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(Given by Larry LeSueur, L.T. on way West)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Just one survivor today, in an airline disaster in Bolivia. Where a plane, with fifty-nine persons aboard - crashed and burned in the Andes. The one survivor - a young child. They say it was like a miracle, a baby girl coming safely out of the pulverizing impact, followed by explosion and fire.

CUBA

Today's outbreak in Havana - seems to have been carefully prepared and timed. Shooting and rioting - as a demonstration against Moscow's Deputy Premier Mikoyan. The sequence of events seemed - elequent.

Mikoyan arrived in Havana, yesterday - to open the Soviet exhibition in the Bugan capital - and received the full ceremony from the Castro government. Then this morning, Mikoyan performed the usual ritual - of placing a wreath at the monument honoring Cuban independence hero Marti. His wreath - decorated with the symbols of Soviet Communism, the hammer and sickle.

After which, Mikoyan went on to the Palace of Fine Arts - for the opening of the exhibition! He was on a platform outside, for preliminary ceremonies. A crowd - gathered. When the shooting - broke out.

The sound of gunfire came from the nearby Prado Havana's fashionable thoroughfare. The crowd panicked -

people ducking for cover. Mikoyan, with Cuban President Dorticos hastily going inside the building.

The shooting was from two automobiles - which raced through the streets. Their occupants - blazing away with sub-machineguns. But Nobody hurt. The volleys of shots, apparently, were fired in the air.

Simultaneously, timed with the opening of the Soviet exhibition, trouble broke out - at the monument where Mikoyan had placed the wreath. A crowd of some seventy-five students - trying to place a Cuban flag over the Communist hammer-and-sickle emblem. Police and soldiers intervened - firing in the air. There was a scuffle, in which other students joined. Which made it - a lively free-for-all. Seventeen of the anti-Communists - arrested.

Soon after the trouble was over, Castro arrived at the Palace of Fine Arts. Where, with Mikoyan presiding, the Soviet exhibition was opened.

Mikoyan has been on visits of state in various countries, and so have other Kremlin gig-shots. Khrushchev - included. But their most violent reception was in Havana, today. Where the Mikoyans visit provoked the boldest open outbreak, since the beginning of the Castro regime.

DEGAULLE

President Charles DeGaulle, today, named a new Minister for the French armed forces - Pierre Messmer. He's a veteran soldier, who served in three wars. And, equally, a veteran adherent of DeGaulle. He'll hardly have time to get acquainted with his desk in Paris - because he leaves for Algeria tomorrow, together with two other Cabinet Ministers. Their mission - to quash any final traces of the revolt of the European settlers.

This follows the ouster of Jacques Soustelle, another long-time Gaullist. He differed with his chief - on the subject of self-determination for Algeria.

Today other Cabinet Ministers were dismissed and replaced. DeGaulle - giving his Cabinet a thoroughgoing shake-up. Eliminating Ministers who've wavered in the crisis.

ISRAEL

Israel - ^{TRIES}~~trying~~ to ameliorate the danger along the border ^{with} Syria. The Israeli Foreign Ministry, today, proposed a meeting with the United Arab Republic. Of which - Syria is a part. A meeting "any time or any place," says the Israeli note. Addressed to the head of the U.N. truce organization, General Carl Carlson von Horn of Norway.

It's a conciliatory move to quiet the trouble in the demilitarized zone that separates Israel and Syria. Where sporadic hostilities have been going on for ^{with} nine days. Another outbreak of shooting - last night.

MISSILE

The Titan scored another failure, today - our largest and most powerful intercontinental ballistic missile.

Just three days ago - a successful experiment. ^a Titan

~~launched~~ - ^{separating} and the second stage ~~separated~~ according to schedule.

That's the key point in the development of the giant missile - sending it up and having the second stage keep going on its own.

Today, at Cape Canaveral, the Titan soared aloft.

But, just before the time the second stage should have separated - there was an explosion. The Titan blowing up in the sky. Fiery fragments - falling into the Atlantic.

DESTROYER

There's no explanation of the tragic mishap - to the American destroyer Daly. With the loss - of six lives. The warship caught in a huge swell of the sea, off the Virginia Capes. Which hurled the craft for a list of sixty-five degrees to starboard. That much of a roll. When, according to reports, the maximum roll of the vessel should have been no more than twenty-two degrees.

Sailors on the deck - flung like projectiles. One killed by the impact. Ten - thrown overboard. Only five of whom - could be rescued.

The Daly, a veteran of the fighting in World War Two, was on ~~en~~^{its} rinal run - before being deactivated. A tragic - final run.

SUN

That latest exploit of science, bouncing radio signals off the sun - was about as tricky a job as you can imagine. Of course, the sun is a large enough target - although a mighty long distance away. But it was rather like bouncing a drop of water off a waterfall.

The sun, itself a source of radiation. Pouring out an enormous flood of radio-energy. So, if your own radio signal bounced back - how could you tell? How could you distinguish it - from all that other immense radiation?

Well, at Stanford University, Professor ~~Eshelmon~~ ^{Eshelmon} today explained. They flashed the radio signal to the sun - and waited for the echo. Using ultra-sensitive receivers - which registered all the radiation that the sun was pouring out. The total of it - was transformed into sound, and ~~recorded~~ recorded on a tape. Which they played over and over - listening second by second. Detecting - the echo of the radio signal they had sent. Which little bit - added, almost imperceptibly, to

the other volume of radiation.

Red
But they picked out that echo / with virtually /

complete certainty.

ROBSON

Somebody taking the Fifth Amendment, is nothing unusual. Today, however, four other amendments were invoked - as well as the Fifth. By Paul Robson - son of the Negro singer, who has been identified with Communist causes.

At a hearing of the Committee on Un-American Activities, Robson, Jr. was questioned about a Red youth festival in Vienna, last summer. Other witnesses - having told of most unseemly doings at the rally. He wouldn't answer. Instead, ^{Dick} he cited - the First, ^{the} Fifth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Amendments.

TAX

You can't escape the tax collector - even in the jungles of Nigeria. Nosiru Adebambo - can tell you that. A tribesman, who felt the same as you and I. When tax paying day comes round.

Nosiru Adebambo was at his hut in the village - when he saw the tax collector coming. So he took it on the run - and lit out for the bush. The tax collector chasing him.

Then in the jungle thicket, Nisiru Adebambo - ran into one of his own game traps. Some sort of pitfall, I suppose. Caught - and he couldn't get out. All he could do - was to shout to the tax collector. Plead - for help.

The tax collector got him out, and Nisiru Adebambo - had to pay up.

This is Larry LeSeuer saying for Lowell Thomas -

So Long Until Monday.