

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Chief scientist of our new Space Agency - Dr. Herbert York, Director of the Atomic Energy Lab at Livermore, California. Now made head of "advanced research projects" - in the Pentagon.

Today we also hear that the Defense Department is about ready to announce details on "Project Moon"! The decision to come soon - on which rocket will be used - which one to make the first flight to our natural satellite. Three rockets - now under discussion. The Navy Vanguard - which as just put a satellite into the sky - the one Arthur Godfrey suggests we call Shamrock I because it was launched on Saint Patrick's Day. The Army's Jupiter-C - which sent up Explorer One. And the Air Force says why not use - its Thor. These three rockets have been discussed in the Pentagon - and we are told the choice will be announced - soon.

We are also told that our satellite program is going full blast, with the Army, expected to put another Explorer into orbit - within a week, and the Navy another Vanguard - within three weeks. The Pentagon estimating - about ten more American man-made moons - will be zooming through outer space before the end of this year. We may have gotten off to a late start - but now we are peppering outer Space.

RADAR

The world's largest radar system - to be built at Syracuse, New York. So announced by the General Electric Company. Cost - a hundred million dollars. Why the largest? Oh, to detect ballistic missiles that may come zooming toward this continent, and give us an opportunity to intercept them - and retaliate.

EISENHOWER

The President in addressing the Republican Women's Conference in Washington today concentrated on the recession - repeating his faith that it will be over soon. "This administration is not going to be panicked by alarmists," said he.

However he added that he's not taking unemployment lightly and he pointed to a whole series of steps taken by his administration - everything from easier credit to public works, like hospitals and highways. And he says that if an upswing is delayed - he'll propose a tax reduction.

KHRUSHCHEV

The boss of Soviet Communism - giving his explanation of what's wrong with ~~AMERIE~~ American science. Khrushchev declaring - it's a matter of education. Admitting that American children have as much talent as anybody - he went on to accuse us of letting ability wither away. That old charge - of Americans taking snap courses, when Russian youngsters are getting a fundamental training in mathematics and science.

Khrushchev gave his opinion in a ninety minute interview with three Americans - Professor Cyril Black of Princeton, Professor Richard Scammon of the American Governmental Affairs Institute, and Hedley Donovan of Fortune Magazine. During the interview, Khrushchev brought up the question of the American recession. Saying, he ^{has} ~~is~~ ordered Soviet newspapers to print a speech by George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, ~~Khrushchev declaring~~ ^{so} ~~he wants~~ the Russian people ^{will} ~~to~~ learn from ~~George~~ Meany about the evils of unemployment under capitalism. The boss of the Kremlin ^{adding} ~~adding~~ ^{what we all know that} there are no unemployed in Russia:— ^{and how much freedom?}

As Professor Scammon pointed out in Moscow today - the Soviets have only a single slate of candidates - and, they don't permit secret balloting. So the victory of Khrushchev and his associates was not won in a free election.

RUSSIANS

Today, three Russians turned up at Chicago's Nuclear Congress - which features exhibits of atomic science. The point being - the Russians were not expected. They just suddenly arrived with their interpreter - and announced they wanted to participate. The officials of this Nuclear Congress, accepting their guests - then issuing a special announcement that they would be allowed to read technical papers of their own. The first thing the Russians did - was to pay a hundred and eighty dollars - for two complete sets of all the technical papers that are being read at this congress.

BOMBS

Washington has informed London about new safety precautions - when hydrogen bombs are carried in planes.

So stated by Prime Minister Macmillan in the Commons - referring to that accidental dropping of an atomic bomb near Florence, South Carolina - a week ago.

Today Macmillan was badgered by Laborites. Especially Aneurin Bevan - demanding to know whether there was any danger of an American plane dropping a bomb in Britain, and causing an atomic explosion.

In reply, the Prime Minister says - new safety measures are going into effect immediately. But he refused to rule out - training with atomic bombs. This, necessary to training for war. Macmillan adding, the South Carolina incident shows that an H-bomb can be dropped - without causing an atomic explosion.

MISSILE

From Aberporth, Wales, the story of how they shot down a guided missile. It was fired at the Aberporth test center. The Missile, going up all right - then veering off course. Heading away from the firing range - toward the nearby Welsh towns. The scientists, trying to control it with their instruments - then sending out an order, "shoot it down." The electronic guns of Aberporth, going into action - just as if it were an enemy attack. The guns, zeroing in on the guided missile - ^{elk} knowing it down, before it could ^{descend} ~~crash down~~ in a populated area.

FRANCE

The question in Paris - was the vote of confidence a vote for Premier Gaillard - or a vote against General deGaulle? Gaillard won with a substantial majority:- eighty-six. But many deputies say this doesn't mean they are for Gaillard. Merely that they are afraid to overthrow him - because the French people might then turn to World War hero DeGaulle, finally make him dictator.

Tonight independent members of Gaillard's Cabinet say - they'll quit if the Premier doesn't take a firmer stand with Tunisia. Members of the National Assembly disturbed - by the drift toward political anarchy. All Paris disturbed because the two extremes are threatening violence - the Communists on the Left, and the extreme Right Wingers.

CUBA

The Dictator of Cuba denies that Cuban newsmen are being persecuted. Batista, answering John O'Rourke - President of the Inter-American Press Association. O'Rourke charges that critics of Batista have received threats - warned that their presses will be destroyed. Some, even threatened with death. O'Rourke calling on the Inter-American Press Association - to denounce this ^{persecution of} ~~attack on~~ the men who cover the news in Cuba.

