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NORTH AFRICA

North Africa - is in a turmoil tonight. Reason - the continuing border war between Algeria and Morocco.

Since the fighting started, Algeria's President Ben Bella has begun a campaign for national unity. To which end, he has released - a number of his political enemies.

As for the Moroccans, they repeat - no pullback from the territory they say they've overrun. They claim that territory as their own. They insist - that they can defend it militarily. And they predict - that it will not pass to Algerian control.

Meanwhile, Ben Bella is getting ready for a conference with Morocco's King Hassan - at the African summit conference in Mali. The two North African

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leaders talking peace - as the guns boom along the
common frontier of their two countries.

CIVIL RIGHTS

President Kennedy got what he wanted - from the House Judiciary Committee. What Southern members - did not want. Namely - a modified version of the Civil Rights Bill.

Stated that way - you can see the oddity. The President has said - that he would prefer a strong bill. But most of all he wants one - that can pass on Capitol Hill. So he's putting his prestige behind - the less drastic measure.

The lawmakers from Dixie felt sure of beating - a more forceful document. So they're not pleased with the compromise - which seems to have a good chance of getting through the House.

This Civil Rights Bill covers - public accommodations. Banning discrimination - in places like restaurants and hotels. It is intended to enforce voting and employment rights. And it would allow the

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Federal government greater initiative in taking Civil Rights suits to court.

INTRODUCTION TO THE TAPE:

Although he's on his way home now - Lowell

Thomas keeps looking back over his shoulder. Back - at

the Antarctic continent. So, despite the fact that

he's in Moscow - his subject tonight is still the

Ultimate South. What about it - Lowell?

comments on the Judiciary voting record. Douglas says he

"cheated" Foreign ... but didn't admit.

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FIGHT

That spectacle outside the door to the House Chamber - well, it must have been rather undignified. At least - in the version reported by Congressman Foreman of Texas. He says that Congressman Gonzalez, also of Texas - took a punch at him. Reason - Foreman's comments on the Gonzalez voting record. Gonzalez says he "Shoved" Foreman ... but didn't hit him.

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MOSCOW-ANTARCTIC II

HELLO AGAIN DICK, AND GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In my last broadcast from here at Moscow, I started to tell you about the rousing reception that Admiral Reedy and his fellow airmen were given in the Antarctic, at the conclusion of their flight when they made their landing after the forty-seven hundred mile non-stop flight from Cape Town, South Africa over the Pole, as you can imagine all the scientists and all the Navy maintenance men who had wintered-over at McMurdo, our main base in the Antarctic - they were all out on the ice waiting and wondering if we would make it. They knew it was going to be touch and go because of the weather. At any rate, down we came through an almost opaque white sky. If it actually had been a "white-out" as they call it - then we would have been in trouble and it had been a complete "white-out" only minutes before. The crowd standing there on the ice let out a shout as the doors of the two trans-Polar

C-130s swung down and the Admiral and the rest of us, twenty nine in all, piled out. A shout that may even have startled the penguins and seals a few miles away. Along with our "winter-over" people, a New Zealand Colonel, Colonel Lee Taker, in charge of nearby Scott Base was there with all his men to greet us. Also, a tall Russian scientist Professor Georgio Gregory Tarakanov from the University of Leningrad. All in their special Antarctic costumes of course, as were we. The many-layered outfits that we were ordered to wear after leaving South Africa. That is, when we had flown over the empty Antarctic Ocean and when we arrived over the ice off the Antarctic Coast then we were told to hurriedly get into our polar suits just in case - in case of a forced landing. But when we flew in at McMurdo at the end of that fourteen and a half hour flight - at McMurdo it was only twenty three degrees below zero. And in the Antarctic that's

a heat wave. So, many threw back the fur trimmed hoods of their parkas and they even took off their fur gloves to shake hands with the airmen who had just made history with what may be the last long range exploration flight that remained to be done on this planet.

Incidentally, if it's sixty or seventy or eighty or a hundred below zero as it is much of the time then you don't do much hand shaking. This winter it even dropped as low as a hundred and twenty nine below.

