

L.T.-Olds. Friday, Oct. 26, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I hope it is as beautiful wherever you are as it is where I am. I have a broadcasting studio surrounded by pine trees, lakes -- wilderness, almost. When I got home this afternoon I found these Lower Berkshire Hills as we call them, looking like fairyland, about the only way to describe it. Four or five inches of snow had just fallen. Most unusual for October. Wet snow that sticks to every branch and leaf. Not enough of a storm to bother the wild life. Just enough to cause the deer to get at and play. Even the birds looked happy. Surely a perfect world -- except for what Man does to mess it up. Now and then all of us refer to other living creatures as dumb animals and so on. I wonder if Man isn't the dumbest animal of them all? As usual it is my job to tell you a little of what

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Man has been doing today. I wish I could do so without repeating things that some of you have already heard.

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The Weather Bureau calls it "one of the worst outbreaks of Arctic air ever for October." Dispatches describe it as an unseasonal cold snap - chilling half the country. A foot of snow in upstate New York. Ten inches or more way down in West Virginia. On the Great Lakes, heavy, big snowflakes almost blotting out visibility. But to call it "Arctic" it's hardly that cold Mr. Weatherman.

BLOCKADE

~~have heard~~ ^{about that} ~~the~~ first freighter ~~to be~~ searched by American boarding parties off Cuba, ^{today - how it} was once an American vessel?

The "Marucla" - chartered by the Soviet Union and flying the ~~Lebanese~~ ^{one of our} Lebanese flag - ~~was~~ Liberty ship of World War Two vintage.

Part of the shipping fleet that we built, ^{hurriedly} ~~almost overnight~~ ^{for the War,} ~~to carry supplies to the theaters of war~~

Now, all these years later, ^{here comes} the "Marucla," ~~sails~~ into the Caribbean, ^{with a Russian} ~~under Lebanese registry~~ ^{Chartered by} ~~Moscow to carry~~ cargo ^{for} Cuba. ~~She was~~ Stopped by

destroyers of the U S Navy, Her skipper, offering no protest - as ^a ~~our~~ boarding parties inspected her cargo.

The whole operation took - twelve hours. The cargo

~~turning out to be~~ mainly trucks and chemicals. Nothing ^{to bother under the} ~~interdicted by our~~ blockade regulations.

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Passing through the cordon of American war ships, enroute to Havana - the old American Liberty ship.

POLICY

~~The "specific further steps" mentioned repeatedly~~
~~in Washington do not concern diplomacy. This was stated,~~
~~explicitly by Lincoln White, at the State Department. The~~
~~point being that~~ ^{Work on ~~the~~ *these Cuba* Soviet missile bases has not}
been stopped. In fact, it looks as if the Russians are
hurrying - to get them completed. ^{When} And if ~~they are~~ completed -
Castro ~~will~~ ^{will have *some* ~~about~~} ten operational bases, Armed
with - medium and intermediate missiles. ^{Exactly} the kind,
that President Kennedy has called - a threat to most of the
hemisphere.

~~Hence, the planning~~ In Washington, - should diplomacy
fail, ^{*we are almost sure to*} ~~Planning for the possibility that we may have to~~
dismantle ^{*them*} ~~those bases,~~ ourselves.

^{*And*} This thought ^{*is*} supplemented by a remark of the
Secretary General - of the Organization of American States,
^{*who today said to*} Jose Mora, ^{*telling*} newsmen: - "those offensive missile bases
in Cuba, are not negotiable."

BUILDUP FOLLOW POLICY

~~The non-diplomatic means of doing something are~~

still pouring into the Key West area. ¹¹ Men and material - of

all kinds ^{are} Much of the equipment - under wraps. ^{Some} ~~For example,~~

~~these~~ long cigar-shaped objects - labeled "explosives."

~~These weapons - we assume they're weapons - are now behind~~

a protective rampart of earth, thirty feet high.

On the famous Key West beach - six-wheeled army trucks, loaded with power and electronic equipment. On the islands off Key West - a forest of anti-aircraft guns.

