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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The report on Lowell Thomas tonight is that right now he is being carried through the Himalayan Mountains in a sedan chair. Having been thrown from his horse and injured at a tremendous mountain pass rising to seventeen thousand feet, he is unable to travel in the usual caravan way, on horse-back, and so, has to be carried.

From Lowell Thomas, Junior, who apparently saved his father's life in the accident, we have had two messages. The latest, which came over the weekend, states that Lowell sustained a hip injury. But the hip bone is not broken, though there may be a fracture of the thigh bone. So now he must travel in a sedan chair for sixteen days through the passes of the Himalayas that lead from Tibet to India.

Roy Chapman Andrews, veteran of adventure in Central Asia, tells me how in those parts they sling a kind of chair between two bamboo poles, and then these are

hitched to horses, one horse in front, the other in the back. Then they go swinging along treacherous mountain trails - which could be an agonizing ordeal when you have a hip injury, maybe a broken thigh.

But, as soon as they get out of the Himalayas and reach a point where an airplane can land, the U.S. Air Force will pick up Lowell Thomas and fly him immediately to a hospital, where he will get the best medical care that India can provide.

ISRAEL

Tonight the State of Israel rejected all proposals to internationalize Jerusalem. The refusal was made -- in the General Assembly of the United Nations, the delegate from Israel arguing that international control should be limited to the Holy places alone. Such as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem nearby, precious and ancient shrines for Christians. Also -- the Mosque of Umar, a Holy place for Mohammedans, Christians and Jews alike. But Israel wants the city of Jerusalem to be its capital.

YUGOSLAVIA FOLLOW LEAD

~~Late~~ News tonight indicates that there may be a ~~break~~ break of diplomatic relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia, the satellite that stays faithful to the Soviets and the puppet that rebelled.

~~But~~ Hungary has flatly rejected the Yugoslav protest against the latest Red trial, which dooms ^{ed} the former Number Two Communist of Hungary and was, as well, a bitter indictment of ~~Stani~~ Marshal Tito. Tonight the Hungarian Government ordered the expulsion of ten members of the Yugoslav legation - and a diplomatic break is believed to be imminent.

SOBSTITUTE U.N.

There was a savage verbal attack late this afternoon at the General Assembly of the United Nations -- Soviet Russia talking to Tito's Yugoslavia. Previously the Yugoslav delegate had declared that, if Russia really wanted peace, the way to begin would be to stop making threats against the Tito regime. To which Soviet delegate Manuilsky replied with a string of epithets that featured one gem. He called the Tito Government -- "a bankrupt group of sharks." Shark is bad enough, but when a shark goes bankrupt -- now that is something.

The exchange of Red compliments followed an address by British Foreign Secretary Bevin, who spoke in his usual blunt fashion -- and referred to the world headline that Soviet Russia has the atom bomb. He called upon Moscow to drop all the secrecy, and to let the world know. He called the Soviet position -- "stupid."

BRITAIN

A dispatch from London states that, theoretically speaking, atom bomb attacks have wiped out London and other great centers of population - in maneuvers. The aerial war games were staged to figure whether or not planes carrying the bomb could get through British air defenses - and penetrate a net of radar detection and squadrons of jet planes. Scheduled some time ago, the maneuvers were thrown into the dramatic foreground by the announcement that apparently Soviet Russia has developed an atomic bomb.

The war games were held yesterday, and today the result was announced. An international force of five hundred planes participated, including America's great new bomber - the B-50. These are capable of carrying the atomic bomb, and were considered to be flying to the atomic attack. They fought their way, theoretically, through the radar screens and the interception by jet planes. A number of the B-50s reached their targets, enough of them to reduce London and other cities to what the news dispatch calls: "a radioactive shambles."

At the same time, we have a London statement that Britain is now ready to produce atom bombs. This was published today by an ace British writer on atomic subjects, Chapman Pincher. He says that the bombs are about to be produced at a nineteen million dollar plant in Westcumberland - a plant ready to go into the production of plutonium, one of the two radioactive materials from which the bomb can be made. He adds that Britain is now prepared to turn out six bombs per month.

Thinking of such ominous matters, it is easy to become restless, even frightened -- as if fear can help us. No. We must remember that most of the things we worried about did not happen. Let us pray and have faith, and remain confident -- and not be like Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wadsworth, of Northgate, England. Today this average man and wife were reading a newspaper article about the Soviets having the bomb. Suddenly, there was an earth-shaking crash, and the house quaked. "This is it," shouted Mr. Wadsworth, and he grabbed Mrs. Wadsworth, to carry

her to safety. But where? Where can there be a refuge from an atomic blast? Anyway, he hurried his wife outside, upon which there suddenly appeared a black man - an individual who was a jet black all over. And right behind him came another black man, waving his arms.

By now Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth thought it was an atomic attack by men from Mars. The two men, completely black, were the engineer and fireman of a locomotive that had fallen from a trestle into the back yard of the Wadsworth home - that was the earth-shaking crash. The engineer and fireman were stunned a bit - and covered all over with coal dust.

That was the kind of atomic warfare they had in the back yard of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wadsworth of Northgate, England.

TIBET

A news dispatch from London gives us an answer to the question of why the Chinese Communists are laying claim to Tibet. The answer is - uranium, the material of the atomic bomb. There are said to be deposits of the radioactive metal in the mountains of that realm of Buddhist monasteries and monks.

