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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Our Postmaster General has been given a reprieve.

Meaning - Arthur Summerfield may get the money he wants - for his department.

As we know, the P.M. threatened to make big cut backs in the mail service - if Congress did not vote enough money for his vast department. We were told - of delayed deliveries - and possibly no mail at all on Saturdays.

Well, today the House Appropriations Committee over-ruled its sub-committee. The full committee, promising seventeen million dollars at once - for the Post office department. Thirty million more - may be voted later. Then Postmaster General Summerfield will not have to make all those cut-backs he said might be - would be necessary.

COMMERCE

The House Appropriations Committee votes to cut the budget of the Commerce Department. And its a big cut - about a quarter. Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks - had asked for eight hundred million. The committee says - a little less than six hundred million - would be about right. Secretary Weeks had asked Congress to reduce his estimate if necessary - but he didn't expect a reduction of twenty five percent.

AIRCRAFT

A dispatch from Carson City, Nevada that "a highly classified" aircraft is missing. ~~This aircraft is~~ down, somewhere in ^{Nevada,} ~~the area~~ of the borders between California, Nevada and Utah. The Air Force has ordered a security ~~ga~~ guard ~~to be~~ placed around ~~this aircraft~~ ^{it} when ~~it is~~ found. That's all, ~~we know.~~ No word ~~at all~~ on ~~just~~ what this "highly classified" aircraft is.

KOINONIA

A southern
Minister ~~from Georgia~~ ^{Georgia.} urges the Federal government
to investigate Koinonia Farms, at Americus, The Reverend
Clarence Jordan saying, "some word from President Eisenhower
would help calm the situation ~~the~~ down there."

Koinonia farm - an experiment in desegregation.
It's made up of ministers and farmers, ~~both white and negroes.~~

Jordan says that about a year ago - terrorists
began to persecute Koinonia farm. They dynamited property.
They fired machine gun bullets into the area. They started
an economic boycott. And the terror is still going on.

The Reverend Clarence Jordan believes Mr.
Eisenhower could help Koinonia Farm - by speaking out in
favor of this experiment in desegregation. The Federal
government takes the line - that it's the business of state
and local authorities.

KHRUSHCHEV

The boss of the Soviet union - gives a new twist to the Marxist dogma. Khrushchev, stating that Russian farmers should receive incentives to work. Even cash - prizes, for farmers who exceed the limit in their production of milk and meat.

That doesn't sound like the old Communist theory.

We used to be told ^{that} Communists don't need incentives. ^{That} They ^{would} ~~were supposed to~~ work as hard as they could - ~~just~~ because they weren't being exploited by capitalists.

But Comrade Khrushchev says that's ^a wrong interpretation.

^{That} He says everybody needs encouragement - even Communists.

So - cash prizes now to farmers - for ~~And he can't think of any other way to step up production on the Soviet farms. What they raise.~~

ATOMIC

The Russians have just touched off another atomic

blast.
~~explosion~~ So announced by the Atomic Energy Commission in

Washington. According to Chairman Lewis Strauss - the

explosion was detected two days ago. There's no word yet on

how big a device was used. It could have been anything from

a tactical missile - to one of the biggest bombs.

THREAT

Another threat of atomic annihilation - broadcast by radio Moscow. This one, directed at Holland. The Dutch, warned not to let America have bases within Holland - bases from which atomic bombs might be hurled against Russia. According to Radio Moscow, that would mean complete destruction of all the American bases - along with the Dutch cities nearby.

ADENAUER

The Chancellor of West Germany says his country - must have atomic weapons. Chancellor Adenauer, speaking at a news conference - pointing out that Russia has almost half a million men in East Germany. That's a threat West Germany cannot ~~if~~ ignore - because they have modern equipment.

Adenauer feels that West Germany won't be safe until she has arms to keep pace with the Communists. That's why he wants atomic weapons as soon as possible.

KOREA

Uncle Sam to send some of the latest weapons - to south Korea. The reason - to help counter the Communist build-up in North Korea.

We would have no right to send these latest weapons over there - according to the agreement that ended the Korean war, were it not that the Reds have been flagrantly violating that agreement. Sending all kinds of weapons into North Korea - including around six hundred jets.

Altho many have demanded that we denounce the armistice agreement - because of Red violations, Secretary of State Dulles has repeatedly said we would not do that - because it might lead to a new war. But, he now feels that we ought to match the Communist build-up by giving similar weapons to our friends in South Korea.

CAIRO

The capital of Egypt was blacked out today.

The streets of Cairo cleared. - ^{Just} ~~in~~ an air raid ~~in~~ drill,
~~lasting thirty minutes~~. The reason - Egyptian charges that
Israeli planes violated the Gaza frontier. But there were
no incidents either in Cairo or Gaza.

Meanwhile, Egypt accuses Premier Ben Gurion of what
are called, "continued provocations" against Egypt. And
Nasser repeats - that Israel was a tool of Britain and France
during the Suez invasion last fall.

MIDDLE EAST

According to the Prime Minister of Israel, the Reds are creating political chaos in Syria and Jordan. Ben Gurion basing this on reports he has from Damascus, capital of Syria, and Amman, capital of Jordan. In both countries, the Reds ~~are~~ making a strong bid to seize power. ^H Although Syria and Jordan claim to be neutral Ben Gurion says both may become Soviet satellites over night - if the Communists gain much more ground in these two Moslem countries. And, that if Syria and Jordan were to go Communist - that would produce a major crisis ~~for~~ for the entire Middle East - especially since Egypt is relying on Moscow for military and economic aid. This at present is the official Israeli point of view.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower drove from Washington to Gettysburg today - his Secret Service driver keeping within the speed limits, all the way. The President and Mrs. Eisenhower, taking two hours and fifteen minutes to make the trip; a half-hour longer than last weekend - when the Presidential limousine left three other cars behind. All those newsmen who were nabbed by the Maryland police.

