

Thursday, Dec. 19, 1963

BIRLIN

From Mid-Pacific again tonight!

Good evening everybody.

The following would not have been worth a news report a few years ago. Just the simple words - "a mother and child crossed the Sandkrug Bridge." But tonight - it's a headline. Meaning - a crack in the Berlin Wall. The Reds allowing West Berliners to visit their families in East Berlin. The first through the Wall - "a mother and child crossed the Sandkrug Bridge." They were the vanguard of any army, a peaceful army of West Berliners on their way to meet relatives they haven't seen in more than two years, except across that ugly wall.

RUSK

Secretary of State Dean Rusk left London today after a final conference with the British Prime Minister. The conference that sets the stage for a "summit meeting" between Sir Alec Douglas-Home and President Johnson. Place-Washington, Date-February.

The main problem discussed by the Secretary of State and the Prime Minister today: "How to improve relations with Moscow."

McNAMARA FOLLOW RUSK

While the American Secretary of State was talking ~~in~~ in Paris, Secretary of Defense McNamara was in Saigon - in the Vietnamese Capital for a first-hand look to study the question of whether the military junta is doing any better than the Diem Regime the Generals over-threw.

MOSCOW

There's a police cordon around the Ghana Embassy in Moscow tonight. The Soviet government, taking no chances on another demonstration by students from the nation on the "hump" of West Africa. Moscow policemen are posted at entrances and exits, also at strategic points along the iron railing that surrounds the Embassy.

All this because of more violence today. A group of thirty students tried to force their way in, only to be hurled back into the snow by the tough Moscow gendarmes. But some were so persistent that finally the Ambassador from Ghana is said to have spoken to the ring leaders. What he said may or may not have satisfied his young countrymen who are not at all satisfied with the way the Soviet government has treated them; and who are still accusing the Kremlin or concealing the murder of their fellow student.

Odd spectacle indeed - street demonstrations by Africans in snowy Moscow.

SPACE

The newest Soviet sputnik has no man inside.

But it does have a package of sophisticated instruments.

Cosmos Twenty-Four sending back data about radiation in

outer space - telling Soviet Scientists what it "sees" and

"hears" as it whirls around the earth every ninety minutes.

DUPONT

*The death of Irene DuPont removes the last -
of the three famous brothers. With Pierre and Lammot -
Irene built the business into the giant that it is today;
giving a new lease on life to - an historic American
institution. DuPont founded in Eighteen-Two as a gunpowder
factory, Dupont became the chief supplier of explosives
to the American Army ever since. After World War One,
Pierre, Lammot and Irene Dupont turned to chemicals and
the firm became even more successful than with ~~gunpowder.~~ ^{gunpowder.}*

So all the original Duponts are gone.

DYSART

As all who listen to these broadcasts know, I like to tell about unusual people. Although I long ago discovered that you find them everywhere. It would take far more than one entire broadcast to tell about a fabulous woman I have just met. Some day I'd like to tell more of the story, in a magazine article - maybe even a book. Her friends say that within a year or so she probably will be known as the richest woman in the world. Potentially, may^{be} she is now.

She was born on a farm in Missouri. As a small child taken to the then booming copper mining town of Butte, Montana. When her parents separated, her mother became a school teacher in Colorado, only twenty miles or so from where I lived. At a crossroads a couple of miles from Canyon City, a mile lower than where we lived near the gold mines, at Cripple Creek. Her Mother married a second time and that also was a failure. So, little Stella Dysart had a much disturbed childhood. When she was in her teens

she fell in love with a handsome young man. But her Mother pushed her into a marriage with a man the Mother thought might be a better provider. It didn't work.

The girl returned to Missouri where she was born, working at one thing and another. Then, hoping she had found a man who would lend some stability to her mixed-up life, she married a Clergyman. That didn't work.

Whereupon she plunged into the world of business, in the days before women really were in competition with men; - more than sixty years ago.

Today, at age eighty-six, she's a real powerhouse. Long, long ago after building up a big dressmaking business, she sold out, went into real estate, where she made and lost small fortunes. Then her flair for pioneering took her to the Indian country of Northwest New Mexico, near Gallup, where she boldly tried to develop a new oil field, working just like any man, much of the time in dungarees, often doing

a man's work physically; although, her real genius has been at selling and management.

When the need came for Uranium, Stella Dysart found and developed the largest Uranium mine in America, at "Ambrosia Lake", in the New Mexico Desert.

But what she is doing now that's almost the ultimate in the spectacular. She and her associates have found a whole mountain of a rare mineral called Beryl, which processed and refined gives us Berilium.

Until recently nearly all the Berilium in the world came from a part of Africa, where they have been having trouble. Berilium is important in the manufacturing of the finest grade of steel, because it makes it possible to manufacture steel that is far lighter even than Aluminum, and twice as strong as normal steel; also, much more heat resistant. So Berilium is of vital importance in these days of supersonic planes, and the coming era of the space ship.

Stella Dysart expects her Berilium to be used in

the making of the space ships that carry our astronauts to the moon.

She, herself is a practical Geologist and Engineer, and in her mountain she estimates there are hundreds of millions of tons of Beryl. So what she and her associates have found may turn out to be as valuable as what the legendary Cecil Rhodes found when he opened up the fabulous wealth in diamonds and gold in South Africa, in the Transvaal.

What happened to the young man, the one she really loved in her teens, the broken romance that may have driven her on and on to do unusual things in later life? She first lost track of him when he went off to the Spanish American War. A few years ago after she had become the rich uranium queen, she tried to find him. Her sweetheart, Harry. She discovered he had never married but that he and his Mother had been swept away and drowned by a flash flood in the Mountains.

What will she do with all her wealth? She is

deeply religious and says it all belongs to the almighty and much of it she intends to use in building hospitals for children, and for girls whom she refers to as "unwed mothers."

At eighty-six, high spirited, sparkling blue eyes, still riding her Pinto Mare, and looking to another twenty years or so. How's that for the frontier spirit?

ENDING

In a way, I wonder if it is quite fair for me to talk about the weather, from out here. I have just been at the press wire, and somehow it doesn't seem possible but the word is that Chicago, at O'Hare International Airpor today, was eleven below, and a few miles to the East in Indiana, the thermometer stood at minus twenty. Still further South, at London, Kentucky, seven below.

Here's an oddity: Atlanta, Georgia and Billings, Montana - the same reading: Eleven above.

While out here in Hawaii? Maybe it would be a little more polite if I just let you imagine what its like - as I say from KGMB, Honolulu, so long until tomorrow.