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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Steering Committee of the United Nations - votes to debate Syria's accusation against Turkey. The decision, announced by the Chairman of the Committee, Sir Leslie Munro, of New Zealand - who reveals that it was unanimous. All seventeen member nations of the Steering Committee - putting their okay on the Syrian motion. American Delegate, Henry Cabot Lodge, told the Committee - we would like to see a full investigation - give Syria every chance to prove that her claims against Turkey are supported by facts.

## ARABS

Six million Arabs today sent President Eisenhower a message - that virtually adds up to an open threat. A letter, signed by officials of the International Federation of Arab Labor. The letter appeals to President Eisenhower to use his good offices - to avoid a war in the Middle East. It charges that there have been provocations - by both the Turkish Army and the American Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. And it threatens to sabotage communications and supply lines in the Middle East. This, an obvious reference to the attack on Egypt by Britain, France, and Israel a year ago. During that attack, the Arab Federation destroyed oil pipelines. And they imply that they'll do the same thing again - should anyone attack Syria.

The Federation also sent a message to the Secretary General of the United Nations. This message urges Dag Hammarskjold to work as hard to avert another war - as he did to stop the attack on Egypt.

SECRECY

Our Defense Department is going to get rid of some of the secrecy surrounding our rocket experiments. So reported in Washington - although the Department itself has not yet made any official declaration. The proposal, approved by President Eisenhower. The intention being - to give Americans a better picture of how our rockets measure up against those the Russians claim to have.

The new policy will apply mainly - to Cape Canaveral, Florida. That's where they try out ballistic missiles - firing them over the Atlantic. The policy of the Defense Department always has been - merely to confirm that a missile has been fired. No missiles have ever been identified - nor have we ever been told of success or failure. Today's announcement means that the rockets will be identified in the future - and we'll have some clue about performance - always, of course, within the bounds of national security.

## TURKEY

The government of Turkey formally denies Syrian charges - of Turkish border violations. The rejection, in a note from Ankora to Damascus. The Turks claim that their planes have not flown over Syrian territory - nor have Turkish soldiers fired across the border. Syria is not threatened - and Turkish troop movements, are an internal matter to Turkey. So says the Ankara note to Damascus.

## CHIANG KAI-SHEK

The question of who will succeed Chiang Kai-shek as head of the Nationalist Chinese - may soon have an answer. Today in Teipei, the Kuomintang set up a special post of "Deputy Director General." The nominee for the job - to be decided by a special election at the party congress, next Wednesday. The "Deputy Director General," will be the man in line for the top spot - if the Generalissimo should either die or resign.

The idea of naming a successor - came from Chiang Kai-shek himself. Now seventy, he's been head of the Kuomintang since Nineteen Twenty-Five - when he took over on the death of Sun Yat Sen. For some time, his party has been asking him to prevent any future struggle for power - by laying down the terms for a successor. Now he's done it. The new "Deputy Director General" becomes heir apparent to Chiang Kai-shek.

## MEETING

The British Government is trying to tone down some of the speculation - about the imminent meeting of Prime Minister MacMillan and President Eisenhower. Yesterday the rumor started, that the Prime Minister was flying to Washington because of the Syrian crisis. The story being, that it was an emergency decision. Macmillan and Eisenhower, were thought to be about to draw up a common approach - in case Syria and Russia should attack Turkey.

Today in London, a government spokesman said - the rumor is completely untrue. The Washington conference, decided upon - some weeks before the sudden diplomatic barrage between Syria and Turkey. The point of the conference - to discuss all major world problems - including Syria.

London also discourages talk of a possible summit meeting with Khrushchev. The British, they feel the last meeting in Geneva - produced too little in the way of results - to give any hope that another would settle anything.

## CONFERENCE

One thing Macmillan and Eisenhower are sure to discuss - is cooperation on a scientific level. Last night, Mr. Eisenhower asked for this kind of cooperation - during his toast to the Queen. The President, referring to the fact that the free world could advance much faster - if all the partners had access to all the discoveries. He was not the first to make this point. Ever since the launching of "Sputnik" - our allies have been clamoring to know just where our own satellite program stands.

Today Secretary of State Dulles met with the British Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd. The two diplomats, working out an agenda for the Macmillan-Eisenhower conference. High on the agenda - cooperation in science as well as in politics.

## QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth went through today's schedule - looking as fresh as if she had just arrived in our nation's capital. Her Majesty, visiting institutions in Washington from a children's hospital - to the National Gallery. The crowds along the way, not as big as yesterday - because a light rain fell over Washington. Which reminds us of a saying by the Queen - that she seems to attract the rain, wherever she happens to visit. Anyway, she got a big reception from everyone who saw her.

One of the high spots of the day - a lunch given for the Queen and Prince Philip - with Vice-President Nixon as host. It was served in the old Supreme Court Chamber, at the Capitol. A stately old room - with the busts of twelve chief justices looking down. The lunch, served on plates trimmed with gold. Among the guests, Senators, Congressmen, government officials, and other prominent people.

The Queen paid a visit to the floor of the Senate Chamber. She stayed only a moment - but it was long enough for six hundred employees to get a view of her - and to applaud enthusiastically.



Among her many visits in Washington, today, Queen Elizabeth paid one to a kind of place she always enjoys. The Queen, a well known patron of the arts - said she didn't want to miss our National Gallery. And today she was shown around by Director John Walker.