The "winter-over" people at McMurdo, our men, and the New Zealanders from Scott Base and Professor Tarakanov, they put on quite a feast for us in one of their quanset huts. While a storm came up and the winds howled from the icy mountains and the snow blew, we dined on juicy steaks, a celebration I'll not try to describe except to say that there were not supposed to be any speeches, but nearly everybody made one. Starting with rugged Admiral Jim Reedy. In fact,

some of them went on and on and on and when I turned in at four a.m. in the cold grey Antarctic dawn, the New Zealander, Colonel Taker, was still making one. As for the Admiral, he may still be making them because when we got to New Zealand every radio and TV station wanted him. After all this flight was of special importance to New Zealand and Australia for at long last it had forged an air link, the first direct link between three continents. There always has to be a first and this was it.

Some day this exciting all-white continent will be right in the middle of a new air route - a new direct route across the bottom of the world between Africa and Australasia, blazed by American Navy airmen under Admiral Jim Reedy.

And where are the Admiral and his trans-Polar fliers now? Instead of flying home for a ticker tape parade up Broadway - New York's traditional salute to airmen who have

done what these men have done, they immediately flew back to the Antarctic to operate what they call The Penguin Airline that supplies the scientists at our polar bases and the scientists of other countries who are at work there.

After refueling, a rest for the crews at McMurdo and time for me to broadcast to you from the Ross Sea side of the continent, we flew another two thousand two hundred miles from McMurdo to the South Island of New Zealand, a total of almost seven thousand miles with one stop.

And here's a postscript to history, a postscript that I am sure history will not even take note of. When I landed at Sydney airport, Hercules McIntyre, a famous Australian who met me said: "Lau-ell (they call me Lau-ell in Australia) you seem to have racked up another aviation first yourself. For you alone are the first ever to journey by air from Africa right across the Antarctic to Australia. And then everybody laughed.

But what is important to me is that I was fortunate enough to be along with Admiral Reedy and his fellow crewmen of the two U.S. Navy Hercules C-130s when they flew non-stop for four thousand seven hundred miles through Antarctic skies from Cape Town to McMurdo and on to the Antipodes. A flight that may end the long range flying firsts that began forty-four years ago in 1919 when Alcock and Brown first flew the Atlantic.

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END OF TAPE:

IDEOLOGY

Well, Lowell, to coin a phrase - it sounds like the end of an era. The long-distance fliers of the future - they'll have to be astronauts, flashing across the solar system.

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X-15

HURRICANE

It's a comment on the technological progress of
our time - that the following should be routine. Pilot
Milt Thompson flew the X-15 - for the first time today.
And - he didn't set any records. Top speed - only two
thousand, seven hundred miles an hour. Highest altitude
- only thirteen miles.

Maybe he'll do better - later on. This ninth
pilot of our incredible rocket ship - the X-15.

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cloudburst.

HURRICANE

For the East Coast of North America - the hurricane watch is over. No more fear that hurricane "Ginny" - might storm ashore. It's now moving out to sea.

But "Ginny" is ruffling - New England. Winds of sixty miles an hour. Waves - thirteen feet high. Tides - a foot above normal. And - for this New Englanders are devoutly grateful - two inches of rain. The drought, ending with a bang - or rather, a cloudburst.

MINE

At Peine, West Germany, a rotary drill is biting through earth and rock - at a speed of fifteen feet an hour. Not very fast - by ordinary standards. But the standards at Peine - are not ordinary. The drill has to descend almost three hundred feet - without causing a cave-in. Or blocking the airlines to the three miners - who are still trapped at the bottom of an iron mine.

Expected time of rescue, if all goes well - noon tomorrow.

INQUIRY

The latest Senate inquiry - spans the Atlantic Ocean. All the way from Washington - to West Germany.

The emphasis at the moment - is on our national capital. Star of the show thus far - Bobby Baker, who recently resigned as Secretary to the Democrats in Congress. The Senate investigators are trying to determine just how Baker handled - his influential job. And in particular, whether he ran up a private fortune - through some extra-curricular activities.

West Germany? I'm sure you've all heard the name - Ellen Rometsch. The rumors about the former wife of a West German Sergeant, who used to be stationed in Washington - include some famous names. Hence, the suggestion that this Congressional inquiry - may ultimately reach Wuppertal, West Germany. The home where the ex-Mrs. Rometsch is trying to fend off the newsmen - who hope to get the story first.