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(L.T. back from Arctic)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Again I am indebted to Walter Cronkite. When he found it possible once more to take over my evening broadcast, off I went to the Arctic - on another expedition for General Motors - United Motors and Delco - for more material for our TV series to be presented shortly, on CBS. So here's another salute to Walter Cronkite.

During my absence as you all know - important news has been coming from our own South. And today we had President Eisenhower's declaration in no uncertain terms that he will use federal force, if necessary, to suppress the violence at Little Rock. Where a riot - prevented school integration, today. The Presidential statement is as follows:

"I want to make several things very clear - in connection with the disgraceful occurrence of today, at Central High School in the city of Little Rock:-

"First - the federal law and the orders of a United States district court, ~~imposed~~ implementing that law, cannot be flouted with impunity by any mob or extremists.

"Second - I will use the federal power of the United States, including whatever force may be necessary, to prevent any obstruction of the law, and to carry out the orders of the federal court."

Today, the President, after a trip to Washington. went back to his vacation place at Newport, Rhode Island. Where he heard the news from Little Rock. But, in speaking of the use of force - what kind has the President in mind? Military, perhaps? Send in the U S Army? White House Secretary Jim Hagerty was asked, but wouldn't explain. He instructed the news reporters to stick around. Indicating - the possibility of new sudden developments.

SUB EISENHOWER LITTLE ROCK

President Eisenhower, tonight, issued a proclamation -  
■ ordering the people of Little Rock to stop interference with  
school integration. The document refers to the violence at the  
Central High School, today - and, in legal phraseology, tells  
the disturbers to cease rioting against the admission of negro  
pupils.


This is a formality - necessary before federal troops  
can be used. The President - required to issue a proclamation  
demanding ~~and~~ obedience, before he <sup>e</sup>dispatches army soldiers  
into a troubled area. However, Presidential Secretary Jim  
Hagerty, explains - that the Presidential signature on the  
proclamation does not mean, necessarily, that federal force  
will be used at Little Rock. But the document does clear the  
way.

Earlier in the day, Presidential ~~is~~ Eisenhower <sup>said</sup> declared -  
he was ready to use federal force, if necessary, to suppress  
the rioting. ~~It~~ Which he called - "a disgraceful occurrence."



After <sup>his</sup> trip to Washington, he went back to his vacation place at Newport, Rhode Island, where he received the Little Rock news - that school integration had been prevented by mob action. His response was immediate - the federal government to use force, if necessary.

That brought a retort from Governor Faubus of Arkansas. Who stated - that the President, under the Constitution, has not the authority to send soldiers into Arkansas. Except - at the request of the Governor. But legal authorities <sup>say</sup> ~~decide~~ - that, under the provision of various federal laws, the President has the authority.

In Washington, tonight, Attorney General Brownell conferred with Army Secretary Brucker who was attended by an Army Colonel. Presumably, the use of federal troops in Arkansas was discussed. 



LITTLE ROCK - VIOLENCE

At the Central High School, <sup>in Little Rock,</sup> today, a mob gathered outside - when school time came. City police and soldiers of the state militia, on guard - with barricades. The crowd - shouting angry slogans against ~~it~~ integration.

The violence began with an attack on four negro newsmen - who were pushed around and beaten in front of the school. White newsmen <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ also attacked.

In the turmoil, eight negro pupils slipped into the school through a side entrance - unnoticed. Going - to class. Which was followed - by white children streaming out, protesting against integration. Girl pupils sang - "five, six, seven, eight, we don't want to integrate."

When the mob learned the negro children were in - there was wild ~~apxpxpx~~ pandemonium. The crowd - surging against the line of police and national guards, <sup>men,</sup> White mothers yelling - that they wanted their children out. Threats were shouted, and it looked as if the mob might ~~as~~ get out of hand, and storm the school.

After several hours of this, the mayor of Little Rock ordered the nine negro pupils in the school - to go home. In the class rooms they had been insulted and mocked by the white children. But - no ~~xx~~ violence.

They were taken out, unnoticed by the mob, and the Mayor addressed the crowd - saying the negro pupils had gone. ~~xxxx~~ But that was doubted - until a white woman had been taken into the school and convinced. After that, the mob broke up.

EISENHOWER LITTLE ROCK

In Congress there's a quick difference of opinion about how far the President would have authority -- to use federal troops in the Little Rock school dispute. But some legal experts ~~is~~ insist the Chief Executive has broad powers to use the army to enforce the law.

