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(Given by Collingwood)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Secretary of State Dulles sounded a cautiously optimistic note tonight about the possibility of averting war in the Middle East. The Russians, he said, appear increasingly aware of the dangers of reckless action in that troubled crossroads of the world, and he added there are grounds for hope that a settlement may be reached.

Mr. Dulles said that the NATO powers in their recent meeting in Paris had agreed that the processes of the United Nations were the best available for dealing with the troubling middle eastern situation. After Dag Hammarshold's initial positive results - and the Soviet recognition of the dangerous results of reckless action there - he thinks it is possible to maintain the momentum established by Hammarshold's efforts.

But Dulles struck out at the Russian leaders - and at Bulganin and Kruschev directly - for failing to follow through on their pledge to further German reunification. He accused them of "unashamedly continuing the division of Germany as though they had never agreed to the principle of reunification."

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ALGERIA. Today's dispatch from Algeria uses these words:

"The biggest military operation in this area since the American invasion of North Africa in World War Two." French forces are staging a military campaign of major proportions - to crush the Terrorist Insurgents, who ~~have been carrying on~~ <sup>have been carrying on</sup> ~~an orgy of~~ an orgy of wholesale murder. Two hundred fifty persons killed - in the last two days.

Foreign Legionnaires, Paratroopers, and Navy Commandos were converging, today, upon an area of Western ~~Algeria,~~ <sup>Algeria,</sup> where the Rebels are in force. The Commander of the drive <sup>is</sup> General Paul Ely, Chief of Staff of the French Army.

After a reign of terror on Sunday night in an agricultural region south of the city of Oran, Insurgent bands numbering twenty-five hundred vanished in the hills. But many of them were trapped on a summit, where they were surrounded ~~with~~ <sup>by</sup> helicopter troops, and assailed by fighter planes hurling rockets. One hundred Rebels killed - sixty-seven captured.

BEN GURION. The Premier of Israel issues another call for a Near Eastern "Summit" Conference. Top level talks - between Israel and the Arabs.

Today, Premier Ben Gurion was interviewed by United Press Correspondent, Eliav Simon, and stated his belief that the Arab states really do not want peace. But, at the same time, invited ~~xxxxxxx~~ them to "Summit" negotiations.

Last year Ben Gurion made the same proposal, but got nowhere. Nor does he seem likely to have any better success this time. In Cairo, today, Egyptian Officials indicated - a refusal.

FOLLOW BEN GURION. And today brought the same old story - charges of border violations. Israel - accusing Egypt of five offenses yesterday along the Gaza strip. Moreover, an Israeli official declares that the UN Truce Observers fail to act, when these skirmishes occur.

CYPRUS. The government of Greece has asked the United States to intervene - ~~and~~ to prevent an execution on the Island of Cyprus. Today, the British Governor of Cyprus, Sir John Harding, rejected an appeal for clemency on behalf of Michael Karaolis, sentenced to hang for killing a Cypriot policeman. And - Andreas Demetriou, convicted of the murder of a British businessman.

The government at Athens appeals only in the case of Karaolis - asking the United States to use its influence with Britain, to prevent the execution.

POLAND. Red Poland announces that anti-Communist Resistance Fighters - are now surrendering. Giving up - after an underground struggle going on since the end of the second World War.

The reason - the new Anti-Stalin Movement coupled with an easing of Communist repression. The Resistance Fighters - responding to the new Anti-Stalin era of sweetness and light.

(All the Red Satellites have adopted the new "Go Easy" policy launched in Moscow. Poland - especially. Stalinist bosses have been fired, one after another, and an amnesty has been declared including the release of ~~30~~ thirty thousand political prisoners.)

The Warsaw Red radio reports - that the Anti-Communist Underground is responding to the amnesty. And tells - of nineteen Resistance Fighters coming out of hiding. One is named especially - ~~Zygmunt~~ <sup>Zygmunt</sup> Biskup. Who had been carrying on

<sup>secret</sup> activities for more than ten years, ever since Nineteen Forty-

progress and threatening an economic breakdown.

All of which needs to be straightened out.

The interesting thing is that the Red government, by implication, admits - an Anti-Communist Underground has been in existence ever since Poland was given over to Communism.



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INTRODUCTION TO RECORDING:

Tonight, we find Lowell Thomas arriving at his first destination - on <sup>a</sup> ~~his~~ trip into remote parts of Asia. He's sending us a recorded travel diary. Tonight's installment pictures his arrival in the secluded Kingdom of Nepal at the foot of the Himalayas.

