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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Kennedy did a lot of explaining - today. His easiest task - fielding questions thrown at him by a visiting delegation of students from Brazil. The President, taking the time to clear up - some of the odd rumors about the United States; like the Red line of malarkey about America being a land of - exploited workers, and capitalists exploiters. Said he: - "that's fifty years out of date."

On another the President ducked for cover. Leaving his press secretary to do the explaining.

Have you heard about the letter from the White House that bore this address: - "The Weekly Scotsman, North Bridge, Edinburgh, England?" That word "England" - is now echoing through The Highlands. The Cambells, the MacDonalds, the MacLeans, the MacLarens, the Mac Tavishes and the MacGregors all say that even the President of the United States can't get away with an insult like that.

Oh yes, there's a quick explanation in Washington. Mistake due to - a presidential aide, and his name - it would be - Malcolm Kilduff. How's that for a Scottish moniker? And Malcolm Kilduff thought Edinburgh was in England.

SECRETARY

Our new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare - belongs to a select group of Americans. Anthony Celebrezze - one of the few foreign-born members of a Presidential cabinet. He's a native of Anzi, Italy. ~~He~~ came to this country as a child. ~~Grew up~~ grew up as an American citizen - and became Mayor of ~~the~~ ^{great city of} Cleveland. Today - Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

~~Let's take a look at some of his predecessors~~ ^{included}

~~First~~ Alexander Hamilton - who was born in the West Indies, and became Washington's great Secretary of the Treasury.

~~Secondly~~ Albert Gallatin of Switzerland - ~~also~~ ^{was Treasury} secretary

~~of the Treasury, in Jefferson's administration, then~~ ^{under} Carl

Schurz of Germany - who made his mark ^{over here} ~~in his adopted country~~

as a journalist and soldier, during the Civil War, ~~then~~ ^{Schurz}

later becoming Secretary of the Interior - in the Administration

of Rutherford B. Hayes. Then there was Oscar Straus, also

from Germany - Secretary of Commerce under Taft.

~~An illustrious succession of~~ ^{- like Celebrezze -} foreigners who made good in America; ~~So good, that~~ they became - members of the President's cabinet.

NEW GUINEA

A settlement of the New Guinea dispute, we hears it's settled; although the Papuans are still to be heard from! The settlement is called a triumph for American diplomacy. Key man in the hush-hush talks - Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker. The main provision of the Bunker plan - Dutch New Guinea, to be turned over to the U.N., to administer the territory for about eight months - and then transfer it to the jurisdiction of Jakarta.

As for the Papuans; huh - they are not considered. Jakarta says they'll have a right to vote on their own status in Nineteen Seventy.

BERLIN

Along the access routes to West Berlin, where Soviet harrassment has been an on-again, off-again affair - it now seems to be on-again. Soviet fighter planes - criss-crossing the air corridors. Flying in group formation, ~~from the beleaguered city to the West German border~~ ^{and} Compelling the allied commanders to issue a ~~use~~ "caution" warning - to their own pilots.

At the same time, the East Germans have revived talk of - a separate peacy treaty with Moscow. Ulbricht, once more threatening - to cancel western rights in West Berlin. Britain, France and America, again bracing for a test ~~of war~~ with the Kremlin.

ALGERIA

The tension in Algeria has eased - with the release of one Moslem leader. Last night, we had the story of Vice Premier Mohammed Boudiaf being captured - by the partisans of Ben Bella. Today, Ben Bella ordered him ~~to be~~ set free - as a conciliatory gesture. ~~The dissident member of~~
Ben Bella
~~the Algerian political bureau~~ - trying to placate the people, before his entrance into Algiers on Thursday.

All of Algeria, now waiting for the show down - between Ben Bella and Ben Kheda.

ARKANSAS

In Little Rock, the smart money is on - Crville Faubus. The Governor, an adds-on favorite - to win this primary. Which would put him back in the State House - for an unprecedented fifth term. The Democratic nomination, as good as an election - in Democratic Arkansas.

Not one of the other candidates - is predicting victory. Their only hope, to win enough votes - to force a run-off. Which few Arkansans think will happen. One of them is scoffing at the idea - candidate Faubus.

INTEGRATION

The police chief of Albany, Georgia - wants an injunction. He wants a federal court to bar - any more integrationist demonstrations in the ^tcity. The alternative, according to Chief Paurie Pritchett - ~~acute~~ danger of a race riot. *Anyhow,* ~~Besides~~ he says that his department doesn't have the funds - to keep men on the job for an extended period.

EARTHQUAKE

The death toll in ^{yesterday's} ~~that~~ Colombian earthquake - more than forty. Number of injured - more than three hundred.

Damage - in the millions.

~~Not only were~~ Bogota and Cali ~~were both~~ shaken, ^{also} ~~by the tremors~~
~~along with~~ several hundred towns in between. Hardest hit - Pereira, where a shirt factory collapsed on top of several hundred workers. Thirteen killed, one hundred and twenty three injured - at the first count. The final count - could go much higher. The city fathers won't know - until the last victim has been pulled from the rubble of Pereira. From the debris left by the worst earthquake to hit the Andes - in a decade.

TRAIN

The remarkable thing about that train wreck at Vandalia, Illinois - the casualty list. You'd expect it to be horrendous. After all, twelve cars of a Pennsylvania mail train - jumped the track. They clipped off telephone poles ~~xx~~ like match sticks. Carried away - an over head bridge. Turned an automobile - into a pile of junk. And smashed into - three houses.

~~Yes, you'd think~~ The death toll, ~~must be high.~~

~~Actually, it is~~ nil. ~~Only six persons~~ hurt, - none seriously.

STOCKS

Now - for those of you who play the stock market - the following shares may soon be unobtainable - Northern Bells, Comstock Tunnel, Sunburst Peak. Rather poetic names for stocks handled by the San Francisco Mining Exchange. But, the S E C is trying to put the famous mining exchange at the Golden Gate - out of business, saying Northern Belle, Comstock Tunnel and Sunburst Peak are only good for papering your wall - if you want picturesque mining stock on your wall. I have some on one of mine: - The San Francisco Mining exchange was founded during the California Gold Boom; following the gold rush of "forty-nine" - the days of the Mother Lode - and the Comstock Bonanza, when some shares jumped from a dime - to thousands of dollars. In Eighteen Seventy, a seat on the San Francisco Mining exchange - cost forty-three thousand dollars; with every seat taken.

Then, the gold became less and less. Also only

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old stocks - plummeting back from thousands of dollars to a few cents. And now, the S E C says it's time to close down/ the historic San Francisco Mining Exchange and put an end to trading in - Northern Bells, Comstock Tunnel, and Sunburst Peak.

Over in London, Her Majesty's government is still worried about - art. That is, Prime Minister MacMillan is determined to prevent some ruddy American - from running off with another masterpiece. This ^{time it's} ~~one~~ - "The Madonna and child with St. Ann" by Leonardo Da Vinci. The Leonardo canvas ^{is} ~~is~~ up for sale - by ~~The~~ Royal Academy ^{and} The price tag - a cool million pounds sterling.

The fear in Britain ^{is-} ~~is~~ - that some well heeled American bidder would get there first with a certified check. Result - the Prime Minister, bowing to public pressure, ~~Telling~~ the Commons today - that the money for the Leonardo will come from the British Treasury.

In the long history of parliament I wonder
~~An interesting sidelight on the London parliament~~
have ^{ed}
How often the M P's interrupt politics and diplomacy - to talk about ~~the~~ old masters, *Leonardo, Rubens, Titian, Tintoretto and the rest?*