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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Baghdad reports Iraqi crowds, celebrating the end of the rebellion. And - calling for - Nasser's head. Premier Kassem, throwing the blame - on the Strong Man of Egypt. Kassem says the revolt in Mosul definitely has been smashed, with rebel leader Abdel Shawaf - killed. The country - so we hear from Baghdad is coming back to normal.

However Nasser's radio in Syria continues to broadcast a different report. Insisting - the rebellion is still on in the provinces, rebels holding towns up country - in spite of Kassem's air force.

Nasser's broadcaster also says that Kassem has swung over into the Communist camp.

All of which indicates the depth of the feud developing between Iraq and the United Arab Republic. Eleven of Nasser's diplomats and diplomat friends

expelled from Iraq, accused of - spying for Nasser.

Cairo - threatening to retaliate - against Iraqi diplomats.

Westerners are warned - to stay off the streets of Iraqi cities, Mosul - in particular. Some Americans are already moving into Baghdad. Our people in nearby countries in case any of our people feel they have to get out in a hurry. How many Americans are in Iraq? About a thousand - most of them, employed by the oil companies.

DE GAULLE

The British and the French have worked out a common approach - to the Berlin crisis. *So we hear from* ~~So reported in~~ Paris - following Macmillan's visit to DeGaulle. The approach, almost identical with ours.

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~~One key point - disengagement.~~ DeGaulle has been suspicious about an allied pull-back of troops ~~at~~ that might endanger France. We are told ~~that~~ Macmillan satisfied DeGaulle that Britain and America have no plans for *anything of* ~~a disengagement of~~ that kind. London and Washington, refusing to consider any agreement with the Soviets - unless it includes an ironclad security guarantee for all of Western Europe.

KHRUSHCHEV

The boss of the Kremlin was in East Berlin today - conferring - with Ulbricht and Grotewohl. Later, Khrushchev spoke to the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin. Claiming, among other things - complete agreement between him and the East German leaders. No one in West Berlin questions that. Puppets like Ulbricht and Grotewohl - don't disagree with their boss from Moscow.

In his speech, Khrushchev accused the Mayor of West Berlin - of going back on a promise to confer with him. Willie Brandt retorts that he would be willing to meet Khrushchev - if the latter had a realistic plan for negotiations. As it is - Mayor Brandt considers Khrushchev's proposals so far, as he put it:- "unacceptable."

GOMULKA

Meanwhile Western diplomats are trying to interpret - Gomulka's speech at the Polish Communist Party Congress. Gomulka - the rostrum for six hours, made no direct attack on the United States this time, but he did condemn the Western proposals for Berlin, and asserted that the West has lost the Cold War - because of Soviet intercontinental rockets. He also denied - that Poland is dominated by Russia.

Does Gomulka really believe his own speech? Was he talking for home consumption, or trying to placate Khrushchev? More puzzles from Gomulka - who once did defy Khrushchev.

BOAT

Soviet fishing boats have been stopped recently - in two different places. Near Greenland - and off the Philippines. Now, a turn-about -- the Russians, taking a fishing boat from the West in tow.

The Finnish trawler, "Saga" - commanded by Captain Klas Eriksson. ^{It} The "Saga" - ~~was~~ in the Baltic after salmon.

Near the Finnish coast,

Suddenly a Soviet destroyer - pulled alongside. Captain

Eriksson, ordered to steer - to a Russian held-port. The captain, a prisoner for two days - before being released.

When he got back to his boat - he found his entire salmon catch - gone. Confiscated - by the Russians.

TUNISIA

Communist weapons for the Algeria rebels - will be allowed to pass through Tunisia. So says Tunisia's President Bourguiba - who calls himself pro-Western, but opposes DeGaulle's policy in Algeria. Bourguiba, calling DeGaulle - "a prisoner of the French marshals." The Tunisian President, asserting he's not opposed to arms reaching the Algerian rebels. Not even - Communist arms.

CUBA

The executions in Cuba have passed the mark - originally set by Fidel Castro. The rebel leader, declaring right after the revolution that no more than four hundred of Batista's men would be executed. But today we hear the figure has mounted to four hundred and twenty-seven, with ten more defendants - sentenced to death today. Others still waiting trial.

ENVOY

President Eisenhower names a new Ambassador to Israel. Young Ogden Reid, former head of the New York Herald Tribune. The nomination had been expected, was okayed - by Premier Ben-Gurion some weeks ago, and now goes to the Senate where approval is taken for granted.

ATOMIC

In Geneva - agreement ^{more} followed by disagreement. The West, accepting the Soviet plan - for a ban on nuclear testing. One qualification - put forward by Britain and America. Each nation involved, to have the right to resume testing - if it ^{thinks} ~~thought~~ some other nation ^{is} ~~was~~ violating the agreement. Which qualification - the Russians call "completely unsatisfactory." The atomic deadlock - to continue, apparently.

SPACE

More money for our Civilian Space Program - okayed by the Senate. The vote - unanimous.

Forty-eight million - first installment of a total of five hundred million. Chairman Stennis of the Senate Space Committee - called the program "sound". Other speakers, pointing out - this bill could mean the difference between survival and disaster. Their colleagues, agreeing to that - everybody voting "Aye".

SNARK

The Air Force, sending a guided missile - far out over the Atlantic. Then - bringing it back safely. A snark, sixty-nine feet long - launched at Cape Canaveral. Boosted into the air by a blast of solid fuel - zooming fifteen hundred miles down the missile range. *Then - in its flight, and* Turning ~~around~~ under automatic control. returning to Cape Canaveral. Coming in for a smooth landing. Time of the flight - four hours.

DEWLINE

The Dewline, in the American-Canadian Arctic - to get twenty-seven million dollars extra. So announced by the Defense Department. This to be spent on the East end of the Dew Line where the radar screen is to be extended across Greenland. This decision - not connected with the Berlin crisis. It's all a part of the new agreement with Denmark - which owns Greenland. This extension to enable us to pick up the sound of planes and missiles approaching over the Arctic over a much wider area. Our radar defense now to cover a vast arc from the Aleutians and Bering Strait, to Greenland.

POPOV

Have you been celebrating the Popov centenary?

The Russians have. They are Popov minded.

"Who's Popov?" Oh yes, he's the man the Russians say invented radio. Phooey on Marconi says the Kremlin.

Khrushchev is heading the Popov commemoration and has ordered a special Popov medal.

I'll resist the Popov pun temptation, Don - and merely say, here's the mike, go ahead and - !

EXPLOSION

An explosion in downtown Rio de Janeiro - caused by leaking gas. A truck, loaded with gas - standing by the curb. A passing car - throwing sparks into the truck. Result - a blast that shook Rio for several square miles. The truck - in fragments - hurled for a distance of a city block. Buildings, rocked - thousands of windows broken. Panic - among pedestrians in the great Brazilian capital. The toll - at least twenty injured.

The explosion caused an alert - by an American Task Force that happened to be in Rio harbor. They thought it was - a bomb.