"So long"

FOLLOW RECORDING:

We can only hope, Lowell, that you and your crowd  
won't have to sleep on the bare ground, out in the open.

TURKEY. Here's an angle of international economics - vivid, as well as important. The Republic of Turkey is one of our staunchest Allies, and so it sounds like a sour note to say - that the Turks are worse off than the Red Satellites of Soviet Russia. Yet, that seems to be the case.

This information comes from Salahettin Bayazid, a Turkish Economist who is over here on a mission for his government. He makes a comparison between his country and Red Bulgaria - the European Satellite with the lowest standard of living.

The figures show that the Bulgars, under a Communist Regime, are better off than our Democratic Allies, the Turks. For example, the people of Turkey get less sugar than consumers in Bulgaria - by a ratio of eight to thirteen. Less cotton textiles - ten to eighteen. Less gasoline, nineteen to twenty-five.

Salahettin Bayazid points out that, in the past year, Turkey has had an unexpected industrial crisis - slowing down

EMPLOYMENT. The government in Washington gives out figures for employment in April. The numbers may sound a bit surprising after the talk about an economic decline in some areas.

Employment shows an increase of nine hundred twelve thousand over March, and set a new record for April. There was, correspondingly, a decline of unemployment.

One explanation - a decline of unemployment on the farm. More jobs - in the all-important business of agriculture. Farm employment for April shows a rise of seven hundred and nine thousand, as compared with March.

POLITICS. The Maryland Primary figures show a narrow majority for former Senator Tydings - in the comeback of that political veteran. Tydings wins the Democratic nomination to the Senate by one hundred forty thousand votes, as against one hundred thirty-three thousand for Baltimore Contractor George Mahoney.

So now, Millard Tydings will run against Republican Senator John Marshall Butler - who defeated Tydings in the rough-and-tumble campaign of Nineteen Fifty. When Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin, with his charges of Communism-in-~~SECRET~~ Government, played a prominent part in the Democratic defeat.

Tydings had then been in the Senate for twenty-four years. His defeat - a surprise. But now he has returned to the political wars, and has won the first battle on the road back to the Senate.

The result of the Primary in Texas on Saturday is being hailed by Congressional Democrats as a sign - that there won't be a Southern bolt this year. The contest concerned the selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention in

Chicago. One faction was headed by Senator Lyndon Johnson, campaigning on a platform of Party Regularity. The other - by Governor Allan Shivers, who bolted the ticket four years ago, and backed General Ike. The defeat of Shivers is taken as - a defeat for bolters. and, today, Senator Sparkman of Alabama said, "The Texas result seals the doom of any would-be third Party in the South."

( There's been a danger, all along, that the Southern Democrats might stage a political ~~secession~~<sup>secession</sup> because - of the segregation issue. The danger now declining - as a result of the Texas Primary. At any rate, that's what Democrats in Congress were saying jubilantly, today. )

At the same time, there's talk of - Lyndon Johnson-For-President. The Senator will go to Chicago as a Texas favorite son. He, himself, dismisses the notion that he might be a candidate. But, today, Senator Ellander of Louisiana called Lyndon Johnson - definitely "A strong dark horse possibility."

follow POLITICS. Happy Chandler - is available. The Kentucky Governor says - he'd like to receive the Democratic nomination for President. Happy would be happy to have it.

- Making his declaration of availability, he paraphrased General Sherman - ~~reversing~~ <sup>and reversed</sup> the famous Sherman refusal. Happy Chandler said: "If nominated, I would accept. And, if elected, I would serve."

Well, Happy Chandler seems to be capable of performing political miracles. After a fiasco as the Czar of Baseball, he made a comeback and got himself elected Governor of Kentucky. So why not President?

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NORTH CAROLINA. The coastal areas of North Carolina are having a - mosquito crisis. Counties - enveloped in clouds of the pestilent insect.

State Entomologist, Harvey Cromroy, declares - mosquito conditions are, in his words, "the worst ever experienced." A study made in Dare County gives a count of mosquitos, as they come to rest on the ground, or on various objects. The average - one hundred sixty-eight, landing per minute per square foot. Which is a lot of 'skeeters' - especially if they land on the back of your neck - or on top of a bald head.

The reason for the plague - the hurricanes of last Summer and Autumn. The wind blew the waters of coastal marshes inland. ~~Pushing~~ Pushing the swamp-water - for miles. So, ever since, North Carolina has had a problem of draining the flooded areas. These are vast breeding grounds for mosquitos - which now appear in clouds.

~~THESE~~ recent years, modern methods had been eliminating insect pests, but the forces of nature, like a hurricane or two - can throw things out of kilter.