During the tour, Her Majesty remarked that she had been to a recent auction in London. There, she saw one painting she really wanted - a landscape with figures by Claude Monet, one of the Nineteenth Century French masters. Why didn't Her Britannic Majesty get the painting? To Director Walker she explained: "It cost a staggering amount." The Monet, too much for the royal exchequer.

## SCIENCE

While the Queen was looking at pictures, Prince Philip got a look at the kind of things he likes - scientific gadgets. He visited the National Academy of Science - to see America's side of the International Geophysical Year.

Before Prince Philip left the White House - President Eisenhower presented him with the Gold Medal of the National Geographic Society. The citation, saying Prince Philip has been to the four corners of the globe - and come home to tell the rest of us what he saw. The reference, to his forty thousand mile trip last year. In receiving the Gold Medal, the royal consort minimized his contribution to geography, saying: "My contributions are very small." But the National Geographic Society doesn't agree.

At the Academy of Science, he inspected the parts of our satellite - which is scheduled to be put up in the sky next March. Prince Philip, making a very good impression, because of his knowledge. The President of the Academy, Doctor Detlev Bronk, told newsmen afterwards - the Prince knows more about the

International Geophysical Year - than many scientists. Asked what kind of a mark he would give Prince Philip, Doctor Bronk replied, "At the **very** top of his class - an honor's degree."

## WEST GERMANY

Informed sources in Bonn say - the official break with Yugoslavia will be announced tomorrow. Chancellor Adenauer, is at work now with his official declaration - stating just why he objects to diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia - in view of Marshal Tito's recognition of East Germany.

Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano, strongly supporting the Chancellor - they're both afraid that unless Bonn takes action right away - around thirty other nations might be tempted to follow the lead of Yugoslavia. Both Adenauer and Brentano taking the line - West Germany must offer a warning that any country establishing diplomatic relations with the East German puppets - will have its diplomatic relations with West Germany broken. The only exception to this rule - the Soviet Union itself. Adenauer established contact with Moscow two years ago - in order to help his campaign for the reunification of Germany. But he won't admit any other exception.

The Chancellor's opponents say his policy might isolate Germany from other nations. And they charge, he's closing valuable trade areas to Germany exploitation.

## ATOMIC

A joint statement by British and American scientists in Princeton - shows that neither nation has learned how to harness hydrogen bomb power for peace-time uses. Yesterday, a British newspaper reported - the scientific break-through had been achieved. But in Princeton, they throw cold water on that rumor.

The problem is what the scientists call "fusion".

Meaning - atoms of heavy hydrogen must be forced to combine - in a nuclear reaction. To do this would require temperatures of a hundred million degrees Centigrade. We are told now, that the physicists have not yet gone much above one million degrees. But they're hopeful for the future - optimistic about forcing artificial "fusion" as soon as they work out the kinks in their experiments. Their main job right now - evaluating what they have achieved.

## SUBMARINES

A Canadian newspaper reports that two Russian submarines and a freighter - met recently for a secret rendezvous in the North Pacific. The "Vancouver Province", naming the freighter as the "Alexander Nevsky" - which took on a cargo of wheat at Vancouver about two weeks ago.

The paper reports - the freighter turned up in Vancouver with much more fuel than it needed. On the deck, a special kind of hose, seventy feet long, showing traces of fuel oil. The obvious inference - the "Alexander Nevsky" took part in a refueling operation before it reached Vancouver.

The Canadian newspaper refers to what it calls "a reliable waterfront source", and goes on to say - it was a couple of Soviet subs that were refueled by the freighter. The story, tying in with recent reports - that Russian submarines have been operating in the North Pacific.

ADD SUBMARINE

Meanwhile, on the other side of the North American continent - mysterious submarines have been spotted off Nova Scotia. One woman says she saw a periscope rise above the surface of the Atlantic - near Bell Island. Canadian ships in the Atlantic - are now scouting the North Atlantic - to see what they can find.

## BALLOON

Two naval officers soared to a height of eighty thousand feet today. Commanders Malcolm Ross and M. L. Lewis - swinging in a sealed aluminum gondola - beneath a balloon almost two hundred and fifty feet high.

Their balloon began its ascent at Crosby, Minnesota. As soon as it got aloft, the balloon began to drift east - over into Wisconsin.

The Navy refuses to say what instruments Ross and Lewis took with them. All we are told is that the two officers are taking part in the second phase of a series of high altitude experiments - to see how human beings react, when they get eighty thousand feet above the surface of the earth.



## TEAMSTERS

Senator McClellan of Arkansas describes the Teamsters Union as "the greatest culprit in organized labor." The Chairman of the Senate Rackets Committee - repeating that the Miami convention was rigged in favor of James Hoffa. The Hoffa faction, acting so flagrantly - that the committee may hold up all of the acts of the convention - declare them, "illegal and invalid." McClellan saying this should be done, because, in his words, "Hoffa is more cunning and cruel than Dave Beck."

FLU

American experts on Russia say - a flu epidemic is raging inside the Soviet Union. The ailment, striking the younger generation - with the number of victims, greater than in America. Students at Moscow University and the Music Conservatory - are providing many patients. In one ballet company, eighty dancers were stricken - more than half the company. And in Moscow alone, thirty deaths are reported.

The Russians claim to have an effective vaccine. But apparently they're having more trouble in producing the vaccine - than we are. Only a few doctors have been able to get it. Most patients, limited to a supply of handkerchiefs - and a few days in bed.