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Good Evening Everybody,

I have just come, on the run - from the gymnasium at the University of Alaska where I have been taking part in their Fortieth Annual Commencement. While it is 6:45 P.M. where some of you are, along the Atlantic Coast, up here in the heart of Alaska, it is mid-day.

I'm not too sure just how up to the moment I am on the news of the world, but, here are what highlights I happen to have -- news with which you may or may not be familiar -- from the Land of the Midnight Sun, from Fairbanks, Alaska.

FLASH

ASTRONAUT

I wonder if you can answer the following conundrum.

"Who travels two thousand miles in four hours -- and eighty-two thousand miles in three hours?" Answer -- Astronaut Scott Carpenter. His trip

from Cape Canaveral to Denver -- only a fraction of his three orbits of the

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earth. But, he took an hour longer ~~to get there.~~ *in flying to Denver,*

Anyway, this Colorado visit -- is sure to be a memorable one, for

the entire Carpenter family. They flew to this state -- aboard the President's

jet plane. Parting in Denver, for the head of the family to receive an official

welcome. Then driving to Boulder, where he ~~grew~~ grew up. Boulder, where

enthusiasm is rizing. Enthusiasm for -- the city's most celebrated native son.

Astronaut Scott Carpenter.

PLANE

The passenger plane that crashed on the Missouri farm

last Tuesday -- was a victim of sabotage. Another bombing.

The Civil Aeronautics Board, finding incontrovertible evidence of

the blast ^{that} -- ~~had~~ tore the big jet apart at ~~32~~ 39,000 feet, sending 45 persons

-- to a flaming death.

The main piece of evidence, ~~provided~~ provided by the science of jet

flight. The tremendous pressure of a jet cabin -- causes the walls to press inward.

So it takes an explosive force inside the cabin -- to thrust one wall out. That's what

happened -- in the case of Tuesday's air disaster. Part of one wall -- blown straight

out, while the plane was in the air. Meaning -- a bomb.

Algeria

The latest gun battle in Algiers -- could be a portent of fighting

FEROCIOUS

fighting to come. Pitting the gunmen of ~~OAS~~ ^{OAS} -- against the Moslem security

forces. It began today, with a black ~~car~~ car drawing up at the gate to the Algiers

water front. The men in the car poked machine guns --- through the windows, ~~and~~

They cut down the guards -- with their first fusillade. That was the signal for ~~the~~

OAS)

~~the~~ gunmen in nearby buildings -- to spray the area with bullets and mortar shells.

The Moslems, shooting a back -- from behind trucks and tanks. The battle,

lasting two hours -- until French troops came up to reinforce the Moslems. The toll

-- still being counted tonight.

FRANCE FOLLOW ALGERIA

Meanwhile, over in Paris, ~~xxx~~ Raoul Salan must feel grim satisfaction at tonight. Salan, who was tried for treason -- as the self-confessed head of the OAS, Receiving a sentence of life imprisonment -- instead of the gallows. The ~~xxxx~~ verdict, enraging De Gaulle, and rocking his regime to the foundation. Giving aid and comfort to the OAS. Disheartening the Gaullists in Algeria.

Today, the President of France, dissolved the tribunal that heard the Salan prosecution. Needless to say, this is provoking cries of rage -- from lawyers and constitutionlists. What right, they ask, has de Gaulle, to tamper with justice? Aren't the courts supposed to be -- above politics? Maybe so, but the ^{(Partisans} ~~Partisans~~ of de Gaulle point out -- that it's not that simple. Afterall, Salan's deputy in the Algerian underground -- was sentenced to death. So there is something odd about the top man getting nothing worse than life -- and the hope of a reprieve.

Yes, Salan must be feeling ~~xxx~~ satisfaction -- over the difficulty created by his trial. Difficulty for -- de Gaulle.

NEW GUINEA

Dutch authorities in New Guinea announced for a second time - that Dutch forces are mopping up at Fak Fak. The first announcement was premature. The Indonesians, getting enough men ashore - to resume the battle. But this time, Hollandia insists - that this battle is over, with most of the Indonesian paratrooper - either dead or captured. The rest, hold up along the Onin peninsula. Unable to escape by sea - because of Dutch warships patrolling off shore.

The Dutch army, pushing patrols into Fak Fak - from two sides. Dutch planes - on continual bombing runs. Dutch artillery - zeroing in from the hills. The Indonesians, beginning to surrender - in great numbers.

GAS

That bizarre accident on the Island of Jersey in the English Channel -- ~~was~~ the result of bureaucratic forgetfulness.

During world war II, the Nazis occupied Jersey -- and built a tunnel of storing weapons. Including -- cannisters of poison gas.

After the war, instead of cleaning out the tunnel, the British simply covered the opening with earth. And, forgot about it.

Today, a band of school boys -- most of them weren't even born when the war ended -- ~~got~~ dug through into the tunnel. They began to play with Nazis pistols, rifles, and machine guns. One of them picked up a cannister -- and hurled it against the wall. Which -- ~~cracked~~ cracked it open.

The gas began to seep out -- stinging and choking the boys. They dropped everything -- and raced for the open air. Two of them never made it. They were found later in the tunnel -- dead. Two victims of Nazis poison gas -- 17 years afterward.

SEATTLE FAIR

Last Friday night I promised to give you some sort of a report on the Seattle Fair. As you may or may not recall, I visited the Fair and did a broadcast from the top of the Space Needle, several days before the official opening.

Naturally I was much interested in seeing what the Fair looked like, now that the gates are open, and with the vast milling crowds ~~which~~ that you nearly always find at a World's Fair.

It would be impossible to give you a detailed report on what they have to offer at Seattle. My wife and I spent Friday night at the Fair and all day Saturday before flying on North to Alaska. For one thing, if you get out to Puget Sound this summer, by all means visit the new Opera House, on the Fair grounds. It has fabulous acoustics. We were lucky enough to hear one of the world's top symphony orchestras, the Philadelphia, conducted by Eugene Ormandy. Maybe the unusual acoustics had something to do with it, but, we both felt it was one of the most inspiring and delightful

concerts we had ever heard, in this or any other country. And, my wife has been taking me to symphonic concerts, all over the world lo these many years. She is the world's number one symphonic buff.

Then, of course you will see the science building, which along with the Space Needle dominates the Fair. It was designed by a brilliant American-Japanese architect, Minoro Yamasaki. This alone is worth a trip to the Pacific Northwest. Yamasaki, by the way, is the architect who has recently been criticizing the trend in New York City. He calls present-day Park Avenue, Tin Can Alley.

As for the Space Needle, I wish I had time to tell you the human interest story of how it came to be. The men who built it had to surmount almost insuperable difficulties. Nearly everybody laughed at them and said it couldn't be done. The Space Needle is a real triumph. As for the experience of dining up there, as it spins slowly

that alone is worth a trip to the Seattle Fair.

Oh yes, and you will not want to miss a ride on the Monorail. Near where you disembark from that fascinating new high speed means of transportation, be sure and visit the Alaska exhibit, the Alaska Igloo.

After that, for the thrill of a life time, why not come on North to Alaska?

And so long until tomorrow.