

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

So often these days I am saluting radio stations that have been on the air for fifty years. But, seldom do I do the same for one of our listeners. I suspect you will all agree with me that when someone passes the century mark they are entitled to a rousing three cheers. This weekend one of our regular listeners, Mrs. Elosia Curtiss of Monroe, Connecticut, will celebrate her one hundredth birthday. So, here's a low bow to Elosia. I hope she agrees that the first hundred years have been the easiest.

MACGREGOR

With President Nixon back at the White House and Senator McGovern taking it easy there is a brief lull in Campaign Seventy-Two. Nixon campaign manager says the President may do some campaigning in Massachusetts, West Virginia, Washington and Minnesota - the four states where Senator McGovern appears strongest. Campaign Manager Clark MacGregor says the President may do this in the hope of gaining "a broad mandate" - for the policies he hopes to pursue in his second term.

PRISONERS

Those three returned American pilots
are now at ~~scattered~~ military hospitals; ^{and,} ~~but~~ thoroughly
enjoying - we are told - their ^{first} ~~full~~ full day back
home; sleeping late - getting a welcome taste of
American food, getting to know their ~~joyous families~~
families once more.

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✓ As for charges that the three ~~men~~ were
"recaptured" by U S military officials - "baloney,"
says the wife of Air Force Major Edward Elias.
Mrs. Elias further asserting: "If I have been
shackled I like it, and I think my husband does too."
She also said her husband had brought no message
from Hanoi - but added - "he brought me a message -
that he loved me."

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House an announcement that Henry Kissinger's chief aide is heading for Saigon. General Alexander Haig - scheduled to confer with South Vietnam's President Thieu; also, to make - we are told - "a general assessment of the situation in South Vietnam." The General's trip may be a result of premature peace rumors earlier this week.

PEKING TAIPEI

In the Far East - action and reaction.

Starting out at Peking - with the re-establishment of diplomatic relations today between Japan and Communist China.

And then - a quick switch to Taipei.

Where the government of nationalist China ^{is} breaking off relations with Japan. This - we are told - ^{quote} "in view of the perfidious actions of the Japanese government - in total disregard of treaty obligations."

Now the latest: A report that West Germany - will be the next to establish diplomatic relations with Peking.

ALEXANDRIA

**Alexandria, Virginia: a life sentence today for
Frederick Hahneman, the man - who hi-jacked a jet liner
last May - getting more than three hundred thousand in
ransom money.**

A lot of good it did him!

MANILA

~~By order of~~ Philippine President Marcos
~~acting under martial law the~~ ^{today} dismissed ^{ed} ~~today of~~
nearly half a million Philippine government workers.
These including bureaucrats at every level - ~~even~~
judges, customs officers, revenue agents and so on.

Pres. Marcos explaining his actions - in his
third nationwide TV address in less than a week.
"it is necessary, said he - "that we clean up
the corrupt, the inefficient, the ignorant as well
as those who are not essential; in order" he continued
- "that we may establish a new society - and save
the Republic."

BRUSSELS

One of the foremost Sherlock Holmes of the art world, Brussels physicist Heinrich Kowalski says that men have been forging art work - ever since the days of the Pharos. But, he says today it's a worldwide thing.

Says Kowalski - you name it and you can get it faked if you really want it; paintings - statues, jewelry - furniture - gold and silver weapons, violins, coins, stamps; many of the fakes so perfect they defy detection even by microscope or infra-red lamp. But now - thermoluminescence analysis - and neutron activation evaluation will show what's a fake.

Ah, but says Kowalski. Those who have already bought fakes - usually at "bargain prices" - they just don't want to know the truth.

SENATE

In the U S Senate - an attempt today to end a filibuster - on a bill they are calling "the most important consumer bill ever considered by Congress." It failed - but only by four votes. The bill's backers - say they'll try again next week. The bill in question - calling for a new super agency; one to bat for consumers, in court, before Federal regulatory interests, wherever necessary.

TOKYO

Remember Shoichi Yokoi - the Japanese army sergeant who spent twenty-eight years hiding in the jungles of Guam? Back home now, today in Tokyo - Shoichi Yokoi announced plans to return to Guam soon - on his honeymoon.

The fifty-seven year old Yokoi - identifying his bride to be as Miss Mihoko Hatashin, age forty-four, a Japanese school teacher. They were first introduced by an intermediary - said he - and have since met three times. Yokoi adding - he is sure this is "it." "Like me" - said he - "she was also born before World War Two and we have much in common."

Not only is Shoichi Yokoi in love with Miss Mihoko Hatashin - he also seems to be in love with Guam.

NEW YORK CITY

In New York City, another attempted holdup today of a midtown bank. Two would-be bandits - entered the premises carrying cardboard cartons, announcing they had bombs inside. They demanded and got a bundle of cash; but were captured by FBI agents. Said Bank manager Philip Horton: This was the F B I's bi-monthly pay day; and the F B I men were here cashing their checks - at just the right time!