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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY.

The new premier of France - taking office in the worst crisis his country has had since the Nazi occupation. Pierre Pflimlin, facing - right-wing revolt - in Algeria. The premier, trying to hold the loyalty of his Algeria commander, General Salan.

But tonight, Algeria seems a lesser danger - than France herself. Many Frenchmen, talking openly of a coup - to overthrow the Fourth Republic. The leader mentioned most frequently - General de Gaulle.

## ALGERIA.

The news from Algeria carries the name of an organization famous in French history. Remember - the "Committee of Public Safety" in the French Revolution? It was set up during the crisis - following the fall of the King. The "Committee of Public Safety" seizing dictatorial control - leading directly to the rise of Robespierre and the Reign of Terror.

Tonight a "Committee of Public Safety" is in control in the city of Oran. A mob of civilians and soldiers - marching on the home of the prefect. Calling on him to resign - because last night he said he would obey instructions from Paris. The building, surrounded by troops and riot police. - who stood by, and watched. The mob, battering down an iron fence - hurling rocks through the windows. Refusing to leave the grounds - until they were informed of the prefect's resignation. The "Committee of Public Safety" seizing control.

Tonight the Oran Radio is broadcasting to all parts of Algeria - calling for the formation of more "Committees of Public Safety." The Oran movement, spreading in North Africa. Cries of "The Army to Power!" - and pledges that Algeria will not give in to the rebels - no matter what Paris may do.

## NIXON

The change in Vice-President Nixon's itinerary - was made on the advice of his aides. Diplomats and Secret Service Men, fearing more violence in Venezuela - maybe even an attempt to assassinate the American Vice-President. So he and Mrs. Nixon left Caracas for Puerto Rico. Remaining there overnight - continuing on to Washington tomorrow. The exact schedule - concealed under tight security measures.

Mr. Nixon began the day by talking with President Eisenhower over the telephone. The President, calling to find out how the Nixons were - after their abusive treatment by that rock-throwing mob yesterday. Mr. Eisenhower, assured by the Vice-President - that neither of the Nixons was hurt; both all set for their trip home/

During the day, Mr. Nixon received visitors at the Embassy - which was heavily guarded by Venezuelan military police armed with rifles, machine guns, and machetes. Only special visitors were allowed within six hundred feet of the building.

Many Venezuelans came to pay their respects - to the Vice-President of the United States. Diplomats, business men, students, athletes - and so on. All of them, apologizing for the behaviour of the Caracas mob. Expressing deep disappointment - about the circumstances under which Mr. Nixon is leaving their country. Our Vice-President replying - he isn't holding it against the people of Venezuela - because he feels sure the worst part of the demonstration was caused by Communists.

Vice-President Nixon did manage to make one surprise visit today. He went to the plush military club of the Venezuelan armed forces - where he lunched with the five-man ruling junta. At least a thousand armed soldiers were posted around that handsome club to make sure he got there and back to our Embassy - safely.

## EISENHOWER

There were three hundred and two newsmen - at today's presidential news conference. Almost a record. The highest number ever was three hundred and eleven. Today's turn-out showing - the interest of all Americans in the crises in different parts of the world.

President Eisenhower began his news conference by saying that he would not discuss either Lebanon or Algeria. The President describing the situation in those two places - as "very delicate." Refusing to comment - because any comment might only create more difficulties.

But Mr. Eisenhower did speak about the wave of anti-American demonstrations - emphasizing Lebanon, Algeria, and Venezuela. He pointed out that no single cause - will account for these outbursts. Local conditions - always prominent. But he went on to give his opinion - that Communism is at work wherever a big crisis erupts. The Reds, stirring up trouble - wherever they find grievances.

For example, in South America they blame the economic depression - on the United States. The President, referring to a "a concerted idea and plan" - for conquering the world, by creating tension and civil war. The plan, drawn up in Moscow.

What about that Caracas riot? Did the President anticipate - anything as serious as that? No - he didn't. Mr. Eisenhower declaring "I think everybody there - was a bit caught by surprise." Asked about the troops ordered to Caribbean bases last night - he described the measure as simply "precautionary."

## LEBANON

America, setting up an emergency air lift - to fly what is called "police equipment" into Lebanon. The air lift; described by Ambassador to Beirut, Robert McClintock. He doesn't say where the supplies will be coming from. But he says they'll include - rifles, ammunition, and tear gas.

The air lift, our first active step - to help the government of President Chamoun survive the rebellion. As Ambassador McClintock puts it - "we are determined to help this government - maintain internal security."

At the same time, Ambassador McClintock has sent an American ship to Tripoli - forty miles up the coast from Beirut. The vessel, to take out the fifty-three Americans - still in Tripoli. The situation in that Lebanon city - more serious than ever. Yesterday the Lebanese government put special guards around American



buildings - including two schools and a hospital. Today the guards disappeared from their posts - underlining the anti-American tension. Rioting mobs, have sacked and burned our Information Library. Now it seems, the police of that city are not interested in protecting the Americans. Hence McClintock's order to the captain of the ship - "Get the Americans out of Tripoli, right away."

And even Beirut is still seething. Today, four bombs went off in Lebanon's capital city - two of them near the U.S. Embassy.

## FLOTILLA

The Navy announces that the Sixth Fleet now in the Mediterranean - is doubling its amphibious forces. The marine strength of the Sixth Fleet - increased to thirty-six hundred. The Marines, aboard ships ordered to emergency stations. To stand by - in case the Lebanese government should ask for help. Among the ships ordered to sail - the aircraft carrier "Saratoga."

