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Good Evening Everybody:

About the livliest topic here in San Francisco today is the one that probably is being discussed wherever you are. That "Scranton letter" - the one Scranton says he didn't write. The missive that went from Scranton's office to Goldwater's office, and, so they say, made Goldwater boiling mad when he read it, because it accused him - among other things - of irresponsibility. So mad he sent the letter back to Scranton - and so on. Then came the surprise. Scranton saying he didn't write that letter. Also that he considered some of the language - rather strong. Next came his appearance before the Wisconsin delegation. Where he denied he had even read the letter. Which raised the question of whether the Pennsylvania Governor

even signed it. A question that Goldwater answered with a flat - "yes". The Arizonian insisting - that he knows the Scranton signature when he sees it. To which Scranton retorts - "no" - he didn't sign the letter. However, since the letter went out from his office - he is accepting responsibility for it. Quite a hullabaloo over a letter a candidate didn't sign, didn't read, but takes responsibility for.

SCRANTON

But is the Governor of Pennsylvania giving up?

Emphatically no. Governor Scranton, brushing off what seems to be in the air here at the Convention - that Senator Goldwater will sweep in on that first ballot. He repeats that he will be the GOP standard bearer. Intends to carry on his fight - until the balloting begins tomorrow.

Also that he will not accept any second spot.

If Goldwater gets the nomination - there wont be any Arizona-Pennsylvania ticket. That's final, says Scranton.

PLATFORM

What is the Scranton strategy at the moment?

Concentrate on the platform. Provoke a floor fight over the planks concerning Civil Rights, extremism - and the control of nuclear weapons.

The strategy, as you know, is to force the Goldwater faction into a debate on these issues, in the hope of convincing a lot of delegates - that Goldwater's position is wrong. Start a shift to Scranton.

If this fails, as it probably will, say nearly all observers, then it would be back to Harrisburg for the Governor of Pennsylvania.

MORTON

The Republican who has taken over the gavel - is addressing himself to the Democrats. Senator Thruston Morton of Kentucky - lambasting the Johnson administration, and - the Kennedy administration before it. Accusing both of contributing to - a down-hill plunge in political morality.

What - to do about it? "Put a Republican back in the White House, of course" says the GOP spokesman.

EISENHOWER

*General Eisenhower in his chosen role of peace
maker will be the featured speaker at the Convention
tonight. To stress unity, and party cohesion.*

VIET NAM

Dispatches from South East Asia tell us that the recent deterioration in South Viet Nam - is due to vastly stepped up Communist activity - especially the pace of infiltration across the border. Red units, filtering through the jungle - to join the Guerrillas. A build up of men, and weapons. All in the last ten days - so we hear from Saigon.

Result, four border provinces of South Viet Nam are declared to be in danger where loyal Vietnamese forces may be forced - to retreat.

BREZHNEV

The report from Moscow that Mikoyan will replace Brezhnev as President of the Soviet Union - means that Brezhnev is moving up. The President, under the Soviet system, is a mere figure head. The real power, belonging to - the premier and the party. So when the Soviet President moves into party politics - that's an indication that we should keep an eye on him. When I was in Russia during the winter the Brezhnev build up was quite noticeable. On all sides I heard him mentioned - as Khrushchev's heir apparent. Khrushchev is grooming him to take over.

COMMUNISM

Tonight we have the explanation of that story last night. The latest Red Chinese attack - on Khrushchev. Mao calling the Kremlin boss a "phoney Communist", charging Khrushchev with trying to restore capitalism in the Soviet Union.

Today we hear that Mao was even more insulting than we suspected. According to Moscow, all in reply to a note - from Khrushchev, inviting Mao to send a delegation to -a Red Summit conference. Mao, ignoring the note. And launching into a tirade, urging the Russians to get rid of their hypo-critical premier and put a good Stalinist in his place.

TRIAL

When a district attorney asks a Judge to call off a trial - you know that something rather dramatic is happening. And it sure is dramatic - the case of Arkene Del Fava in New York. Arlene, the gal who used a switch blade knife to fight off an attacker. In consequence of which - she was accused of violating the statute against carrying certain specific weapons.

The case caused an uproar - in New York. But it proceeded according to the legal rule - until today, when the District Attorney appealed to the Bench - for a postponement. And - got it - saying he'll ask a grand jury to squash the indictment.

Reason - to keep Arlene from bearing a police record for the rest of her life, just because she defended herself with what is technically considered a "dangerous weapon".

BASTILLE

*Let's see - a hundred and seventy-five years ago -
place - Paris in the grip of revolution. Occasion -
mobs rioting through the streets. Their object - the
King's prison. The dreaded Bastille. Where they cut
the chains of the draw bridge, climbed over the wall,
massacred the royal garrison, and released the prisoners.*

*The most memorable event - of the French Revolution.
July fourteenth, seventeen eighty-nine - exactly one
hundred and seventy-five years ago. The storming of
the Bastille.*

ART

The biggest auction house in the world of fine art - is getting bigger. Sotheby's of London, buying a controlling interest in - Park Bernet of New York.

During the last few years - we've had a lot of stories about Sotheby's on this broadcast. But the biggest art story of them all - was written at Park Bernet, by - President Louis Marion.

Remember - nineteen sixty-one, when they knocked down that Rembrandt masterpiece, Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer? Bought by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, for two million three hundred thousand dollars. I wonder, Dick, for how much does Sotheby's buy Park Bernet?

DINOSAUR

Dinosaurs on Route Ninety-one near Holyoke, Massachusetts. Dinosaur footprints, found during construction work - at the bottom of Mt. Tom. Well preserved examples of hind feet - pressed into the rocks when they were malleable. Later, hardening. Covered - by geological debris. And lasting - till the road excavation uncovered them today. Relics of the age of reptiles. Going back - thirty million years, when there were dinosaurs in Massachusetts. When there were no men around to dream of the day when there would be an elephant in a Cow Palace.