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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

From Bermuda, a communique reading as follows:

"President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Churchill, and Premier Laniel held their first meeting this afternoon at the Mid-Ocean Club. They embarked on a general review of the world situation which will be continued."

BERMUDA

The Bermuda conference is on President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Laniel - sitting around a shiny table at the mid-ocean club. They gathered ~~for their first session~~ ^{- today -} at about five-thirty P.M. Eastern Standard time.

The President got a great welcome, ~~today~~. At the flying field, ^{today,} the British and French premiers were waiting when he arrived by plane. The President stepped briskly to his old friend and wartime colleagues.

"Very good to see you again, Sir Winston," he exclaimed. The first time he ~~is~~ ever greeted Churchill personally as - Sir Winston. The Prime Minister having been knighted by the Queen, since the last time they met.

In a similar way, Churchill could say ~~Mr~~ "Mr. President" instead of -- "General". They've both been promoted - the one to ^{the order of the Garter,} Knighthood; the other to the Presidency/

There was only one thing amiss in the ceremonial scenes today. President Eisenhower arrived with his left hand bandaged, the hand injured - and he did it with a pistol.

It happened at the White House, last night - in old wild western style. The President was telling the First Lady how the two gun men in the cow country used to "fan" their forty-fives.

He undertook to show her how it was done, holding a pistol in his right hand - and "fanning" with the left. But Ike, the old Army man, was too enthusiastic about it - maybe a bit clumsy. Maybe a western sheriff or badman knew more about handling a gun, than even a general.

In any case, the President "fanned" down so hard, he slammed his hand, and got it caught - bruising it so badly the doctor had to put a bandage on.

So that's how the President of the United States

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arrived at the Bermuda conference today - with his left hand out of shape from fanning with a .45.

FOLLOW BERMUDA

A dispatch tonight sounds a discordant note - so soon. They say that French Premier Laniel was a bit miffed because, in the motorcade - he rode in a car behind Foreign Ministers Eden and Dulles. Also, because yesterday - the Welsh Fusiliers' band did not play the Marseilles when he arrived. But - played the Star Spangled Banner today - for President Eisenhower.

ATROCITIES

At the Senate hearing of war atrocities, today, the question was raised - did the Reds commit all those inhuman crimes, by orders from above? An answer was given by Colonel James Hanly, who made the first report on the Communist atrocities in Korea.

He pointed out that those atrocities occurred everywhere, in about the same period - the earlier part of the war. They decreased afterward, the unspeakable story ← was in a pattern.

So the Colonel gave the following opinion: "Either orders had been issued, or the Communists all think exactly alike." He said there was no documentary proof that the atrocities had been ordered, but it looked as if they had.

ESPIONAGE

A Washington Grand Jury has indicted a former government official, charging perjury - when he ^(swore) ~~XXXXXX~~ he had never been a Communist. Val Lorwin was in the State Department. Previously - in the O.S.S. ^{"Wild Bill" Donovan's} ~~that~~ Cloak and Dagger, hush-hush agency of wartime intelligence. At a loyalty hearing in Nineteen Fifty, ^{Lorwin} ~~he~~ made the denial of Communism.

The indictment charges that he was a member of the Communist party in Nineteen Thirty-five, and " at other times." That - he had a Communist party card, and held a Communist meeting in his Washington home.

FOLLOW COMMUNISTS

Lowrin, now instructor at the University of Chicago, makes a complete denial. Saying "the charges are wholly false."

There is another argument between Senator McCarthy and the White House. This one about the number of telegrams in response to the McCarthy call -- asking people to urge the President to stop American aid to countries doing business with the Reds.

Earlier today, the White House announced that fifteen hundred telegrams had been received. Whereupon McCarthy said - this was a "grievous mistake". The number -more than two thousand. Later, the White House raised the ante - to more than two thousand.

It would seem that there was ~~an~~ a large backlog of telegrams at Western Union. Later word said there were still eighteen hundred waiting to be delivered.

NEWSPAPER STRIKE

In the New York newspaper strike, negotiations got nowhere today.

The newspaper trade journal, Editor and Publisher, says: The newspaper unions have "proven themselves to be completely irresponsible." Referring to the fact that twenty thousand other newspaper workers are out - refusing to cross the picket lines of the photo engravers.

Today, another newspaper in the metropolitan area suspended publication - the Long Island Star Journal. Which, during the strike had run up a circulation of ninety thousand a day, ~~is~~ mainly to people in Queens. Stereotypers of the Star Journal refused to handle advertising copy from the strike-bound papers - which wanted to insert features and comics in the Long Island daily.

Meanwhile, newspaper-starved people were getting - the Harvard Crimson. Today, students from Harvard came down with ten thousand copies of their undergraduate paper. Which they distributed - free.

The news from the world of business tells of the completion of one of the ^{largest} ~~most~~ industrial transactions of these years - that sale of the Willow Run plant, near Detroit. Edgar Kaiser, President of Kaiser Motors and Willys Motors, announces - the closing of agreements with General Motors, the R.F.C. and various banks. The figures are fascinating - for magnitude alone.

Willow Run is famous for size, but it's not as large as the plant in Toledo, to which the Kaiser Motor Company is now moving. That's eighteen percent larger - having a total of five million, two hundred thousand square feet of floor space.