The American flotilla, joining ships from the NATO nations - Britain, France, Italy, Greece and Turkey. The Western Alliance reacting to the crisis at the eastern end of the great inland sea that connects Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

## RIOT

A dispatch from Calcutta reports - refugees from Pakistan, rising in rebellion - in India. The refugees, living in a camp - in Bihar State. Bihar - a province of North Central India.

The trouble started - when camp guards arrested some Hindu refugees - for disobeying orders. The rest of the camp - rushing to their defense. Kidnapping the officer in charge - threatening to kill him.

New Delhi sent the order - "Rescue the Camp Commander - by any means necessary." The police of Bihar, charging into the mob - swinging clubs; then firing their rifles. They released the commander whom they found - beaten savagely, but still alive. Ten refugees killed, scores injured.

## SUBMARINES

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police - hunting for two submarines near Vancouver. The subs, reported by a fisherman - who's just come into port from the Pacific. The fisherman claiming - he spotted the subs on Sunday morning - about seven miles from the mainland in Smith Sound. According to this fisherman, one sub was lying on the surface by itself. The other - being refueled by a tanker. The witness, unable to make out the nationality of the three vessels.

Anyway, tonight the Mounties have a cutter - criss-crossing Smith Sound. They say they'll find those subs - if they're really out there - off Vancouver.

## DESEGREGATION

At one point in today's news conference - President Eisenhower obviously became irritated when one newswoman used the phrase - "Little Rock pattern." She wanted to know - does the President intend to use it as a precedent for the future? Mr. Eisenhower retorted sharply - asking her the meaning of "Little Rock pattern." To which she replied - it means sending Federal troops to enforce integration of the schools.

President Eisenhower then launched into a discussion of his policy. Pointing out that he had not interfered in Little Rock, just because of opposition led by segregationists. The real problem at Central High was - mob interference with the execution of a Federal Court order. Following a flat refusal by the Governor of the State - to enforce that court order.

What about the future? President Eisenhower, remarking with some irritation that - everything depends on

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circumstances. He doesn't want to use Federal troops again - if he can avoid it. The President adding that he is not going to send a "Gestapo" to snoop around in individual states. He'll wait to see how each state reacts to court orders - and then do whatever he thinks is necessary.

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## RECESSION

At the Presidential news conference - once again the recession came up. One newsman, pointing out that excise and corporate taxes will drop automatically at the end of this month, unless Congress passes the Administration bill now on Capitol Hill. So, what about a tax cut? President Eisenhower replying that "A decision is going to have to be made soon." But he refused to give any hint - about what his final decision will be.

## PRICES

The cost of living - rising again. April, showing a jump - of a fraction of one percent. This means that prices have been going up steadily - for two years. The latest increase, due mainly to higher prices for food and clothing. The cost of housing and transportation - unchanged.



## ALASKA

The question of statehood for Alaska - to arrive on the floor of the House next week. So decided by the Interior Committee - voting today to by-pass the Rules Committee. The Alaska bill, bottled up for a year - because the chairman of the Rules Committee is Smith of Virginia - who doesn't want to see Alaska enter the Union as our forty-ninth state. Today members of the Interior Committee - described themselves as "impatient with the Smith group." So the bill will by-pass the Rules Committee - go straight to the floor of the House.

## POUND

American poet Ezra Pound - free to go back to Italy.

The Rome government, granting a visa to the man who was recently released from a mental hospital in Washington.

Pound, accused of treason during World War Two - but found too unbalanced - to stand trial. Released after twelve years - Washington telling him, he's free to go abroad.

The country of his choice - now giving approval. Italy, accepting Ezra Pound - who lived there for more than thirty years before World War Two. He plans to join his daughter at her home in Merano.

## AZORES

The Island of Faial in the Azores - evacuated.

Earthquakes continuing - knocking down buildings - cutting chasms across roads and farms. Five hundred houses - destroyed in the last two days.

No casualties reported from Faial. But Lisbon decided to take everyone off the island - as a precaution. Three Portuguese warships - racing to the scene. The entire population, going aboard - every man, woman and child. Tonight, a deserted island - Faial in the Azores.

## PILOT

A Navy pilot, plunging forty thousand feet - in a "dead" jet. Commander Senden May, of Compton, California - was flying a Crusader - loaded with missiles. Through the sound barrier he went - when suddenly his engine went dead.

May says he was at forty-nine thousand feet over the Mojave Desert. His plane, going into a nosedive - falling like a stone. Within ten minutes, he was at nine thousand feet - still headed straight down. May, terrified about what would happen - if his load of missiles should crash in a populated area.

He struggled frantically to start his motor. Finally he saw - he'd have to ditch - get out of the plane, in a hurry. So at nine thousand feet, he locked the controls into a nose dive straight down, and - pressed his ejector mechanism. Hurlled out of his cockpit - his neck was almost broken by the force of the jet stream. His chute, giving

him a terrific jolt - as it opened. But he came down okay.

The jet, crashing into the desert, tearing a huge crater in the ground - the missiles, blasting apart in an explosion that shook the area for miles around.

## PETRILLO

One of the colorful figures of American labor - stepping out. James Petrillo, announcing his retirement - from the Federation of Musicians.

For eighteen years Jimmy Petrillo has represented - a quarter of a million professional musicians. Often called "Little Caesar." Always backed by his union - because of the way he fought for higher wages and better working conditions. Petrillo's greatest triumph - winning a new contract for musicians who play recorded music. The musicians, to get a percentage on re-runs of those recordings. This, typifying Petrillo's insistence - that people in the music industry should be protected against new-fangled machinery - like Hi Fi and so on.