Today Batista issued a formal denial. He admits the Cuban press is being censored. But he adds ^{that} no one has been threatened. No newsmen, persecuted.

NATO

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization proposes closer relations with - the Organization of American States. An exchange of scientific and intelligence information - suggested by Paul Henri Spaak, Secretary General of Nato.

The idea came originally from Secretary of State Dulles - at the Paris meeting last December. Our Secretary of State pointing out that we belong to both of these international alliances. We're a member of Nato - the group formed to stop Soviet aggression. And we're a member of O.A.S. - as one of the nations of the Americas. So we'd like to see closer contact between both Nato and O.A.S. The Dulles idea, now taken up by Secretary General Spaak of Nato - who is waiting for a reply from Jose Mora, Secretary General of O.A.S.

MANEUVERS

A combined British and Canadian task force - carrying out maneuvers in the Atlantic. Twenty-eight ships, steaming in single file out of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Everything from aircraft carriers to landing craft. Also participating, planes of the Royal Air Force - and the Royal Canadian Air Force. The maneuvers called, "Operation Maple Royal." ~~That's~~ ~~appropriate~~ - "Maple" for Canada - and "Royal" for Britain.

INDONESIA

~~Some~~ Westerners in Jakarta believe - the central government of Indonesia could put down the rebellion in a few days - but doesn't want to. Sounds like a paradox - Sukarno, allowing his enemies to ~~put up a fight~~ ^{continue fighting} on Sumatra. He is said to have over a hundred battalions - the rebels ~~have~~ ^{only} four. ~~And~~ ^{also} Sukarno ~~still~~ controls the Indonesian air force, and most of the navy. Some diplomats in Jakarta believe - Sukarno could win a crushing victory, inside a week.

So why doesn't he? ~~The answer is~~ ^{Because} he's afraid the rebels will retreat into the jungle, and fight a long guerrilla war. So instead of ~~fighting~~ ^{pushing} for a big victory now - Sukarno is playing for a ~~real~~ settlement, ~~later on~~ ^{win}. ~~He'd like to win~~ over the rebel leaders, to his side - after ~~he's~~ ^{ing} convinced them they can't win.

~~That seems to be the logic behind present events in~~
~~Indonesia. But~~ ^{Meanwhile} the rebels are ~~still~~ defiant - ~~still~~ insisting they are fighting to win.

FLYER

An American flyer in Seoul, Korea - today told newsmen how he was captured by North Korean Reds. Captain Leon Pfeiffer, of Keneshaw, Wisconsin - who was shot down when his plane accidentally flew north of the demilitarized zone. Captain Pfeiffer's plane catching fire - so he jumped. Floating down by parachute, into North Korean territory. He says about fifty Communist soldiers swarmed around him - and took him prisoner. For the next week, the Reds kept him at a forward post - putting him through the usual routine of Communist questioning. Then they decided that Captain Pfeiffer didn't know anything - so they took him to Panmunjon, and handed him over to the United Nations command.

MAIL

The House refuses to okay - that nickle stamp.

Rejecting ~~the bill drawn by~~ the Senate ^{bill} - calling for five cents on out-of-town letters - and four cents for local ones. Members of the House saying - they prefer four cents for both. So now the bill goes to a House-Senate committee - where it's hoped a compromise can be worked out.

SHIPS

The House votes to scrap seven more Navy ships - including the Battleship KENTUCKY. The point is - these seven are only partially built. Construction, begun during World War Two - then suspended. Since then, they have been costing the Government more than a hundred thousand dollars a year - just to maintain them. No point in going ahead with them - as they are now outmoded.

Fifty-five million dollars has already gone into Battleship KENTUCKY - spent under previous administrations. The other vessels raising the total to a hundred and thirty million. Now all to be sold for scrap - as scrap worth around three million.

DEBUTANTE

An English debutante is worried about - meeting the Queen. Young ladies, in high society - are presented to Her Majesty every year, with competition for invitations - to Buckingham Palace.

Debutante Rosalie Barnett, daughter of a British tobacco king - is one of the lucky ones this year.

Rosalie, invited and due at the Palace on Thursday. But today Rosalie was in an auto accident, emerging with a shiner - a King size black eye.

Alas Poor Rosalie. Dare she appear before Her Majesty with that shiner? Will the Queen laugh? Will Rosalie curtsey and in her embarrassment trip on her gown? What is Rosalie doing about it? She says she is frantically applying beefsteak to her black eye - even as you and I. The question now, Don, is will Rosalie see the Queen - and will the Queen see Rosalie's shiner? Will the beefsteak do the trick?

GAS

Six thousand tons of poison gas - to be sunk in the Pacific Ocean. Mustard gas and Lewisite - that has been kept in storage at depots in Utah and Arizona. An Army spokesman in San Francisco ~~declared~~ ^{says} the Army has no more use for this poison gas. So it will be put aboard ship - and taken a hundred miles west of San Francisco. The ship, to be ~~sunk~~ scuttled in thirteen thousand feet of water. This ~~is~~ the safest way of getting rid of the poison gas - because by the time the steel containers rust through, the gas will be completely diluted by sea water. Six thousand tons of mustard gas and Lewisite ~~to be~~ ^{made} ~~completely~~ harmless ^{by Father Neptune,} ~~by the time the sea gets through with it.~~