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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Secretary of State Dulles is on his way to Ankara, Turkey - to attend the forthcoming conference of the nations belonging to the Baghdad Pact. America is not a member - but we have representatives on the committees set up under the defense alliance. Mr. Dulles's mission is to help strengthen the defenses of the Baghdad nations - Britain, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, and Pakistan. He'll stop on the way, for high level discussions in Morocco and Teheran - then on to Ankara for the opening of the conference.

Just before Secretary Dulles left - our State Department issued a retort to Russian charges about the Ankara Conference. Moscow claiming - our Secretary of State is on his way to force American missile bases on the member nations. Our State Department calls this - "nothing but propaganda", and goes on to point out that Russia is the real enemy of freedom in the Middle East.

"ZONE OF PEACE" FOLLOW DULLES

Meanwhile, we hear from the Turkish capital - that the nations of the Middle East are cold to yesterday's Soviet proposal for a "zone of peace", in their area. Khrushchev, asking that atomic bombs and guided missiles be banned - from key nations like Turkey and Pakistan. Turkey rejects his idea - saying she won't give up any part of her defense, - Ankara's reply, echoed by Iran, Iraq and Pakistan.

As the chairman of the sub-committee, Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas. In saying "no", Mr. Johnson points out that the document was drawn up for the purpose of thinking it would violate the separation of powers in our government - if he were to make it available to the sub-committee. At the same time, the President points out that Senator Johnson and his colleagues already possess - essential - the same information.

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EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower refuses to turn a confidential report over to a Senate sub-committee - because it would not be in the best interests of this country. The reference, to that controversial Gaither report - which is said to warn that this country is in serious danger of losing its military leadership to the Russians.

President Eisenhower received a request for this Gaither report - from the chairman of the sub-committee, Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas. In saying "no", Mr. Eisenhower points out that the document was drawn up for his own use. He thinks it would violate the separation of powers in our government - if he were to make it available to the sub-committee. At the same time, the President points out that Senator Johnson and his Colleagues already possess - essentially the same information.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Senate Judiciary Committee puts its okay - on William Rogers, for Attorney General. The nomination - now going to the floor of the Senate.

Rogers was an administration strategist - in the Little Rock crisis. But at today's committee meeting - civil rights weren't mentioned. Rogers was questioned on many subjects - ranging from anti-trust laws to the state of our prisons. No one in the committee opposed the Rogers nomination - so he was approved without the usual roll call vote.

ALGERIA

French officials in Algiers report - the Algerian rebels intend to launch a full-scale offensive next Spring. The terrorists, to pour down out of the mountains in a "do-or-die" attempt to drive the French Army into the sea. ~~XXXXXXXX~~

The French say the offensive is backed by the Russians, Soviet officers, training the infantry of the rebels - in Tunisia - training them in the use of modern automatic weapons - from behind the Iron Curtain.

Pilots and troops for the armored divisions - being trained by the Russians in Libya, Egypt, and Czechoslovakia - all part of a build-up for one of the oldest manoeuvres in the history of warfare - a spring offensive.

VENEZUELA

The situation, is more critical in Venezuela this evening - after a new outbreak of rioting. There were battles between crowds and police - Caracas. The rioters, screaming for the downfall of President Yimenez. The latest casualty list gives - about one hundred dead, and about a thousand injured.

Vimenez blames it all on the Communists. But his critics point out that the Army is opposing him. When he tried calling out the troops to preserve order in Caracas, many of them stayed in their barracks instead.

Meanwhile, the general strike goes on. Stores, closed. Busses and trains, not running. Even the Caracas newspapers were not published today. The demonstrators determined to overthrow Yimenez - either by force, or by driving the country toward chaos.

SATELLITE

Tonight, we have a little more information - about the artificial satellite the Navy intends to put into orbit by next March. A Navy spokesman saying, four test satellites will be sent up first. They'll be only six inches long. But they'll carry life - into outer space. Life, in the form of yeast. A small container of yeast, to be put in each - to show our scientists how living organisms react to conditions out there in space.

The data from these test satellites - will help prepare for the biggest experiment of all. That's when the Navy will launch its real man-made moon - a twenty-inch sphere, full of instruments. The moon that will stay up there - circling the earth.

MISSILE

From Moscow, the most spectacular claim yet - for the Soviet intercontinental missile. Radio Moscow declaring, that the missile can travel five thousand miles - and hit within seven miles of the target. The I.C.B.M. riding radio waves - which keep it on "the beam" - from the launching pad to the target. Then hitting, only about seven miles from the bull's eye.

EXPLOSION

That explosion today, at Niagara Falls - was caused by a railroad tank car, full of chemicals, which erupted into an inferno of flame - touching off a series of blasts in the cars behind. The explosion dug a crater fifty feet deep. Dozens of houses nearby - were wrecked. Windows, broken for a radius of five miles. In the Gaskill School, pupils and teachers were cut by flying glass when two-hundred windows were blown in. The injured numbered about seventy.

