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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Discoverer No. 8 - our latest - seems to be -
a success.

Today's rocket, fired from Vandenberg Air Force
Base, in California - headed south on a course - intended
to put the satellite into orbit. Sending it over the
South Pole - then to go speeding around and over the
North Pole. A man-made moon - swinging around, north
to south.

In today's launching of Discoverer Number Eight,
the chief purpose was - to recover a capsule. Which has
been attempted several times previously - but without
success. Today's new satellite - carrying a three
hundred and ten pound capsule. Such as might be used -
in space navigation. To be released from the satellite
- during its seventeenth revolution around this earth.

All plans made for a possible recovery - in an area of the Pacific, near Hawaii.

Later today word the man-made moon is in orbit. It passed over the North Pole and was picked up by observers on Kodiak Island, off the coast of Alaska.

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PARACHUTE

Have you heard about that record-breaking parachute jump - announced by the Air Force? A jump - of seventy-six thousand, four hundred feet!

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hundred and forty-four feet, she bailed out of a plane, with two parachutes. But neither one of them worked. She landed - in a newly plowed field. The rigging of the two dud parachutes broke her fall somewhat - and the soft mud of the plowed earth did the rest. She survived. Fell a mile and is alive.

U.N.

The General Assembly of the U.N. voted a recommendation, tonight - that nuclear weapons be restricted to the countries that already have them. The United States, Britain and Soviet Russia. The vote - an expression of opposition to the spread of atomic armament throughout the world.

As matters now stand, France is the only nation with an avowed ambition - to become a nuclear power. Intending to join what they^{are} calling - the "nuclear club."

ALGERIA

The Algerian rebels - ready to negotiate with French President Charles DeGaulle. In Tunis, today, the Algerian "government-in-exile" named a five-man delegation for peace talks. All the delegates are insurgent leaders, now in French prisons. Which might seem - a defiant sort of gesture. Certain to arouse the wrath - of Colonial French conservatives in Algeria.

As for DeGaulle, his first reaction, today - was decidedly chilly.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower will hold a bi-partisan meeting - before leaving on his trip abroad ^{on} December Third. He'll confer with Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress - on some foreign affairs. Policy he'll pursue in talks in eleven countries, including - far off India.

This is the presidential substitute - for the idea of taking a prominent Democratic leader along with him. Former President Truman - suggested.

The proposal was made by Connecticut Senator Thomas Dodd, but the President tells him in reply that, because of the extent of his journey, with quick stops for diplomatic talks - he must keep the number of his party down. Not feasible - to take along a Democratic leader like former President Truman, with whom, ^{you may recall} ~~was very close~~, President Eisenhower has been in chilly terms for some years.

PAYOLA

A sad story - in the payola business. The owner of King Records in Cincinnati says - his firm paid eighteen hundred dollars a month to disc jockeys, to play records - the Company turned out. But, Sidney Nathan adds - that he found the payola did not increase the sales of records.

Says he: - "A disc jockey can't make a record a hit."

PAINTINGS

There's nothing puny, about that story of Old Masters discovered in Hollywood. Ten paintings - found in the home of a television repairman. Two experts - proclaiming them ~~to be~~ authentic - dating back to the Renaissance. Worth - at least ten million dollars.

The pictures belong to the TV repair man and his wife and her two brothers. She, a native of Italy, stating - that they were in her aristocratic family for generations.

Well, you'd need only to take a look at the names of the famous artists - to whom the paintings are ascribed.

Among the ten pictures - masterpieces by Rafael, Titian,

Tintoretto, Caravaggio. / ^{All titans} ~~No, nothing puny about these names.~~

In addition to which, the two experts declare that, in Chicago last year, they discovered three paintings by - Rafael, Giorgione, and the Venetian Old Master, Giovanni Bellini.

Add up the list of names, and about the only ones missing are Michaelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci.

CHURCH

Glowing ecclesiastical pageantry - in Washington, today. The dedication of the nation's largest Catholic Church - the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

In the ceremony - six Cardinals, two hundred Archbishops, and Bishops.

HORSE

Rome, the Eternal City, has a venerable history - of jurisprudence. Dating back to the days - when Cicero delivered orations - pleading cases before courts of law.

So now, in Rome - a decision handed down by a high Court of Appeals. Dismissing a case - against a horse-cab driver, named Silvio Bianchi. His crime? Well, he gave his horse a cup of coffee.

Silvio's testimony is - that he was in a tavern having a bottle of vino. Which made him feel benevolent.

"I remembered," Silvio's testimony goes on, "that my horse was outside the wine shop. So I thought I'd offer him - a cup of coffee."

Why not a glass of wine? Apparently, that Roman dobbin is - a teetotler. So it was - a cup of Espresso.

"Naturally," Silvio goes on, "people had never seen such a thing. A crowd gathered - to see my friend, my horse, drink his coffee."

So that was the offense - of which Silvio was found

guilty.

The verdict - now reversed by the Court of Appeals in Rome.

A decision - worthy of ancient Roman judges. ^{That} it's no crime to give a horse a cup of coffee.

GRANDMOTHER

At a town in Wales, Mrs. Phyllis Williams is a grandmother - who loves television. Grandma Williams - virtually hypnotized by TV.

On the screen she saw a thriller - called "The Grandma Bandit," in which an old lady, much like herself, robs a shopkeeper. So Mrs. Williams decided - she'd do the same thing.

On television, the grandma bandit used - a toy pistol. Mrs. Williams has a number of grandchildren. Plenty of toy pistols around. So she took one, and proceeded to a neighboring town. Where she walked into a shop, took the toy pistol out of her handbag, and announced - "This is a stick-up!"

In the TV drama, the "grandma bandit" had quite a long career of robbery. Mrs. Williams, alas, not following the script in that respect.

When the shopkeeper grabbed her, Grandma hit him over the head with the pistol - but, was quickly

subjugated. Anyhow she ended up in exactly the same way as the "grandma bandit." Taken off to jail - to think it over. And s - l - u - Mon.