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(L.T. at South Sea Islands, then Antarctica, and Europe. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

GOOD EVENING:

Ten federal investigators are probing the scattered wreckage of a United Air Lines plane in Maryland, in an effort to learn what caused the aircraft to crash and carry seventeen persons to their deaths. The plane -- a Viscount turbo-prop -- was approaching the Washington National Airport on a routine flight in sunny weather, then suddenly plunged to earth and burned near Ellicott City, Maryland.

The mysterious crash took the lives of four crew members and thirteen passengers, many of them employees of the United Airlines who were not on flight duty. One early report had the plane exploding in the air, but later accounts told of some kind of engine trouble. One thing was clear in the early stages of the investigation -- the plane came down almost

vertically, or at a very steep angle.

Two other airline plane crashes took the lives of forty other persons in France and on a South Atlantic Island off the coast of Africa. A Hungarian airliner crashed near Paris while coming in for a landing, killing all twenty-one persons on board. Several of those killed were Hungarian government officials. In the remaining crash, a Portuguese airliner came down on St. Thomas Island, off Africa, killing nineteen of the thirty-two persons on board.

~~Maxwell's work on~~

MACMILLAN

We got the word from Hyannis Port today that President Kennedy plans to meet soon with British Prime Minister Macmillan for their sixth high-level conference since Mr. Kennedy took office. It may take place next month. This developed after the chief executive spent a busy morning in conference with his top military and diplomatic advisors on a number of matters ranging from the Cuban situation to the defense budget for fiscal Nineteen Sixty-Four.

In Britain, the ruling Conservative Party lost two of five parliamentary by-elections in a voting pattern that political observers in London are calling a near-disaster for Mr. Macmillan. He still commands a solid majority in the House of Commons, but the final results of the by-election contests in which the Tories were incumbents, continued the upsurge of the opposition labor and liberal parties which began early this year.

CASTRO

In Cuba, Castro has been sending up those propaganda smoke rings again. There are plans for a so-called heroes' welcome tomorrow for the crew-men of a merchant ship alleged to have been bombed and damaged by a U.S. warplane. The government press is drumming to gett people to turn out to welcome the freighter.

And the Pentagon says the whole incident is without foundation in fact. But as another sign of an easing of the tension, the Cuban government has ordered Cubana airlines to resume national and international flights. They were virtually halted last October Twenty-Second when the American blockade went into effect.

CUBA

Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin has called on the Kennedy administration to explain why it has not applied economic sanctions to Premier Castro's Cuban regime. In answer, the State Department says the government is still considering such long-awaited shipping restrictions on vessels trading with Communist Cuba. Proxmire, a Democrat, had asked the question in a letter to Secretary of State Dean Rusk. A State Department news officer made it clear again today that the question of shipping restrictions on Cuba is still in the works.

NEHRU

Prime Minister Nehru warned the people of India tonight against expecting diplomatic moves to bring a quick end to the border war with Communist China. He also indicated he believes the fighting, now halted by a Communist cease-fire order, ~~is~~ will erupt again.

Nehru's remarks were made after he held conferences with special United States and British military aid missions on ways to bolster India's military strength against China's war machine. Nehru has not announced his position in the Chinese offer to end the conflict, but his statement today was the closest he has come to rejecting it. Feeling in India is running high against accepting Peking's terms for this would mean that India would have to give up claim to some twelve thousand square miles on the northwest end of the disputed Himalayan border-lands.

TAXES

Now -- let's talk about that universally unpopular subject, taxes. Actually, doing the talking in Washington today was Senator Wallace Bennett of Utah, a high ranking Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee. Bennett says he might vote against any tax reduction next year unless the Administration also shows a willingness to cut federal spending. The Utah Senator says that if the Administration does not develop sound steps to off-set the revenue-losses, then a "real Donnybrook" is going to erupt in Congress over the whole tax reduction issue.

TRAIN

It happened in Chandler, Texas -- a freight train hit a truck loaded with six thousand gallons of crude oil today, setting off an explosion and fire that destroyed the locomotive and truck and killed three members of the train crew. Flames shot one hundred feet into the sky.

DRUG

There's more, and this time, so far, unofficial, concern over a drug that might cause birth defects similar to those caused by thalidomide. This time, doctors in America and Europe are checking reports that the drug Preludin, which suppresses appetites, could also damage babies as yet unborn.

But the Food and Drug Administration in Washington reports that it has found no deformed births due to the use of Preludin. The concern came over the use of the drug by pregnant women after the College of General Practitioners said in London that some drugs taken by mothers during early pregnancy could be causing deformed births.

STOCKS

Somebody was around, down in Wall Street. You might imagine that even stock brokers would take a day off occasionally, at this time of year. But somebody was around. And the bounding stock market pulled another surprise today by advancing strongly in a session interlarded between the Thanksgiving holiday and the weekend. Prices rose steadily through the day, until they encountered some profit-taking which shaved a bit of the gains near the close. But when it was over, key issues posted gains ranging from a few cents to about two dollars. The men in the know attribute the good showing to renewed confidence stemming from improved business news and the quieting international situation.

TREE

They're giving day-after-Thanksgiving thanks in the village of Owego, New York, tonight.

A huge elm tree toppled onto the two-story frame house of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pabis, just as mother and dad and their four daughters were about to have Thanksgiving dinner yesterday. The century-old tree, one hundred feet high, five feet in diameter, apparently succumbed to gusty wind. It split the house and destroyed many furnishings. But the incident came just as Mr. Pabis was checking to see whether the turkey was ready, everybody was downstairs, and everybody got out safely. And that included the turkey, done to an evenbrown. So, as we said, they're giving thanks in Owego, New York, tonight, and that's what's happened -- and we'll be back on Monday.