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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Just in case you are a golfer -- here is the way it turned out. The big sports story today. Sam Snead defeated Ben Hogan in the Masters at Augusta. They were tied yesterday, Today the ~~is~~ <sup>quite</sup> playoff. Before an audience; ~~of many~~ thousands following them around the course. Hogan made it in seventy-one -- one under par. And that should have been good enough. Then Slammin Sam made it in one less. ~~AXXX~~ A seventy -- two under par! So Snead wins his third Masters title. Hogan was shooting for three in a row -- and almost made it!

The Federal Housing Commissioner resigns at the request of the President. Guy Hollyday leaving his job after charges that the F H A has been "swindled" out of more than seventy five million dollars.

The Hollyday resignation was explained to a news conference by Albert Cole, Federal Housing Chief. Cole declared that investigation showed, what he termed "alleged serious irregularities and ~~xx~~ abuses" in the handling of F H A programs. A secret F B I investigation, showing that the amount lost to the government is above ~~xx~~ seventy-five million dollars.

That was why the President ousted Guy Hollyday.

At the same time, Mr. Eisenhower ordered the F H A files to be seized.

According to Cole, Hollyday knew about ~~mis~~ <sup>misconduct</sup> in the agency. Cole added that F H A officials who took part in the swindles will face criminal prosecution.

DULLES

An announcement from London, that America and Britain are in "broad agreement" on a common policy for southeast Asia. This ~~for~~ from London - following a meeting between Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Minister Eden. We hear that Secretary Dulles emphasized to Anthony Eden that the Big Three must stand together at Geneva in order to defeat any Soviet move to split the free world. To this the British Foreign Minister agreed.

However, Dulles did not insist on an advance ultimatum to the Reds. Although he has said repeatedly that he favors a warning to Red China - a warning not to send troops into the Indo-China war. Both France and Britain have been opposing such an ultimatum. Now we hear from London - ~~that~~ that Eden ~~stand~~ still feels that way. So the American Secretary of State did not argue the point.

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The London dispatch emphasizes that the two men found their differences less than they had feared. The British, agreeing to stand with America and France both at

Geneva - and in southeast Asia. This, even though they do reject an immediate ultimatum to Mao Tse-Tung - that is, before the Geneva conference ~~has~~ begins.

Dulles and Eden will meet again tomorrow for final talks. Then the Secretary of State will be off to Paris - to discuss the same problems with the Laniel government. Then - after that no doubt he will tell us about his trip.

REPORTER

Today, a London paper printed a dispatch from Indo China, written by a reporter on the Communist side. Yes, you guessed it - the paper, the London Daily Worker. It's reporter - Wilfred Burchett, the Red reporter, the same Australian who acted as a mouthpiece for the Reds in Korea.

~~The London Daily Worker refers to Burchett as "the only British newspaperman in" what it calls, "liberated Viet Nam." Meaning, he's the only one in the territory over run by the Reds,~~

~~Well,~~ this Burchett dispatch states that the rebels are growing stronger all the time. He says they have "modern weapons" - although he doesn't specifically say where those weapons come from. Communist China obviously.

His dispatch is much like the ones he ~~wrote~~ wrote in Korea. Everything the Reds do, is right. Everything the free world does, is wrong. And, that the Reds are sure to win.

Of course he doesn't like American aid for the forces fighting Communism. Just as he predicted that the North Koreans would win in spite of all America might do, he now says that the Indo Chinese rebels will defeat the French no matter how much help they get from America.

In other words the same old line he handed out in Korea.

French and loyalist infantry have ~~are~~ captured a key position near Dien Bien Phu. A dispatch from Hanoi tells how they seized a hill - and then held it in the face of six counter attacks..

The hill, about half a mile from the command post, held by Colonel De Castries. The dispatch says Red General Giap used around eight battalions in a vain attempt to recapture it. A human sea assault. Bursting into the French lines. Then, a fierce hand to hand struggle with rifle butts, knives and bayonets.

The sixth Red attack managed to split the defending forces. But Colonel de Castries rushed up reinforcements, and the enemy was driven back down the hill. The Reds retreated - with French artillery and planes blasting them as they ~~re~~ fled.

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Meanwhile, more paratroopers dropped into Dien Bien Phu. French reinforcements arriving as the Reds prepare for another all-out attack. According to Viet Nam spies,

the Reds have brought up some twenty thousand fresh troops to replace their casualties.

The French commander on the northern front, predicts that the next attack will be just as violent as the two that were beaten off. But he adds that he's sure Colonel De Castries will hold out.

The Viet Nam government is mobilizing all men between twenty and twenty-five. In this way they expect to add around a hundred and forty thousand troops to their army.



O'DANIEL

The new chief of our military advisory group -  
on his way to Indo China. General John O'Daniel, flying from  
Honolulu. Known as "Iron Mike" O'Daniel, he was a corps  
commander during the Korean war. He's considered one of  
our <sup>top</sup> ~~experts~~ <sup>on</sup> this present Southeast Asia jungle war. ~~So~~ <sup>Now</sup>  
he goes to that battle area to keep <sup>an</sup> ~~an~~ eye on the way the  
French and their allies use all of our equipment.

Meanwhile, there is a report that a new airlift is operating from American bases to Indo China. Nothing official on this so far. But transport planes have been taken off some of the main runs in both Europe and Asia. Hurriedly sent somewhere - under secret orders.

~~Observers in the Far East say our Indo China airlift is being expanded in order to rush a great deal more ammunition and equipment to the French forces. And that would be in line with the statement of Secretary Dulles, that we must do all we can to keep Indo China from falling to the Reds.~~

In Washington, it's announced that Red Romania has liberated two brothers, after holding them as hostages for seven years. Constantine and Peter Georgescu, leaving the Iron Curtain country to meet their father in Munich.