How many soldiers - in this buildup? Says one old timer in the Florida city - "colonels are a dime a dozen." All adding up to - perhaps the greatest concentration of military striking power, ever seen in the continental United States.

Adlai Stevenson's arrival at the White House this morning - was obviously a prelude to his talks at the U N. this afternoon. ^{The} ~~the~~ Ambassador to the U N, ~~an~~ a flying visit to Washington - to confer with President Kennedy, and top presidential advisors. Stevenson, giving his views - on the way the debates are going. Getting the latest reports - on the development of the Cuban crisis. Finally, leaving Washington - with his strategy brought up to date.

Specifically - Stevenson came back ~~from New York,~~ all set for his conference with U. Thant. Ready to explain to the Acting Secretary General, that ^{while we will} ~~we do want to~~ negotiate ^{Cuban} ~~we~~ ^{we} are determined to get rid of the Soviet rocket bases, ~~on Cuba.~~

REACTION

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The non-Communist world is more solidly on the side of the United States - than at any time since the blockade began. That's the verdict, following a minute analysis of - official statements, press reports, and radio broadcasts.

Some observers in Washington expected - the opposite. ~~result.~~ Second thoughts, causing doubts - among allies and neutrals. But three things appear to be working - in our favor. First - the proof that our charges against the Russians are correct. The photographs of the missile bases in Cuba - incontrovertible. Second, the American blockade is a success.

Proving again
~~isn't there again,~~ - that, nothing succeeds like success?

Third - Khrushchev's hesitation in the face of American resolution. Some neutrals, beginning to feel - that the Soviets are slipping.

Washington still considers the situation - dangerous. But less dangerous than ~~that~~ a week ago.

INDIA

At the U N, India still pursues the quixotic aim of - a seat for Red China. Still - the language of the Indian Ambassador, is not quite as parliamentary - as in former years. This time, the U N delegates heard language like this -

"Red China's flagrant, massive, and premeditated aggression."

In other words, the thunder of Mao ~~Tse Tung's~~ guns - is having an echo ^{ing} at the U N. ~~building in New York~~

In India - it's no mere echo. The Indian army, still falling back - before the onslaught of the Chinese Reds, ^{with} ~~tonight~~ ^{the} invaders ^{now} ~~are~~ ten miles beyond Towang - which they captured yesterday.

Result - Nehru, ~~proclaiming~~ proclaiming a "state of emergency," private citizens, requested to turn in - their jewelry and gold, ^{and} ~~they have~~ warned, not to start any panic - buying of food, ~~or~~ ^{or} ~~the~~ hoarding of money.

ROCKET

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There's ~~no official secrecy about~~ ^{Another} the Titan missile

fired ~~in~~ at Cape Canaveral today. ~~We are told that the ten~~

^{Rising}
~~story giant~~ ^{rose} smoothly from its launching pad. ~~Arching~~
~~high into the sky.~~

Thundering down "missile alley" at fifteen thousand miles an hour. Landing in the target area - ~~between~~ Africa and South America. Five thousand miles, ^{and a bull's eye} - in less than half an hour.

A real estate advertisement in a London magazine-
is causing the historians to rattle their teacups. The ad,
reading - "fifteenth century mansion, rich in historic
associations, and mentioned in the Domesday Book."

Now there's an
~~You probably ~~have~~ know enough history - to pick up~~

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~~the~~ anachronism! ~~The~~ mansion ~~was~~ built - in the Fifteenth
Century. But the Domesday Book ~~goes~~ ^{that's} back to ~~the~~ Eleventh
Century. When the Duke of Normandy conquered England in
Ten Sixty-Six - he ordered a written survey of his new
kingdom. Counties, towns, forests, and so on. The survey,
classical in English history - under the name of the Domesday
Book.

The surveyors of William the Conqueror, just didn't
know anything about - ~~in~~ a mansion erected four centuries

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later. *Dick, how's that for an anachronism?*