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(bc. given by W. Cronkite - L.T. near North Pole)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The rebellion against the Cuban government - is just about over. So claimed by President Batista - after the suppression of a revolt in the city of Cienfuegos. That city was sealed off today - for a house-to-house clean-up.

First reports put the casualties of the rebellion - at over a hundred, with sixty-two dead. But it's believed this figure will go much higher - when the final count is in.

## STERN

An American accused of Communist espionage - charges that America is "liquidating" the progressive members of society. Martha Dodd Stern, making the charge in Prague. Mrs. Stern, along with her husband, was identified as a Russian agent - during hearings of the Senate investigation into subversive activities. The Sterns, now safely behind the Iron Curtain - saying just what the Reds want to hear.

According to Martha Dodd Stern, she and her husband were systematically persecuted. She says they were spied on by the F.B.I., had their telephone tapped, and were threatened many times - just for being "progressives." Mrs. Stern adding, that Americans who think as she does - are suffering the same kind of persecution right now. She describes America as dominated by what she calls "an atmosphere of hysteria."

## CHINA

The Chinese Communist radio reports - more than five hundred opponents of the Red regime have been uncovered. All five hundred, accused of going too far - in criticizing, the regime of Mao Tse-tung. In a speech earlier this year, the boss of the Communist Party called for more freedom to criticize Communist officials. But too many Chinese took his words literally. Now the Reds are going back to their natural type of thinking. Cracking down on what are called, "Right Wing elements," five hundred of them.

CHOU EN-LAI

The Premier of Communist China met a group of Americans today. Chou En-lai, attending an international reception - sponsored by the Young Communist League. Among the guests - some of those Americans, who defied the State Department - to travel in the domain of the Chinese Reds.

Chou En-lai, singled out the Americans - calling them envoys of their country. The Red Chinese Premier adding, "Through you I would like to convey my regard - for the American people."

At the same time, Chou beat the propaganda drum a little. Charging, his expressions of affection for the American people have been kept out of the American press. He told the students one way to avoid any more of this - would be an exchange of newsmen, on a mutual basis. The reference being to those twenty-four American newsmen, who were given a green light by Secretary of State Dulles - only to be held up by Mao Tse-tung's demand for a similar number of his reporters to be allowed inside the United States.



INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

Tonight we have another report from Lowell

Thomas - who is far up near the North Pole. This report shows that life is still pretty hazardous - in the Arctic.

L.T.

When we fly out over the Polar Sea, tomorrow, we will be followed the entire time, by radio. Experts of The Tenth Rescue Group will keep a constant check of where we are - all the way. And that's a comforting thought.

Since arriving in Alaska we have spent most of our time with this, the most famous aviation outfit in the Far North. As long as men fly the law of gravity will bring planes down at times when those on board don't want them to come down.

A C-124, a Globemaster, one of the largest of planes, took off from here at Elmendorf Field. Although a Globemaster will carry 200 men, this one only had the crew of eleven aboard.

Forty minutes after take-off one engine went out. So they turned back, and almost made it. But on the final approach, within a couple of hundred yards of the end of the runway, a second engine cut out. Knowing he now

couldn't make it the pilot kicked her to one side and put her down in the water, and the ice - of Cook Inlet.

The huge plane stayed afloat. Her eleven man crew scrambled out on top of her, and in a few minutes the men of the Tenth Rescue, were over them with helicopters - picking them off. Later the Globemaster was towed through the ice and reclaimed - two million dollars worth of plane.

That was an easy one. Most of the time the men of the Tenth Rescue are on missions hundreds of miles from their base. The area they cover - all of Alaska, 1,200,000 square miles. But they are also responsible for a sector of the Arctic Ocean, bringing it up to a total of two and a quarter square miles.

My companion, Bernt Balchen, started all this. It came out of necessity. Rescues he made in 1941. Then in '43 he made it an organized affair, and in '45 and

'46 he created the famed Tenth Rescue Squadron for the U.S. Air Force.

But it's not just for the military. There are so few roads in Alaska that up here everybody flies. The population of the Territory has now jumped to more than 250,000 people. And 80% of the rescues are of civilians.

Colonel Maurice Speer, Balchen's successor, has just given me a graphic example of how complicated their problem is. There is a civilian airfield here near Elmendorf the big Air Force base. The other day there were over a hundred civilian aircraft take-offs and only ten of them left their flight plans with the CAA - at the control tower. "This means," said he, "that you don't know where these people go. Then when their families start worrying and call us," added the Colonel, "can you imagine the time we have finding them?"

Because of the size of most of the planes the military rescues are often more dramatic. A crew of



twelve took off in a KC-94 - which is the same as a Boeing Stratacruiser. On take-off an engine caught fire. The weather was bad. As the pilot started to circle in the mist, hoping to get back in, the eleven others jumped, coming down in Cook Inlet. Ten were never seen again. But one was lucky. He came down on a sand bar, knocked out and all rangled up in his chute. If he had not been rescued quickly the tide and swift current of this inlet - would have taken him out to sea, with the others.

What happened to the pilot still up there in that doomed plane? He was saved by a miracle. While he was trying to bail out the plane suddenly emerged from the clouds, and there right in front of him was Elmendorf field. So he landed. And so two out of twelve lived to tell about that one.

When I asked young Colonel Speer how many rescue missions his men had been on in Alaska during the past

year, he said about five hundred!

