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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In Buenos Aires, today, the Cuban Ambassador to Argentina turned over his embassy - to a representative of the Castro's Cuban insurgents; and, in Montevideo, the Uruguayan Senate voted a recommendation - that "belligerent rights" be extended to the Castro revolutionary movement.

In Cuba - Castro's men claim they are launching a siege of the important city of Santiago.

On the other hand Batista's people say they've slammed and fought their way to the relief of the beleaguered city of Santa Clara.

BERLIN

The western allies call on Soviet Russia to participate in a four-power conference - on the Berlin crisis and other questions of European security. But they say - they'll not enter in any such discussion - under the menace of threats.

Last evening we heard that Britain, France and the United States were sending diplomatic notes informing Moscow that they will not get out of West Berlin, and will not have any part of the "free city" scheme. Today, the disclosure - that the notes also propose a four-power conference.

Word is that the U S government wants this communication to be studied in Moscow - before ~~the departure of~~ Deputy Premier Mikoyan ~~who is to come to the~~ ^{U.S.A. - next week,} ~~United States~~ ~~Washington early next week.~~ The understanding ^{when} ~~being that~~ Mikoyan ^{will} ~~intends to~~ discuss the Berlin business with top officials at the State Department.

POLICE

On official of the Teamsters Union ^{states} ~~announces~~ that a campaign to unionize the New York City police will begin in January or February. ^{The} ~~which~~ campaign, moreover, ^{to} ~~will~~ be extended to other cities of the country. A nationwide attempt apparently, to bring the police into the Teamsters Union.

The statement was made by Henry Feinstein, head of a local union of city employees - affiliated with the Teamsters. If the heads of the ~~gt~~ police department oppose unionisation, New York police headquarters will be picketed beginning January twelfth. So says Feinstein, who adds - that the nationwide campaign to unionize the police may be headed by James Hoffa, head of the Teamsters Union.

New York's Mayor Wagner retorts - that a policemen's union will not be tolerated. The Mayor - backing up police commissioner Kennedy ^{who}

~~WHO~~ pledges - that every legal weapon will be used against attempts to unionize the twenty-three-- thousand--six--hundred New York policemen.

Today Commissioner Kennedy was questioned with reference to the fact that Hoffa's Teamsters Union has been expelled from the A F of L on charges of ~~KNOWING~~ corruption, After having been ~~KNOWINGLY~~ accused by a Senate committee - of racketeering. The newsmen asked - if the campaign to unionize the cops could mean that racketeers were trying to infiltrate the police department.

To which Commissioner Kennedy replied:--
"well, you can read the newspapers, as well as I can".

The New York policemen themselves appear to have little inclination to form a union. Today John Cassesse, President of the Patrolmens benevolent association, ^{said:} ~~declared~~ "we want no part of Hoffa or his union." ~~(He denied claims that three thousand policemen have signed up for~~

Remember the Boston police strike. The cops in Boston formed a union. The cops went on strike. The lawless element ran wild. Boston had a reign of terror for several days - until the Governor of Massachusetts took drastic action. Sending in the National guard.

The name of that Governor? Calvin Coolidge. The Boston police strike that headed Cal on the way to the White House.

CALIFORNIA

Southern California ^{is} having a wildly
raging brush fire. A New Year nightmare - for
people in Topaganda Canyon, an area of fine
suburban residences.

~~Captain D. F. Hooper of the Los Angeles
Fire Department says - arson. The blaze - ~~was~~
deliberately set. So the arson squad of the Fire
Department is investigating - as the blaze battlers
fight the flames.~~

~~It's hard to think of anyone so malicious
-- as to start a raging brush fire. Especially -
on the eve of the New Year.~~

TENNIS

In the world of tennis tonight the anthem is - "hail to the chief." That's the Presidential song; - but, it happens that they call Alex Olmedo the "Chief." The Peruvian tennis player - who might remind one of an Indian from the Andes.

In that incredible surprise victory he won the Davis Cup - almost single handed. The American team scored three points - of which two-and-a-half were won by the Chief.

Yet the question had been - should Olmedo be placed on the U S team? A student at the University of Southern California - a Peruvian, who actually hadn't had any experience in championship tennis. He had never even seen a Davis Cup match. However, our team captain Seventy year old Perry Jones insisted - yes. And in this opinion he was backed by one-time star Jack Kramer who is now a Promoter of professional tennis.

So, the Chief - from USC joined our under-dogs. Which - they certainly were. The U S team - not

given a chance against the supposedly invincible
Australians. ^{But as you no doubt have heard,} ~~But then,~~ in Brisbane, the Australians
were stunned.

Olmedo began by beating Mal Anderson -
ranked as the world's number two amateur. Then he
teamed with Ham Richardson in the doubles - and
they defeated Anderson and Neale Fraser. Which
gave the U S an amazing lead. ^{Oh} - but it ~~wasn't~~ ^{can't} last.
So thought the Australians; - and most Americans ^{too,}

~~and~~

[^] Because, today, Olmedo faced the top
star of the Land Down Under - Ashley Cooper, the
world's number one amateur. He didn't figure to
win. He couldn't! - ~~But~~, he did. On the tennis
court, the Chief ^{put the} pressure ~~on~~ Ashley Cooper so
relentlessly - that the world's number one amateur
faltered. Olmedo winning - six - three, four -
six, six - four, eight - six. Which gave our side
the winning margin. Three matches out of five.
Bringing the Davis Cup back to the U S A for the

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first time since Nineteen Fifty Four.

Startling New Year's upset - scored by
the under-dogs, Down Under.

QUEEN

From now on we'll have to say - Sir Alex. In talking about that mild mannered British character who can seem rather whimsically baffled and helpless. In London, today, Queen Elizabeth bestowed the customary honors at New Year's - and, on the list of newly created Knights, is movie actor Alex Guinness, who was most characteristic -- as the mousy little bookkeeper in "The Lavender Hill Mob". So, ^{here's} ~~now~~ a salute to Sir Alex.

Another on the Queen's honors list is a lighthouse keeper. P. J. M. Hutchison who has charge of the light houses in the Shetland Islands, those bleak northern bits of land. He's decorated with the British Empire Medal. So hail to the light house keeper. ^{And let's not} ~~forget~~ ~~the~~ - the light-house keeper's daughter.

VODKA

Not such a happy New Year - in Moscow, where tonight, restaurants and cabarets are jammed. But they are forbidden to serve any customers more than three and a half ounces of the firey vodka. And, for a two-fisted Russian three-and-a-half ounces!!

Wine and champagne unlimited - but Ivan considers wine and champagne the same as soda pop. Like most Russians I am in a snowy region tonight. From ^{snowy} Bromley, ~~Massachusetts~~, Manchester, Vermont, here's wishing you all a Happy New Year.