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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The world of aviation gives us another thriller.  
The plane, another U2.

Captain Charles Stratton was flying his high altitude plane through the stratosphere - on an "air sampling mission." Suddenly the U-2 developed engine trouble. Getting out of control - losing altitude. The pilot, forced to bail out over the bayou - along the Mississippi-Louisiana border.

Captain Stratton floated down into the swamp. His parachute, becoming entangled in a cypress covered with vines and moss. He couldn't climb up - and he dangled there at the end of his parachute cord, for ten hours. He'd still be swaying from the branches of that cypress - except for the radio in his pressurized suit. Frantically, he sent out an S.O.S. - which was answered by a rescue

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team that finally got to him in bayou skiffs. Tonight the U-2 pilot is back on dry land - none the worse for his parachute landing in the swampland near the mouth of the Mississippi.

The U-2 - under heavy guard where it crashed.

America's high flying aircraft - still classified.

## ASTRONAUT

The postponement of first American astronaut flight - was caused by a "bug" in the booster rocket. Mechanical trouble that developed - just when everything seemed to be going smoothly. The dramatic moment now put off to January 27th; the moment when Astronaut John Glenn hopes to become our first to orbit the globe.

## MILITARY

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The first presidential decision to come out of the military talks in Palm Beach--is to activate two army divisions. Completely new units that will draw most of their personnel from draftees. The rest--from existing divisions. Number of men involved--almost twenty-two thousand. The army, to be that much stronger--on a permanent basis.

As a result, some detachments of the National Guard--won't have to stay on active duty for so long. Two National Guard divisions--already tapped for release later this year. The Thirty-second from Wisconsin--and the Forty-ninth from Texas.

## CASTRO

The word that Castro has been ex-communicated by the Catholic Church - comes as no surprise. The Vatican maintained silence on this until today. But, Castro's status under canon law - has been clear for many months.

The canon law of the Church of Rome lays it down that ex-communication is automatic - for any Catholic who prevents a bishop from carrying out his pastoral duties, which Castro did when he expelled the bishop of Havana.

Ecclesiastical diplomats at the papal court say the Pope now wants to prevent - any misapprehension about his attitude toward Castro; to counteract Castro propaganda - among the Catholics of Cuba; the myth that His Holiness favors - the dictator in Havana.

Meanwhile, our State Department has more information about the bearded speechmaker, who now admits he's been a Red all along. A special report on Cuba, noting that Castro may have received - a hundred million dollars in

aid from Moscow. Whatever the exact figure, it's enough to give him - the second largest army in this hemisphere; maybe three hundred thousand men, under arms. Backed by jet fighters, big tanks and tens of thousands of late model automatic weapons - from behind the Iron Curtain.

## CHINA

According to Washington the choice before Red China remains - Communism or food. The Agriculture Department, after a world wide survey of farm conditions, predicts that Mao Tse Tung will continue to prefer Communism. Even exporting food to help Red movements abroad - while his own people are dying of famine.

The dilemma is, of course, that Mao is determined to harness the farmers of China to the chariot of his Marxist ideology. And the Red system seems unable to cope with the basic problem, how to feed China's enormous population. Mao could remedy the situation by ignoring his Marxist principles - but he's too much of a Communist fanatic to do that. The strong man of China, not as flexible as Khrushchev - who doesn't mind remodelling the Marxist myth to make it fit reality.

## PORTUGAL

The prime minister of Portugal lashes out at his opponents - at home and abroad. He condemns the U.N. for doing nothing, while Indian troops invaded Goa; then calls the U.N. - "not only useless, but harmful." Adding, that he's instructing the Portugese delegation - to boycott all U.N. activities, except where Portugal is directly concerned.

Sounds as though Salazar's message to the Lisbon parliament means that Portugal may be the first U.N. member to resign. Then, would other nations, to follow - when they don't get the cooperation they feel they are entitled to from the Security Council or the General Assembly?

But Salazar does have some favorable things to say - about other nations. He thanks Washington for the American effort to dissuade India from invading Goa.



CONGRESS

The next Democratic leader of the House will be--  
Congressman Carl Albert of Oklahoma. Albert, having a  
clear field--now that Bolling of Missouri has withdrawn.  
Bolling says <sup>ing he</sup> realizes that he couldn't win, ~~so he~~  
decides to avoid the first fight for the job of Democratic  
leader--in twenty-one years.

~~The game of musical chairs on Capitol Hill looks~~  
~~like this.~~ McCormack of Massachusetts moves up to the  
Speakership--left vacant by the death of Sam Rayburn.  
Albert of Oklahoma slips into McCormack's old place--  
as Democratic leader of the House.

## YORK

The following item sounds like a flashback - to World War One. It says that Tennessee is sending a York into the military. An announcement that revives memories of Alvin York. The illustrious Sergeant York. The backwoods sharpshooter, called by General Pershing - "the greatest civilian soldier of the war," Sam Woodfill, was called the soldier's soldier.

Sargeant York, received his accolade and won his fame for exploits against the Germans in 1918, when the man from Tennessee stormed through the Argonne Forest - picking off enemy snipers with his rifle. Within a few hours, silencing thirty-five machine guns, and capturing a hundred-and-thirty-two prisoners.

Now, forty-three years later, the hero of World War One is seventy-four, and bed-ridden. The York now following in his military footsteps - up to a point, anyway - his granddaughter. Mary York, eighteen, joining the Air Force, a section of it that didn't exist back in

1918. Taking the oath at the bedside of her grandfather.

And Dick - that must have been music to the ears of the old soldier - the legendary Sgt. York.

## PRINCE

Britain needs a "Coffee Bar Crown Prince," says The London Sketch; complaining - that Prince Charles doesn't meet enough of his future subjects and should emulate Sweden's crown prince, Gustav - who is often seen mingling in public with youngsters his own age. One of Gustav's favorite haunts - a Stockholm coffee bar.

The London paper wants the Queen's oldest son, the Prince of Wales, to become - a "Coffee Bar Crown Prince of Wales."