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, the negro pastor from New York, declared tonight - that President Eisenhower should call a special session of Congress to deal with the Little Rock situation.



FOLLOW LITTLE ROCK - VIOLENCE

Later ~~mw~~ news tells of attacks by negroes against whites in Little Rock.

FEISAL

The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia was at the White House, today, conferring with President Eisenhower. Prince Feisal - who is also the Prime Minister of that land of desert and oil. One subject of discussion - Syria.

Upon emerging from the White House, Prince Feisal, indicated - what he told the President. Namely, that Syria, with its pro-Communist regime, is no danger to the security of its Arab neighbors. ~~It~~ Which is contrary to the official opinion of the U S government.

Today's conference was only one-half of double-action diplomacy. In Damascus, capital of Syria, King Saud of Saudi Arabia is to have discussions with the Syrian Premier. The word being- that Prince Feisal, over here, may give King Saud a favorable report. Something- that will enable him to persuade the Syrian leaders that the United States is not encouraging Turkey, Israel, or Iraq to attack Syria.

All of which is based on the notion that Saudi Arabia, which is pro-western, is in a position to mediate between the West and the Arab states.



U N

At the U N today, the General Assembly rejected Soviet efforts to remove the Hungarian question from its agenda. The Moscow delegation proposed that the debate on Hungary be delayed. But the Assembly voted that down - fifty-seven to ten. Six countries - abstaining.

EISENHOWER MILITARY

President Eisenhower made a declaration, today, that the United States is ~~maintaining~~ maintaining, what he called - "the most powerful military establishment in our peacetime history." The unusual ~~thing~~ thing about this declaration is that it was released at a meeting of the National Security Council in Washington. The proceedings of which council, ordinarily - are top secret.

However, today was the tenth anniversary of the "security act" of Nineteen Forty Seven. Which unified the Armed Services - and created the National Security Council.

## TEAMSTERS

Senate investigators are said to have evidence that James Hoffa, Vice President of the Teamsters Union, loaned a million dollars in union funds - to a Minneapolis Department store, which was having a strike.

A walkout of retail clerks was on. The Teamsters union, officially, supporting them. Refusing - to take trucks across the picket line. <sup>While</sup> ~~But~~ Hoffa, the Teamster Vice President, they say - advanced union money to the Department store. To enable it - to survive the strike.

That loan, we hear, will be divulged at a hearing of the Senate labor racketeering committee, tomorrow. The chairman of the Board of the Department store - called upon to testify.

Meanwhile, Hoffa is running for President of the Teamsters Union, and the indication is - that he may be elected.



FLU

In Utah - Asiatic fl<sup>u</sup>~~x~~ is an epidemic. So stated  
officially - by Doctor Joseph Kesler, Acting Director of the  
State Health Department. The malady is widespread in the  
western states, but Utah is the first to declare - an  
epidemic.

MINE EXPLOSION

In today's ~~Pennsylvania~~ soft coal mine explosion -  
five men have been rescued. Five others - still missing.  
One life - lost.

Yesterday, in the mine at Marianna, <sup>Pennsylvania,</sup> a ventilating  
fan got out of ~~gk~~ gear - and the mine was closed. Today,  
eleven men - descended for an inspection. Nine of them -  
foremen. While they were in the shaft below - the blast  
occurred.

## SEA TRAGEDY

A dispatch from Hamburg indicates - a pitiful tragedy of the sea. The statement is made - "we must presume the ship, and its crew - lost."

The ship - the fifty-two year old sailing vessel, the "Pamir". Used by shipping interests - to train cadets for the West German merchant Marine. The Pamir having aboard - fifty-one lads, and a crew of thirty-five.

Last month, the Pamir put out from Buenos Aires, with a cargo of wheat, bound for Hamburg. Then, on Saturday, the sailing vessel radioed a distress signal - caught in a hurricane. The sails ripped ~~into~~ into shreds - the main mast going overboard. The ship in deadly peril west of the Azores.

Since then - silence. Ships and planes - finding no signs of the Pamir.

One belief is that as the vessel was battered by the hurricane, sea water <sup>getting</sup> ~~was~~ got into the cargo of wheat. Which would swell the grain - and burst the ship asunder.