~~The London dispatch states that the British Foreign Office is devoting special attention to the problem of the Chinese Reds and Tibet. British official sources admit that expeditions to the roof of the world have discovered what they call - mineral deposits of uncertain value.~~

In a recent broadcast on this program, we heard that Soviet Russia was extending a net of air bases down through Central Asia toward Tibet, and today's dispatch states that the Russians are now constructing a motor road through Chinese Red territory to the Tibetan border. All

of which becomes clear and vividly important, if the goal is - uranium on the roof-of-the-world.

We've been hearing how the government of the Dalai Lama has launched a drive against Communist infiltration into the Buddhist monasteries. A strange place for the Reds to infiltrate - but all is fantasy out there. Today's dispatch puts it in these words: "Only last month, the Dalai Lama of Tibet launched a holy war against Communism, and urged that Tibet meet the problem with prayers, instead of arms."

Today's news tells of a Buddhist monk who has become an agent of the Soviets. He is described as a Hindu named Pandit Rahula, who became a Tibetan Lama - after which he paid a visit to Moscow, and returned to Tibet. He was imprisoned by the Dalai Lama for spreading Communist propaganda, but escaped, and is now reported to be in Soviet territory, directing what are called - "student monks." There are said to be three thousand of

these, three thousand lamas trained by the Soviets to spread Communism.

It sounds weird indeed - Buddhism and Communism, the lama and the atomic bomb. But that may be an angle of the story which Lowell Thomas got during his visit to the Forbidden City of Lhasa. We'll know more about it when on this program, we have Lowell's recorded broadcasts from Lhasa. He has been sending out radio material from Tibet, recordings taken out by caravan, telling about his trip to the Holy City. We may have one of these tomorrow - sent before he was injured. We'll be getting his story, working up to a climax of a broadcast from Lhasa.

Strange, how many angles there are to that radio-news expedition into Tibet. ~~This afternoon we heard from the Air Force headquarters in Washington, about what they're going to pick up Lowell, and take him out. The Air Force can find that there are three possible landing~~

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places near the Tibetan border, and they're deciding which one they'll use.

The Air Force is also considering a helicopter, but the nearest helicopter is at Manila, a long distance away from the Himalayas - - though it could be flown to India in a big Army C-54. However, no helicopter could pick up Lowell Thomas in Tibet. The Air Force explains that seven thousand feet is a high altitude for that helicopter in Manila - and the Tibetan plateau averages fifteen thousand feet, and the peaks rise to seventeen thousand. However, the helicopter might pick up Lowell near the Tibetan border as it comes out in that south chain. But the country there is so wild and unknown that they don't know how high the helicopter would have to fly.

This matter of altitude has an important international meaning. Today we were talking to Clyde Pangborn,

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the famous oceanic flyer, and Vincent Burnelli, the airplane designer of the flying wing. Both know plenty about high altitude aviation, and they point out that there can be no paratroop invasion of Tibet. Because, with any standard equipment, paratroopers would come down too fast in the rarified atmosphere. Also, there can be no glider invasion of the roof-of-the-world -- because gliders would come down so fast they'd be smashed to bits. ~~AW~~ ~~bases in Tibet would be a difficult problem because of the long run any plane would have to have for a take-off in the thin air -- not to mention the speed of landing. They say that covered equipment on the ground, would be a problem. Because tanks, motorized artillery and trucks would need super-charged motors -- not enough oxygen at the high altitudes.~~

So it would seem that any Red invasion of Tibet from Communist China, would have to be by foot soldiers.

WEDDING

In Chicago today, Antonio Miosi drove his daughter Josephine to her wedding. Antonio was proud, for Josephine was marrying a good man - Sam Tomasello, who was doing all right in the contracting business. They drove up in front of the church, and the father ushered his daughter out. She was in all her wedding finery, and he was beaming.

Then he slumped a bit against the side of the automobile.

"Papa, what is the matter?" Josephine called anxiously.

Her brother Steve intervened. He held and supported their father, and said to Josephine: "He's all right. He's just excited. He's too happy. It's time for you to go into the church. So go ahead and get married."

Josephine obeyed, and with the rites of the church was duly married to Sam Tomasello, the contractor.

After it was all over, brother Steve explained:

"My father would have wanted me to do just as I did. Only my brothers and myself knew that he died, as he got out of the car at the church. He would have wanted Josephine to go on to her wedding."

And Steve, no doubt, was right. It would have been the philosophy of Papa Antonio Miosi - that the individual may drop out, but the family must go on.

U.N.

(Date 9/26/49.)

At the U.N. today, there were - replies to Vishinsky. The most ~~interesting~~ interesting came from Yugoslavia. In the bitter conflict between Soviet Russia and the one-time puppet, Red Marshal Tito, all eyes were on the Yugoslav delegate in the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Today the representative of Tito denounced the Vishinsky speech on Friday. He said that, if Moscow is really sincere in wanting world peace, the proper start would be to end the dispute, and declared that the Soviet threats against Yugoslavia are what he called - "a permanent source of war."

He was followed by British Foreign Secretary Bevin, who spoke in his usual blunt fashion - and ~~xxx~~ referred to the worldwide headline that Soviet Russia has the atomic bomb. He called upon Moscow to drop all the secrecy, and let the world know. He called the Soviet position - "stupid." He indicated that, if Stalin has the bomb, it is all the more necessary for the world to come to an agreement outlawing atomic warfare.

This he said, could only be accomplished by the proposals
already offered to Russia. Atom control with inspection, each
country permitting such measures as would make sure that none
were violating an agreement to abolish the bomb.