We hope not to provide them with another assignment. But, if we do - well, these are fellows who inspire confidence - these men of The Tenth Rescue.

So long,

## ARMS

Our State Department announces - we are rushing arms to other nations of the Middle East besides Jordan. The announcement, made by spokesman Luther Reid - who told newsmen, this crash program has been under way for some day. Reid doesn't identify the nations involved. But the belief is - Iraq and Saudi Arabia are being armed along with Jordan - because of the threat from Syria, now under the control of a Left Wing military dictatorship.

## SERGEANT

Tonight's Believe-It-Or-Not story - comes from Ramstein, Germany. It's about Sergeant Darrell Perkins, of Pekin, Illinois. There seems to be some doubt about whether Sergeant Perkins - is a hero, or a violator of the law.

This morning, Sergeant Perkins saw a car stalled on a rail crossing. In the car, a woman and a small boy - paralyzed with fear - as they watched a train bearing down on them at full speed. The Sergeant promptly raced to the rescue. He jumped into the car, got it started, and drove it off the tracks - just in time. The locomotive clipped a rear fender, as it thundered past - but that was all.

So far, Sergeant Perkins sounds like the hero of the story. But then the Military Police arrived on the scene. One of them demanded to see his driver's license. The Sergeant pointed out - it wasn't his car. He merely acted to save the woman and child, by getting them off



the tracks. Replied the M.P.: "Maybe, but you were driving the car - when the accident occurred."

That's where the dispatch ends. As far as we know, Sergeant Perkins is guilty of violating the law - because he drove a car without a license. Tonight, he must be shaking his head about whether it's worth while - to go in for this heroism stuff.

## ATOMIC

Our present series of atomic tests moves another step today - with the explosion of the seventeenth bomb in this series. This one, a very small bomb - only equal to about five thousand tons of TNT. It was touched off from a balloon - five hundred feet over the desert, near Angel's Peak, Nevada.

Despite its size, the nuclear device erupted into a brilliant fireball - that was seen three hundred miles away in Los Angeles. But there was no familiar mushroom cloud. Instead, what looked like a big sphere of cotton - rising ten thousand feet, dispersing within ten minutes.

## AGRICULTURE

Our Department of Agriculture scoffs at Khrushchev's claim - that Russia will catch up with us in a few years - in the production of meat and dairy products. The opinion of the Department, published in its official magazine called "Foreign Agriculture." The author of the article not identified - but described as "well informed about Russian farm production."

The reference is to a speech Khrushchev made last May in Leningrad. In that speech, the boss of Soviet Communism predicted - Russia will produce as much milk as the United States by Nineteen Fifty-Eight - and as much meat by Nineteen Sixty-One.

Our Department of Agriculture replies - there's no chance at all of Khrushchev making good on this boast. His figures are called inconsistent with information derived from Soviet farm reports. Khrushchev, exaggerating the productive ability of Soviet agriculture - by about twenty per cent.

What's the point of his prediction? Well, it seems to be the old one - he was talking for home consumption. Telling the Russians how well off they are going to be - perhaps, hoping they'll forget by the time his prediction has been falsified.



## POPE

In a strongly worded order, Pope Pius the Twelfth today ordered Catholic priests in Hungary - to sever all ties with the government. The decree applies especially to prelates of the church who are elected deputies of the Parliament in Budapest. These deputies are instructed to cease all connection with the legislature - within a month.

A Vatican spokesman says - the reason for this decree cannot be disclosed. But he did say it has no direct connection with the case of Cardinal Mindscenty - the primate of Hungary, who took refuge in the American legation when the Russians attacked Budapest and put down the rebellion last November.

Some observers in Rome say - the Pontiff is applying a general order - to prevent the Church from being completely dominated by the Red regime of Premier Kadar. In other words, the leader of the Catholic church

doesn't want the clergy - appearing to give their support to Communism - or voting in favor of laws that will be enforced by members of the Communist Party.

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## LITTLE ROCK

The situation in Little Rock is more complicated than ever tonight. During the day, the Governor of Arkansas sent President Eisenhower a telegram - in reply to the one he received from the President. Governor Faubus promising to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

But the National Guard is still in Little Rock. Armed troopers, surrounding Central High School - and the executive mansion too. Governor Faubus claims they'll have to stay - because he still fears an outburst of violence.

In any case, Negro students did not attend classes at Central High. The eight who were scheduled to enroll - stayed home again today. And the crowd was smaller - only about one hundred and fifty - all behaving themselves.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Brownell has instructed the F.B.I. - to confer with representatives of Governor Faubus. Federal investigators, to consider the evidence

on which the Governor has taken his stand. So far, we don't know just what this evidence is.

The Mayor of Little Rock doesn't agree with the Governor. Mayor Woodrow Mann accusing him of bringing an atmosphere of mob psychology into the city. As a result of the Mayor's attitude to desegregation, a cross was burned on his front lawn today. The symbol of the Ku Klux Klan, showing - some citizens of Little Rock agree with the Governor against the Mayor.

That's how the question of desegregation stands tonight in Little Rock. The capital of Arkansas is waiting for tomorrow's decision by federal Judge Ronald Davies - who will hand down a ruling on whether Central High should be desegregated immediately in compliance with earlier orders. The Judge could refuse to demand integration now - by approving a "crisis request" of the School Board - which would delay integration indefinitely.