BOOK

I've a copy of a newly published book - telling the story of a courtroom trial of long ago. The case - one reason why we are able to have newspapers and news broadcasts. The way we do - today.

The book, by Vincent Buranelli, is called "The Trial of Peter Zenger". Which trial was the first legal test - of the freedom of the press in this country.

Peter Zenger - who printed a newspaper in Colonial New York. Prosecuted - by an arbitrary royal governor. The case ending - in an historic vindication of the freedom of the press. Making not only a ~~is~~ fascinating - but an ever timely story.

ARSON

Los Angeles police have picked up two suspected of arson. Two more sought.

Four men entered a cocktail lounge called the "Club Mecca." They began annoying one of the women in the lounge. She complained to the manager, Alton Welles, who ordered them out. ~~Th~~ When they protested the four were bounced. Patrons lending a hand.

Everything quieted down - until ~~then~~ suddenly, the four were there again. This time one of them splashing a bucket of gasoline through the door. Another, threw a burning mass of paper atop the gasoline. Then they sped off in a car.

The ~~an~~ gasoline not only went up in a blaze - there was a blast. An explosion shaking the neighborhood. Six persons burned to death. Three injured.

Later, the police found two men asleep in an automobile similar to the one used by the arsonists. The two admit having visited the bar, but denied setting the place on fire.

WEATHER

In most parts of the country tonight it's either snow or rain.

A thunderstorm along a broad front- from Virginia to the Gulf of Mexico. A tornado at Big Stone Gap, Virginia -- demolishing a storage building. Another tornado smashing through a rural area in South Carolina, raising homes and barns. Floods in Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi. Here in the Northeast - snow all the way from Maine to Pennsylvania.

All brought on by a low pressure area, leaving in its wake rain, snow, high winds, floods and tornadoes. The toll - more than forty dead, hundreds injured.

GOLD

Here's a follow up to a story we had a few weeks ago. That story told of millions in Spanish gold - buried in vaults under the Kremlin. It was suggested then - that Spain ought to demand the return of that gold - which was smuggled out by Communists during the Spanish Civil War.

The Reds, shipping it off to their comrades in Russia.

Well, today Radio Moscow mentioned the Spanish gold. We are told - none of it is left. According to Moscow, that Spanish gold was spent in support of the Communist rebels, who were over thrown by Franco. We are told that the gold was used for a series of ~~an~~ payments - to the Spanish Reds. Said Radio Moscow today, "the payments became so frequent - that the money soon was all gone."

So ~~Well~~ *that sounds like the!* that ~~should~~ end the story of the Spanish gold under the Kremlin. ~~It seems that~~ comrade Stalin spent it all - for his good friends the Spanish Communists.

VAULT

Today in San Francisco, three youngsters said: "it felt like Edgar Allen Poe." Although they seem a bit young to even know who Edgar Allen Poe was. Cheri Stevenson, eleven; Dave Rude, fifteen; and Bill Moore, sixteen. They were talking about the hours they spent in a vault of an abandoned mansion.

The three were fooling around, in the mansion yesterday. Stepping into an open vault. One of ~~his~~ their friends ~~in~~ slammed the door. The lock snapped - and, the three were trapped.

They say they didn't get scared - until they banged a board against the wall. All they heard was a hollow boom. And then, says Bill Moore: "we began to think about Edgar Allen Poe," the horrors he wrote about. The Pit and The Pendulum and so on.

Meanwhile their pals did have sense enough to go for help. When firemen arrived they found a tough problem facing them. A vault with walls a foot thick - ~~inside~~ including

heavy steel plates.

First they tried sledge hammers. Then they took an acetylene torch to the door. But they couldn't get it open. All the firemen managed to do was pipe oxygen into the vault.

Finally, an expert on safes arrived; ~~he~~ drilled a hole along side the dial. Cut off the pins. The tumblers fell back - and the door swung open. Whereupon ~~three~~ [★] three subdued youngsters emerged after their Edgar Allen Poe adventure.

FATH

A surprise announcement from Paris - one of the world's great fashion houses going out of business. The House built by Jacques Fath. Until Nineteen Fifty Four Jacques Fath created fashions worn by women around the world. He was second only to Christian Dior.

However Jacques Fath died, suddenly, in Nineteen Fifty Four. His widow, who tried to keep the business going, today she announced - she can't compete with ready to wear dresses. Fewer women are coming to her - for special creations. So the Jacques Fath establishment will pull down its shutters.

Except Henry, that it will continue to sell accessories - whatever ladies accessories include.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

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L.T. A year ago, today, our headline story concerned labor racketeering. One of the most vicious crimes of recent years - the acid blinding of labor Columnist, Victor Riesel. Riesel leaving a restaurant, the thug stepping up, throwing acid in his eyes. The first report that the labor columnist might lose his sight. And he did. Victor Riesel is now blind.

But one thing the columnist never lost - his courage. He's still crusading against racketeers in the unions. All of which ties in with the general picture of corrupt officials in unions - a picture brought out by the recent Senate investigations in Washington.

And So long until Monday.