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Good Evening Everybody:

When a tanker loaded with oil collides with another tanker - you expect to see flames.

But that collision in the River Scheldt near Antwerp didn't just start a fire. Both ships erupting filling the river with a sheet of blazing oil.

The Panamanian tanker "Miraflores", carrying the hot cargo. The British tanker "Abadesa" - empty. The two smashing into one another. In the inferno both tankers were destroyed, the Port Hocked, while other ships ran aground in their effort to avoid the fire. The toll - many injured. At least 22 killed.

BOMBER

The bill okayed by the House Armed Services Committee - calls for more than fifteen billion dollars. Almost half going to the Air Force. The Navy and Marine Corps not far behind. The Army less than two billion.

The most controversial clause in this bill concerns the RS-70 bomber. To build, or not to build more of the warplanes that fly at three times the speed of sound? President Kennedy says - No. The Committee - yes. Result - a special appropriation of three hundred and sixty-three million dollars. Although the money is authorized, it may never be spent - because the President still doesn't intend to buy those RS-70's

SPACE

The cost of putting a man on the moon by nineteen seventy - nearly six billion dollars for the coming year alone. Doctor James Webb, head of our space agency told Congressional investigators that his organisation originally asked for a billion more than that. The figure, scaled down - to dovetail with the rest of the budget.

Said Doctor Webb - "What we want is austere" Nearly six billion - austere? Austere astronomically speaking would you say?

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NEHRU

When the Prime Minister of India ended his speech today - he was applauded by every party in the New Delhi Parliament. Every party - except the Reds. Reason - Nehru's strong defense of the West.

The debate started with a Communist charge - that Britain and America are offering aid only if India gives up neutralism, and sides with the West against the Red bloc.

To which Nehru retorts - "Completely false". Here are his exact words - "Western aid has come to India without any strings whatsoever".

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CASTRO

I wonder what Khrushchev thinks of the prediction Castro made today. The boss of the Kremlin likes to prophecy the imminent collapse of capitalism. Khrushchev, even reported to hope for a Red America in his time. Which would mean in a few years.

The bearded dictator in Havana isn't that optimistic. He says that while Capitalism will fall eventually - it might be around for another three centuries.

In other words, Castro has learned one lesson - that escapes Khrushchev. When you make a prediction, put it so far in the future - that you won't be there to explain the failure.

BULGARIA

Vienna reports that African students are still coming out of Red Bulgaria. Today a group from Togo arrived vowing never to return behind the Iron Curtain.

Togolanders, in a different mood - than when they went to Bulgaria. Then, they were full of enthusiasm and Red promises of an education in a worker's paradise. What they actually found was - tyranny from the Bulgarian government, apathy on the part of the people, out and out racial prejudice in the Communist party. The final straw - the Sofia street riot, when the Red police attacked the Africans with clubs.

The moral? Says one Togolander - "Africans will prefer to study in the West from now on".

ELECTION

Here's a question - for politicians. How can a candidate lose more than two hundred votes in a few minutes? A nswer - hold a recount of the balloting

It happened today - in Saint Pa ul, Minnesota. A court of three judges, trying to decide - just who is Governor of their state. And one of their first decisions was to discard two hundred and forty-one ballots for Karl Rolvaag. One hundred and twenty-two for his opponent, Governor Elmer Andersen.

Seems like a quick way - for Rolvaag to lose the election. But he still has a recount lead - of exactly twelve notes. The Democratic Farmer Labor Candidate for Governor of Minnesota thinks he'll hold that lead.

SHARKS

The fish story about the big one that didn't get away. Place the Tasman Sea between Australia and New Zealand. Aussie John Picles - out after tuna. Making a strike that cost him two hours of playing the line, and a sprained wrist - before he landed his catch. And when he hauled it it wasn't a tuna at all. It was a seven hundred and sixty-two pound shark, the biggest shark ever taken with a rod and reel.

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ELEPHANTS

Africa is still Africa. That is in the
jungle!

Accra, Ghana, an elephant stampede. A herd
of rampaging pachyderms - invading the village of
Byambe-Kere. Knocking huts over like Cooper &
Schoedsack had their elephants do in that great film
Chang, years ago. The villagers racing for safety,
hiding in the underbrush, climbing trees, watching
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CARNIVAL

The police of Rio are saying - "much quieter than usual". Meaning - the Rio Carnival. Every year the Brazilians let off as much steam as possible - just before Lent. This year - not as rowdy as previous years. For example - only three hundred arrested. Only eight hundred violent injuries reported by the hospitals. Gunshot wounds, concussions, stabbings - and so on. Quiet Dick, for Carnival time down in Rio.

So long until tomorrow.

TAX

Something happened fifty years ago today - and I wonder if you recall what it was . Does the Sixteenth Amendment to the Consttitution mean anything to you? If you think not - let's be a little more specific. The Sixteenth Amendment - introduced the Income Tax. It was ratified February 25th Nineteen thirteen. So, some of you have been paying income taxes for exactly half a century. What's that line about the first hundred years being the hardest.

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