It was back in Nineteen Forty Seven, that their parents came to this country. The father was then Executive manager for Standard Oil in Romania. While Mr. and Mrs. Georgescu were here, the Reds took away their Romanian citizenship, And, refused to allow their two sons to join them. The boys <sup>then were</sup> ~~being then~~ thirteen and eight.

Our State Department protested several times, in vain. Then, last year, a Secretary of the Romanian legation in Washington approached Mr. and Mrs. Georgescu. He offered to have their sons returned to them - if they would agree to spy for the Communists. They talked the whole thing over, and came to the agonizing decision - to refuse. They ~~would~~ would not carry on espionage in this country -even for the sake of getting their sons back.

Instead, they reported the "blackmail" attempt to the F B I and the Romanian secretary was ordered out of this country.

All the while the State Department went on trying to get the two Georgescu boys released. Then President Eisenhower wrote a personal letter to the Romanian government and about three weeks ago, our Envoy in Bucharest was ~~ifara~~ informed that they would be allowed to ~~tax~~ leave. He passed the word on to Washington. Their father went across to meet them. And so he saw Constantine and Peter for the first time in seven years. Then they were thirteen and eight -- now they're twenty and fifteen.

A happy ending for parents - who had the courage not to be beaten down by Communist blackmail.

Attorney General Brownell is against declaring the

Communist party illegal. The Attorney General made this *fairly*

*emphatic today - to*  
~~point before~~, a House Judiciary sub-committee. The sub-

committee - considering bills to curb the Reds, including

proposals to outlaw the *Reds as a* Communist Party *in this country.*

Brownell said that such a law would make the

Reds go underground. And *would* ~~so~~ increase the difficulties of the

F B I in keeping track of them. The attorney General added

that it would be a tremendous job to prosecute all the

American Reds - because there are some twenty-five thousand

party members in <sup>*2*</sup> ~~this~~ country.

But *he also* ~~Brownell~~ added that he favors a stricter watch

over the party. ~~His proposals, being those he has already~~

~~stated over radio and T.V.~~ Red controlled labor unions

and business firms - to be compelled to register. Suspected

subversives - to be removed from defense industry. Penalties

for spying - to be increased. Also, wire tap evidence to be

allowed in security cases.

But Texas, as usual, has its own ideas, Texans deciding for themselves what to do with the Communist party. Today, the Lone Star Senate voted overwhelmingly to outlaw the Party in our largest state. The House had already passed the bill. So now it goes to Governor Shivers - who is expected to sign it.

According to the <sup>Texas</sup> bill, the Communist party becomes illegal. Membership <sup>to</sup> ~~can~~ be punished with prison sentences <sup>up to</sup> of twenty years. And, <sup>up to</sup> fines of twenty thousand dollars.

The few Texas Senators who voted against the bill - said that it was caused by "hysteria" and "fear." <sup>Also</sup> They charged that it was unconstitutional. But they were a small minority. Only seven voting against the bill. While a hundred and twenty-seven voted for it.

As soon as Governor Shivers signs it - the Communist party will be legal in the United States as far as the Federal government is concerned - but it will be illegal in Texas.

## COMET

Those British jet airliners are to be put through a thorough series of tests by a famous veteran of the R A F John Cunningham, who fought in the battle of Britain. He says he hopes to find out what caused the ninety-nine deaths in the past year - why three Comets blew up - or whatever it was that happened to them.

Two coming to tragic disaster right after taking off from the Rome airport.

Airman Cunningham says he'll fly his Comet in the same way those two were flown from Rome. Take a comet up to thirty thousand feet.

He has flown Comets scores of times and has faith in them. Somebody has to find the answer to the mystery and he is preparing to do it.

## NICHOLAS

Today Prince Nicholas of Yugoslavia driving his Jaguar sports car from Windsor to London, hit a curve at high speed, went ~~careening~~ screening into a ditch, the car overturning with the Prince underneath. He was dead by the time rescuers were able to turn over the car.

This latest tragedy among European royalty-in-exile is ~~doubt~~ doubly poignant because Prince Nicholas of Yugoslavia was a close friend of Princess Margaret. Court circles doubted that he was a suitor for the hand of the Queen's sister, but that rumor did start during their meeting in Paris, when the Prince and Princess toured the French capital together. Nicholas also escorted Margaret on various occasions in Britain.



## BUSINESS

How often does an actor buy drinks for critics.

Pretty often, we hear. According to David Brenner, a New York accountant, testifying before the Senate Finance Committee, show people just have to spend money buying drinks - and Uncle Sam should allow it, as a deductible item -- a business expense.

This New York accountant says they have to make friends with casting directors, potential employers and critics. Unless an entertainer keeps on good terms with the lads who write for the newspapers, what chance does he have? So says David Brenner, the accountant, it should be recognized as a necessary, legitimate business expense.

GIMBELS

In New York, thousands of scholarly, bookish people crowding into Gimbel's. How's that? It seems that Gimbel's bought up a collection of rare books - from a Baltimore dealer.

The dealer, Siegfried Weisberger, said he decided to go out of business - because people don't want good books any more. They just look at T.V. "Illiteracy is just around the corner. The age of the book club boob is upon us!" That was the way he put it. So he sold his books, and retired to a farm.

But Gimbel's doesn't agree. That famous store bought his collection. And today five thousand people pushed their way in to inspect all those fine volumes - books on many learned subjects from Greek archaeology to Austrian military tactics. ~~The~~ The latest -- buyers today took an average of five books each.

- Mike -

Question: Was the Baltimore dealer too hasty

in arriving at his conclusion?