ADD SEA TRAGEDY

But here's the latest -- five ~~survix~~ survivors of the Pamir have been picked up. A steamship spotted a small lifeboat in which there had been ten sailors - but only five survived.

## TYPHOON

Typhoon and shipwreck - on the China coast. With a lifesaving operation - that worked.

Typhoon Gloria - roaring with a wild fury. A Dutch freighter, with a crew of sixty-eight and six passengers - caught in the violence of the tempest. Driven on the rocks of Kowloon Bay, <sup>at</sup> ~~near~~ Hong Kong. Smashed by huge waves - which prevented rescue vessels from getting anywhere near the stricken freighter.

But the British marine police on shore lent a hand - and a gangway was thrown from the ship on the rocks to the beach. Sixty-two Chinese crewmen and six passengers - making their way ashore. The Dutch captain and five officers remaining aboard - in ~~in~~ the hope of salvage.

FREUCHEN

Nearly everyone I met today - upon my return - spoke of the Peter Freuchen tragedy, and made some comment about his striking appearance, his unusual fund of knowledge, and his ~~g~~ great charm. He of course was in our thoughts as we journeyed across the top of the world. Colonel Bernt Balchen, Admiral MacMillan, Sir Hubert Wilkins and other members of our party were constantly saying: "If only Peter were with us now! What a kick he would get out of this!"

The Freuchen zest for life was something not easy to describe - it was so spontaneous, and so explosive; usually followed by laughter that kept things in an uproar.

His ashes were flown over the Pole, <sup>but</sup> ~~no~~ ~~they~~ were not scattered over the great American air base at Thule.

Lowell Jr. who is a flier, and ~~Lieut~~ Lieutenant of the Air Force, took Peter Freuchen's ashes aloft in a ~~helicopter~~ helicopter. It ~~is~~ was late afternoon. The Arctic sky painted with the vivid colors that Bernt Balchen brings



out so superbly in his water colors. A fifty or sixty mile  
an hour wind was sweeping down off the vast Greenland icecap,  
which rims the horizon on three sides of Thule. In the harbor,  
next to where we stood, great blue icebergs were moving  
slowly. That was the scene when they took off and flew two  
miles to the <sup>nearby</sup> eskimo village <sup>— old</sup> of Thule, where Peter Freuchen  
had opened a trading post more than fifty years ago. His  
house is still there. For the time being the eskimo have been  
moved to an area several hundred miles north of Thule, so  
they will not be too <sup>much</sup> ~~closely~~ affected by all our Air Force  
activity, in the Thule region, where we now have some eight  
thousand men. And so, it was above the original Thule that  
the Peter Freuchen ashes were given over to the gale blowing  
from the Greenland ice cap.

## QUEEN

In London, more discussion about the oratorical style of Her Majesty, the Queen. All the more important, because Elizabeth the Second will soon visit the United States. And, of course, will make some speeches.

Last month, there was a hullabaloo - when Lord Altringham criticized the royal style of eloquence. And, today, the London Daily Express came out with a suggestion or two.

Editorial writer Tom Pockock says the trouble is - that the speeches the Queen makes are, actually, written by a group of elderly gentlemen. Perhaps - a bit stuffy. So why not have them written - by women? The editorial writer - suggesting a list. Including such noted authors as Daphne Du Maurier, Nancy Mitford and Dame Edith Sitwell.

But, still better, he thinks - let the Queen write them - have no ghost writer at all. When she arrives in the U.S.A. let her speak her own mind with her own words.

Spontaneous - impromptu. To which - Joe - as they say  
in London, we say hear! hear! Let's hear the Queen  
ad lib - off the cuff.



END

Announcer:

And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T. I mustn't forget - that <sup>I have</sup> ~~a news broadcast~~ <sup>has</sup> a sort  
of social duty tonight. <sup>I now</sup> ~~Introducing~~ <sup>e</sup> - George and Georgette.

Who were christened - at New Orleans, today. Two rare birds -  
making their social debut.

They<sup>a</sup>re chicks, two little whooping cranes - and,  
at the Audubon Park Zoo, the word is that George and Georgette  
represent the best hope of saving the whooping crane from  
~~extinct~~ extinction.

<sup>now</sup>  
There are only seven in captivity - the two, at  
New Orleans, cooperating in producing a couple of eggs, which  
hatched - a rooster and a hen.

Quite an event in the world of ornithology - and  
so, folks, meet George and Georgette.

And solong until tomorrow.