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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

But that doesn't seem right, because it's only  
midday here in Anchorage, Alaska.

We hear so much about Springtime in Paris, but  
it's even more beautiful, and far more exciting here  
in Alaska. Actually, spring is a bit late this year  
in our northern-most state. But it's here - at  
Anchorage, and its glorious - as it is right through  
the summer. And, if you are thinking of doing any  
traveling, this is the year to come north. For  
scenery there is nothing in the world to surpass  
Alaska, and this is the year to come because there is  
special excitement in the air for Alaska as you know -  
has been through one of the wildest experiences, one

## SPLIT

The latest information about the split between Russia and Red China - is full of sardonic irony.

Subject - the atomic bomb that Peking is building.

Question - how did the Chinese Reds get the knowhow?

Answer - the same way the Russian Reds got it. By stealing the scientific formulas - from an unsuspecting ally.

You probably recall the espionage ring in Washington - during World War Two. The Americans who stole atomic secrets - and passed them on to Soviet agents. Allowing the Russians to explode a bomb of their own - long before we thought they could.

~~Well,~~ The word from Eastern Europe is that the Chinese Reds did the same thing - to the Russians. Back in the days - when they were still on friendly terms. Mao Tse-tung's agents, taking advantage of - Khrushchev's gullibility. Quietly stealing information

- when their Slavic comrades weren't looking.

When Khrushchev found out - well, you've heard about his venomous attacks on Mao. The Chinese espionage ring in Moscow - a major cause of the split. Also a major worry to the Boss of the Kremlin, who doesn't know - how much Mao knows about Soviet nuclear weapons.

Rather ironic - wouldn't you say?

PLANE

CBS News in San Francisco has been told that the pilot of that Pacific Airlines plane that crashed yesterday did shout into his radio that he had been shot. A man who heard the tape before it was turned over to the FBI, said the words of the pilot - saying he was shot - were on the tape. Various investigators told CBS News that a gun found at the scene of the wreckage had been fired. It has been sent to the FBI in Washington. Forty-four persons died in the crash.

## NORTH POLE

*The news tonight - tells another adventure story. The National Geographic Society announces that a Norwegian ski unit is on its way from Canada to Europe - over the North Pole. This time on skis. What's more they are already half-way to the Pole. Last reported near Arlis - II - a U.S weather station floating on an ice island in the Arctic. The first expedition to the North Pole on foot, since Perry made it so dramatically in nineteen hundred and nine. I hope Admiral Donald MacMillan last survivor of the Perry expedition is listening. Here's to Admiral "Mac"!*

*The six Norwegians - don't intend to stop at the Pole. They will head next for Siberian or Norwegian ice islands - on the other side of the world.*

*How are they being supplied? by dog sled - the traditional method.*

*Norwegian skiers - in the footsteps of Perry - blazing a new trail (if you can talk about anything blazing - in the Polar North.*



## GORDON

Here's an interesting story - out of Khartoum in the Sudan. A story that the revolver has been found - that once belonged to General "Chinese" Gordon. How identified is not stated - in the Khartoum dispatch. But it's stirring a lot of memories - of the British soldier who defended the city against the Mahdi.

His name - Charles George Gordon. His nickname - "Chinese" Gordon. Given to him for his service in China - when the Manchu Emperor decorated him with the Order of the Yellow Jacket.

In eighteen eighty-four - "Chinese" Gordon was sent to defend Khartoum. Defend it against a fanatical horde led by a dervish - known as the Mahdi. The result - one of the epics of the great days of the British Empire. Gordon, holding Khartoum with a handful of soldiers - and only one British officer.

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The scene has been described dramatically - by

*the biographers. Gordon, taking swigs of whiskey - between attacks, and firing furiously - as the Mahdi's men came storming over the walls. They say that he had just emptied his revolver - when he was overwhelmed.*

*The revolver, apparently - just discovered in the Sudan. Used when "Chinese" Gordon defended Khartoum in the days of the Mahdi and Fuzzy Wuzzy. And now Dick Noel who is never Fuzzy - or wuzzy.*

TRUMAN

Now let's <sup>S</sup>alute an elderly gentleman who calls himself - "a farmer and a politician." He considers both of those words - complimentary. "Farmer" - because we all depend on the land. "Politician" - because democratic government has to have the experts to make it go.

~~Well,~~ This particular farmer worked the land - in Missouri at the turn of the Century. During World War One, he served in the U.S. Army - ~~rising~~ rising to the rank of Captain. Then came home - and went into politics. His highest rank in that particular field - President of the United States.

This - is his eightieth birthday. Hard to believe, in the case of - Harry S. Truman. Our former President - an octogenarian? <sup>That word octogenarian</sup> "Sounds like an insult" - says H.S.T.