranton claims to have won over Goldwater delegates -
in seven states.

DEBT

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The Senate passed the national debt bill today
- and sent it on to the White House. Which means that
Uncle Sam will be able to pay his creditors - next month;
And - for the next fiscal year.

The new figure - three hundred and twenty-four
billion dollars. Nine billion - above the previous figure.

~~Legally, something was bound to happen - to
the ceiling on our national debt. It would have fallen
below three hundred billion - automatically. If -
Congress had not acted.~~

~~Congress acted because we as a nation owe
more than - three hundred billion.~~

WEST BERLIN

The Western Allies are not disturbed -- by the most recent Soviet note on West Berlin. Khrushchev's protest - over the holding of West German elections in West Berlin. The boss of the Kremlin, terming the elections - "provocative," And - "a violation of existing treaties."

Britain, France and America repeat - what they've said so many times before. That the West German government - is the only one that represents the German people. And that the elections in West Berlin are perfectly legal - because West Berlin is part of West Germany.

But the three allies - are not leaving it at that. Their notes declare once again - that the entire German question should be settled. And can be settled - without danger to the Soviet Union, As long as the German people - on both sides of the Iron Curtain - are allowed self-determination.

VIET NAM

The latest Vietnamese victory over the Red guerrillas - ^{is called} ~~is~~ the biggest of the war. The loyalist forces, trapping an enemy battalion - north of Saigon. Tightening the noose - and destroying it. Which is a contrast to some past engagements - when the Reds managed to get out before the jaws of the trap snapped shut.

Our military advisors in South Viet Nam - are especially elated. They say it proves - that Vietnamese soldiers can win this war, ~~As~~ long as they get - the proper training, ~~And~~ - equipment.

HIMALAYAS

That bus disaster in the Himalayas East of
Bhutan - could not have happened a few years ago.

Because the mountain road - wasn't on the map map.

In fact, the mountain - wasn't on the map map.

You may recall the earthquake that shook the
Himalayas - in Nineteen Fifty Three. A shattering
cataclysm - in the highest mountains on our planet.

Geological convulsions - that crested new peaks, Filled
valleys - with ^{earth and boulders} ~~countless tons of debris~~ And even
shifted ^a ~~the~~ great river of Asia - into a new channel,
The mighty - Bramaputra.

New roads had to be built over new terrain -
when the tremors ended. And today's story concerns -
one of these roads. A bus, carrying pilgrims - back
from a Hindu shrine in the Himalayas. The driver,
making a turn -- too wide. Causing the bus to skid
off a ledge, ^{down} ~~it tumbled over one hundred feet~~ into a
gorge. The toll - twenty - six killed. Ten - critically
injured.

ANTARCTIC

Seabee Bethel McMullen has been rescued - flown out to New Zealand. McMullen is the Seabee who had a fall, in the Antarctic, and was seriously injured. Admiral Jim Reedy sent a plane to McMurdo Sound, across the stormy Antarctic Ocean, through the South Polar night - never done before; no flying down there at this season.

A C-130 turbo-prop plane on skis made it to the Ross Sea Ice Shelf, picked up the injured Seabee and flew him North. Another unusual 4200 mile Antarctic flight.

On my way home, via Kennedy Airport today, to put Lowell Jr. aboard a plane for Alaska, we stopped at the World's fair to see an old friend whose collection of wild animals is a part of the Alaska exhibit. Twenty-nine years ago, young David Irwin, a boy who had been too weak and sickly to swim and skate and play with other boys, made one of the most unusual polar journeys ever undertaken. Alone with his dogs, he crossed the top of the world, a three thousand six hundred mile Arctic journey, an incredible feat of raw courage and indomitable will. A thousand miles across the Arctic without seeing a tree. Six months without seeing a human being.

Dave Irwin had a group of Eskimo and an igloo at the Nineteen Thirty-Nine World's Fair, and here he is again. When you go to the Fair drop in at the Alaska Pavilion and have a chat with Dave Irwin and his Siberian dogs and his bears. Also, the same Eskimo who was with him at the other Fair twenty-five years ago.

Lowell Jr. and I arrived at the General Motors Pavilion just in time to take part in an unusual parade -- forty early Oldsmobiles built in the period between Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen Hundred and Four; driven by owners who had brought them from all parts of the country -- wearing their linen dusters and goggles and costumes of that period. Some with big handlebar mustaches. The owners all belong to ~~what~~ the Curved Dash Club of America. The Oldsmobile of that period had a curved dash, designed by R.E. Olds of Lansing. The parade was led by the Club's seventy-eight year old President, George Green, of Labertville, New Jersey, who runs a special machine.shop just to keep cars like these in perfect shape. Oldsmobile Day at the World'sFair. Cars from the World of Yesterday against the background of the World of Tomorrow.

It's all yours, Dick.