In addition to which Kaiser and Willys have a new stamping plant at Shady Side, Ohio. An engine plant - at Detroit. The Wilson Foundry at Pontiac, Michigan. A machining plant, in Michigan. An electronics and engine plant - at Anderson, Indiana. An aluminum forging plant - in Erie, Pennsylvania. ^{also} An automotive assembly plant - at

Maywood, California

These have an additional three million, one hundred thousand square feet of floor space. Giving a total - of eight million, three hundred thousand.

Today's story on the news wire tells of a further magnitude; a twenty-six million, seven hundred thousand dollar payment. That amount handed by Kaiser Motors to the government - the R.F.C. which reduces the government debt of Kaiser Motors to eighteen million, four hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars. At one time, the total was almost seventy-five million dollars. So about three-fourths is now paid off - in a whirl of figures of a size to make one dizzy.

Edgar Kaiser says the goal is to pay off the remaining Kaiser Motors indebtedness to the government quickly. The move to Toledo enables the company to concentrate production at that Ohio City for greater efficiency.

RUBAIYAT

Here's one that will be of special interest to George Mardekian at the Omar Khayyan in San Francisco. In New York, they're putting on auction the second oldest copy of one of the most widely known books in the world. The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.

Back in the Nineteenth Century, Edward Fitzgerald the Irish poet, made the famous translation of the Rubaiyat. But some scholars believed that Omar, himself was a myth. Then, a few years later, a learned Persian Mullah offered his library for sale - and it included three manuscript copies of the Rubaiyat, dating back to the time of Omar Khayyam, himself. These showed that the tent maker was a real person indeed: a mathematician and an astronomer, as well as a poet.

The oldest of those three copies, dated twelve hundred and seven A.D. - is now in the Library of Cambridge University. Another, the third oldest, is in a

library in Dublin. The second oldest, twelve hundred and sixteen A.D. - is now put on auction in New York.

So you can see the most obvious thing to quote, those familiar lines:- "a book of verses underneath the bough." But, wait a minute - there's another quatrain in the Rubiyat which I like particularly - signifying the age - old fatalism of the Moslem East. So let's turn to these lines!

"The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on: Nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all ~~xy~~ your tears wash out a word of it."

~~like~~ Lines like that enable us to understand, a bit better, the spirit of Islam.

PILOTS

There are a couple of Air Force pilots - who, like all the others, went through the grinding studies at Air Force training school. Memorizing the lessons, going through the routine. Today, they're thanking their lucky stars - that they did.

Near Mt. Clements, Michigan, Captain Henry Jones of Phoenix City, Alabama, was flying in a jet. So was Lieutenant Robert Buss of Laurel, Nebraska. At twenty thousand feet, their speeding planes collided - the terrifying collision of jet. Both planes plunging - for a flaming crash.

Well, that school routine had included - what a jet pilot should do, when he has to bail out.

Today, Captain Henry Jones related: "When I knew the ship wasn't going to fly any more, I went through the motions - just like we learned them, from pictures and textbooks. First - the canopy ejector switch. Then - the cord that drops the seat and opens the chute."

In a flash, the Captain was dangling at the end of a parachute. Then he saw - that Lieutenant Buss had also put that old text book stuff into operation. ~~The~~ Lieutenant's *Buss!* parachute opening - a short distance away.

Today, both of them, uninjured, were praising - those good old Air Force school days.

SAILOR

At Boston, the police today arrested a sailor, who had in his possession, a wise man riding a camel. The sailor had taken this from a scene of the Nativity on the Boston Commons.

The Bostonians have a glowing display of - the newborn saviour, Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds, and their flocks, and the three Wise Men from the East. The sailor had been celebrating Christmas in advance, and what fascinated him was - the Wise Men on the camel. So, when nobody was looking, he took it away and started back for his ship - the U.S. Destroyer John S. McKain.

A cop spotted him - and today, the Wise Man on the Camel was ~~xxx~~ back at the Boston Commons. The sailor - handed over to the shore patrol.

This evening we have the conclusion of the story of night before last, about the G I in Germany - who displayed such a wonderful sense of duty. Ordered to stand guard over a couple of assault boats, along the river Rhine. Then - his outfit marched away, forgetting all about him. So he stood guard duty for six days. Sense of duty - plus.

Today, Private Raymond Cote of Socco, Maine, related:

"The first few days it was pretty rough. I ate up my rations. I slept in my sleeping bag, but it rained and, before long, there was more water inside than out."

"Then" he goes on, "some German kids came around and brought me some sandwiches, and some guy gave me some cognac. Things got better and better after that," says the G I adding: "I kind of liked it out there, so ~~xx~~ peaceful no reveille."

Finally, the local Germans, to whom it was all very strange, called the Twelfth Infantry Regiment, and told them -

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Private Cote was still standing guard.

Meanwhile, in his outfit he had been marked down - AWOL. So, when he got back, they put him on K.P. but his Commanding Officer got him out of that, and gave him a citation - for his high sense of duty. Promoting Private Cote - to the rank of Corporal.

Today, the Corporal was asked: "What did he think about while standing guard for those six days?" Harry, what do you think his reply was? He said:- "I didn't think about a thing!" Spoken like a soldier!