That blast, so paralyzing - many people in Niagara Falls thought an atomic bomb had gone off.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The Labor Department designates forty-five industrial centers - as areas of "substantial unemployment." This ^{is the label given} ~~label attached to~~ an area with more than six percent of its workers idle. Forty-five of them now - while there were only nineteen in January of Nineteen Fifty-Seven.

But there's an optimistic note, - The Labor Department adding, there's a chance unemployment will taper off by March. More jobs predicted for industries making machinery, chemicals, clothes, and construction equipment.

KLAN

A Grand Wizard of the Klu Klux Klan is fighting extradition from South Carolina to North Carolina. "Catfish Cole," who was at Maxton, North Carolina on Saturday - when a band of Lumbee Indians burst in on the Klan. The Lumbees, routing the group - seizing their guns and sheets. I guess most of you saw that news photo - of the two Indian braves, wrapped in a sheet of the Klu Klux Klan.

Well, North Carolina wants to prosecute "Catfish Cole" for the riot. But the Grand Wizard is asking the Governor of South Carolina - not to extradite him. Cole declaring, he doesn't know what will happen to him - if he ever returns to Maxton.

Meanwhile, a North Carolina court has sentenced another Klansman. James Martin, fined sixty dollars - for drunkenness, and carrying a concealed weapon. The interesting thing about Martin - his job in the Klan is to keep the rest from drinking and carrying on.

WEATHER

In the Midwest, the weather picture is - bitter cold moving in behind a gigantic snowstorm. Last night, we heard how traffic was being disrupted - all across the Corn Belt. A mammoth "Operation Digout" - underway from Oklahoma to the Michigan peninsula.

Today ^{came} the cold wave, ~~so~~ So bad, ^{that} thousands of workers shoveling snow - had to stop when their hands became numb. They huddled around emergency stoves - trying to thaw out, so they could get on with the job. The temperature, below zero in most places. Hundreds of schools are closed - with no one quite sure when they'll be opening again.

The death toll has already gone above fifty - with many hospital cases because of frost bite. The damage, running into millions of dollars.

The East Coast was luckier. The temperature, high - but there was a lot of fog and rain today. The weather, so murky - more than a hundred plane flights in the New York area - had to be cancelled.

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

L.T.'s report tonight is about a subject he's mentioned before - education. From the Middle East, he discusses one of the world's great universities. Also, one of the most important institutions democracy has - to counteract the spread of Communism in the Middle East.

L.T.:-

You probably have often heard it said that if we only had a few more colleges abroad like the great American University at Beirut, then our inter-national prestige would be far higher. Perhaps you will remember that when the United Nations was founded, at that San Francisco conclave, taking part in the founding of the U.N. there were far more graduates of the American University at Beirut, than any other institution in the world.

Our great university at Beirut was founded by a Presbyterian missionary named Daniel Bliss, in 1866. In its medical school alone it has turned out more than two thousand doctors who have played a major role in the life of the Middle East.

It has often been said that this university is Uncle Sam's best single investment overseas. Yet, it is desperately in need of funds. Many of the buildings have no heat, and the students, week after week are obliged

to wear overcoats as they sit in the classrooms. And here we are the richest nation on earth!

The library at the American University at Beirut is only half the size it should be. The student body is made up of 2270 young men and women, of 47 nationalities and representing 23 religions.

On the campus there is also the American International College, a preparatory school, attended by 1500 more youngsters from all over the Middle East.

The new president, Dr. J. Paul Leonard, is a man of unusual ability, who for twelve years was president of San Francisco State College which he built up from 800 students to 9000 students. Dr. Leonard should be ideal for Beirut. But, he needs more backing from us.

This year our Beirut University has had a call for 400 teachers and 75 college professors for institutions in the Arab world. But, we have been unable to supply

this want. The Russians are stepping in and offering to send teachers.

We should give some of our millions of dollars to the American University at Beirut, and more millions to build others like it.

SNOW MAN

A couple of Russian scientists disagree about - the Abominable Snowman. That legendary creature, described by Sherpa tribesmen of the Himalayas as - half man, and half bear.

Last week we heard from Professor Alexander Pronin of Leningrad University who says he saw the Abominable Snowman twice - during a recent expedition to the mountains of Central Asia. The creature stood upright like a human being - but was, in Professor Pronin's words, "covered with long red fur." His report, so spectacular - another expedition is going out this summer - just to track down the elusive monster.

But another Russian doesn't believe his learned colleague. Professor Alexander Letavit, asking how come no skeletons of Abominable Snowmen have ever been found in the Himalayas? He thinks Professor Pronin must have seen a bear. Well, Don, perhaps - the high altitude and lack of oxygen was playing ricks on the good professor.

END

And now Lowell Thomas, Jr. with a footnote to the day's news.

An American architect is going into the business of - prefabricated houses, and this sounds okay - with prefabs springing up all over - but wait - the architect is Frank Lloyd Wright - who, we know, is famous for his individualistic buildings. Each one, erected according to its own plan - scientifically fitted into its surroundings.

Now he's putting on the market - his own version of mass housing. A low, rectangular structure - featuring lots of glass, with a sunken living room, and an outdoor terrace. Cost? - around forty thousand dollars.

Prefabs - by Frank Lloyd Wright.

And, Solong, Until Tomorrow!