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Good Evening Everybody:

That last-minute conference at the White House today - did not focus exclusively on the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. To be sure, Dean Rusk is flying to Moscow - to sign that Treaty, but he'll raise other points - in his talks with Soviet leaders. And those points were re-examined today - by the Secretary and the President - sitting in with a group of experts on Soviet affairs - including Averell Harriman, who negotiated the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Around Washington, the belief is - that the administration is leaning more toward Khrushchev's proposal for a non-aggression pact. President Kennedy interested - if Khrushchev is willing to give stronger guarantees on Western rights in West Berlin.

TANK

Here's what sounds like - the ultimate weapon on future battlefields. A heavy tank - powered with atomic energy. It's already in the planning stage - according to a dispatch from Bonn - to be developed jointly - by West Germany and the United States.

This, the main point decided on - during Secretary McNamara's talks with West German defense officials.

The nuclear tank to be the most powerful attack weapon - ever devised for use on the ground. It will be able to battle its way through - old-fashioned tank traps, and it also will be armed with atomic missiles - for long-distance barrages.

TURNCOAT

Experts on Communism are taking a look tonight - at the testimony of Lowell Skinner of Akron, Ohio. Skinner, the turncoat of the Korean War - who reached Hong Kong yesterday, and is now telling - so he says - what he knows - about Red China. Which can be quite a lot, since he claims to have traveled some eight thousand miles - in Mao Tse Tung's realm of the "Blue Ants".

The first question the returning American was asked - "How do the people of China feel about the Red regime?" His answer, that Mao is more popular - than he was a year ago. But that that isn't saying much - because the Strongman in Peking was bitterly hated a year ago, mainly because of hardships that followed the cut in Soviet aid. Now, with food more abundant he says the wrath of the Chinese people has been diverted toward Khrushchev, and the Soviet Union.

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Skinner adds that the Chinese he talked to - were all firmly behind their leader with regard to the ideological split. All, completely convinced that Mao's version of Leninism - will triumph over Khrushchev.

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EARTHQUAKE

The decision to rebuild the City of Skopje in Yugoslavia - follows from Geography. The sister science of geology - has a different lesson for President Tito. The geologists, warning that this is - earthquake territory. An unstable area under the crust of the earth - causing violent tremors on the surface. The kind that knocked Skopje into a heap of rubble, last week, and killed - two thousand people.

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SOUTH AFRICA

The latest move by the Government of the United States with regard to South Africa - is not punitive. So stated by Adlai Stevenson - while announcing that we are halting the shipment of arms to South Africa. That is - after the existing contracts have been honored:

This is not punitive - because we are against any resort to force. We simply have the right to sell or not sell arms to the Praetoria government, and we chose not to - says our Ambassador to the U.N.

HAITI

The removal of the American Aid Mission from Haiti - is an attempt to weaken the island dictator. Washington, trying to get rid of - Haitian Strongman Duvalier, hoping to rally international support for a drive - to bring democracy to Haiti.

But there's more to it - than political philosophy. Duvalier has been accused of appropriating American aid for his own use - instead of putting it into national programs, and at the same time - making anti-American pronouncements.

Anything we are doing - directly for the Haitian people - that will continue, such as food for schools - and malaria control. But aid to the Haitian dictator - that's out.

WEATHER

saysh
The word along the shores of Lake Michigan - seiche.

Spelled - S-E-I-C-H-E. Pronounced - saysh. However you spell or pronounce it - the meaning is just as bad. Namely - the rise and fall of a lake, that could be the beginning of a tidal wave. *They*

say That's what Lake Michigan is doing - tonight. The level dropping three feet - at Chicago. Leading to the fear that the recoil of the water - could send a devastating tidal wave pounding ashore.

Reason - the storms that are raging across the Midwest. High gales and driving rain - lashing the Windy City. Flooding the streets - and bringing the seiche to Lake Michigan.

Thousands of miles to the southeast - the first tropical storm of the season. Hurrican "Arlene" - building up in the Caribbean off the Windward Islands.

BOMB

1/2 In Appleton, England, a construction worker was digging a trench for an electric cable - when his shovel clanged against a piece of steel. The worker became curious - because the site had never been dug up before. He spaded the earth away, and then ~~jumped~~ ^{- hustled} out of the trench and ~~raced off~~ to give the alarm.

A bomb disposal squad - finished the job. The object - a five hundred pound bomb dropped on Appleton during World War Two, *when*

The bomb failed to explode - and plowed four feet into the ground ^{where it} ~~the explosive~~ lay there for twenty years - until a construction worker hit it with his shovel today.

SPACE

The Space Agency moved quickly today - to head off a rumor, the rumor that some of our astronauts - are suffering from ailments contracted in outer space. The names mentioned most frequently - Scott, Carpenter and Wally Schirra.

The Space Agency's comment on the rumor - "Nonsense!" All of them are in top shape - and ready, to blast off again.

And - here's Dick Noel, on his launching pad, all set to take off.

LADY

This might be called "the mustery of the modern Lady Godiva" - except that no one has seen her yet. Not even - Peeping Tom.

Place - Aylesbury, England. A camper, reporting - an interesting trail he picked up in the woods. First - a coat. Then - a dress. After that - a shoe. Then those lacy underthings, and various other articles of clothing - one after the other. The mate to the shoe - missing. So is the young lady who tonight is tripping through the woods - near Aylesbury, England - presumably wearing nought but one shoe.

Incidentally, Krushchev came up with a rather remarkable observation. At least, it would have been remarkable - only a few months ago, Before the Red bloc - split into factions. Said the boss of the Kremlin to the Americans