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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Russians claim to have won the earth satellite race.

Moscow Radio's English language broadcast was picked up in London this evening, announcing that Russia has launched an earth satellite.

The announcement, if it pans out to be true, means that Soviet scientists by some months beat the United States to what is believed to be the most significant scientific development since the development of the atomic bomb.

The most recent Washington announcements have indicated that the launching of an American earth satellite is still many months away.

Somewhere above the earth tonight, there revolves an artificial moon - a man-made earth satellite.

The Russians announced tonight that they had won the earth satellite race - the race for perhaps the greatest scientific achievement since man split the atom.

The Russian official news agency said that they rocketed into space the first earth satellite some time earlier today, and that at this moment it is circling our world on an elliptical pattern. And that it can be observed with an ordinary telescope.

The Russians say their instrument is just under two feet in diameter, weighs 185 pounds and is circling the globe every hour and 35 minutes, at an altitude of 560 miles.

They gave its rough course, and American experts say it will apparently cross the skies over the United States, passing for instance, almost directly over New York City.

The satellites two radios are said to be transmitting regular signals, and the Russians announced the wave lengths.

They said the duration of the satellites stay in the heavens could not be predicted, but that when it did fall out of the skies it would disintegrate, burn itself up, when it reentered the earth's atmosphere.

The Russian achievement beat by many months the American earth satellite team. We have tested only components of the complicated rockets necessary to launch the satellites. Our experts had predicted we would launch our first satellite, about the same size as the Russian one, only sometime next spring.

Tonight quick congratulations went to the Russians from Dr. Lloyd Berkner, an American official of the International Geophysical Year - a highlight of which was to be this satellite program. Berkner extended his congratulations directly to Russian scientists, present

at a Geophysical Year cocktail party in Washington.

Berkner also called into action American teams organized to spot artificial satellites, and he expressed the hope the Russians would share with us enough knowledge to enable our watchers to participate in the Russian program.

POLAND

Tonight Communist Poland is facing another massive rebellion. An estimated twenty thousand rioters - ^{raging} ~~raging~~ through the streets of Warsaw. They're calling for an end to the Gomulka regime.

It began with students at Warsaw University. They were joined by workers, and even housewives. The police tried to keep order - by charging into demonstrations - swinging clubs. But the rioters fought back - and as soon as one group was dispersed - another would spring up.

Gomulka was successful in defying the Russians - taking Poland along a path to Communism, that he marked out. Tonight the question is - whether the Poles are willing to take any path to Communism.

Djilas

The former heir apparent to Marshal Tito - went on trial in Yugoslavia today. Milovan Djilas, author of the book, "The New Class" - a scathing indictment of Communism as the modern form of tyranny. Newsmen were expelled from the court - before the defendant began his defense. But as they were leaving, they heard Djilas declare, "Every word in my book - is the truth."

Well, ^{it's} the kind of ^{truth} ~~proof~~ Tito doesn't want to hear.

The Yugoslav Dictator, demanding a jail sentence for his one-time companion. The decision of the court, to be handed down tomorrow - and it could bring Djilas twenty years in prison.

HOFFA

At Miami Beach, the expected happened today. The Teamsters Union, electing James R. Hoffa as its new president. About the only unexpected thing - was the size of Hoffa's victory. He was carried into office by a landslide. He polled one thousand, two hundred and eight votes -- on the first ballot. In second place, William Lee - with three hundred and thirteen. Bringing up the rear, Thomas Haggerty - who had a hundred and forty.

Well, Hoffa certainly was right - when he confidently predicted his election. But the Senate Rackets Committee has stepped in - to find out just how it was done. The Committee, serving a subpoena on the Credentials Committee of the Union - demanding to see the minutes, and other records. The Committee has already charged that the selection of delegates - rigged the election in Hoffa's favor. And tonight Chairman McClellan called Hoffa's triumph - a challenge to Congress, to clean out criminal elements in labor.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower is back in Gettysburg - after an unexpected flight from Washington. ~~Some White House~~ correspondents were caught flat-footed - when White House Press Secretary, Jim Hagerty, announced the trip. The correspondents were still packing their bags in Washington, when the ~~presidential plane touched down at Gettysburg.~~

Indications are there won't be any dramatic ^{weekend} move in the Little Rock crisis - unless it comes from Governor Faubus. Mr. Eisenhower said at his news conference yesterday - he has no plan to take the initiative. He's still waiting to see whether the Governor of Arkansas will meet his conditions - for removing federal troops from ~~the state~~ Central High.

LITTLE ROCK

In Little Rock, the Superintendent of Schools announces that about fifty students have been suspended -
because they walked out of ^{Central High} ~~the school~~ yesterday, in protest against integration. Virgil T. Blossom told newsmen - these students will not be readmitted - until their parents come to his office in person. .

Today, attendance at Central High was up. There were no demonstrations - as the nine Negro students were escorted to classes, as usual.

The only excitement, ~~was~~ the appearance of Julie Adams, of the movies. Julie Adams is a Little Rock girl - who made good in Hollywood. Today she went back to her alma mater ~~high school~~ - and made a brief talk to the students, asking them not to resist integration at Central High.

F.B.I.

Secret F.B.I. reports on the origin of violence in Little Rock - may be published, accordhg to the White House. The government is leaving the decision to Judge Ronald Davies - who requested the help of the F.B.I.

YESTERDAY

Yesterday Governor McKeldin of Maryland asked the federal government - to tell everything it knows about the Little Rock situation. The Maryland Governor asking, "Who started the rumor - about prospective violence?" McKeldin thinks the best way to get to the bottom - would be to publish the findings of the F.B.I.

The answer of the Justice Department is that the reports were submitted to Judge Davies personally. And it's up to him to release them - if he sees fit.

FLU

The Public Health Service estimates - two hundred thousand new cases of influenza broke out last week - in states, all the way from Georgia to California. This makes almost half a million patients - since the first ~~reported~~ case of reached Asian flu ~~hit~~ this country. The schools, ~~as~~ are particularly hard hit. In some places, student absenteeism has ~~hit~~ reached eighty-three per cent. And New York Health officials say the City may be in for a full scale attack of Asian flu - during October.

Throughout the nation, doctors give one main reason for the epidemic - the flu came before enough vaccine was produced to deal with it.

AGRICULTURE

The Agriculture Department today issued a special report - asking farmers to hold down the production of pigs. The report declares - next Spring might see a seven per cent increase - in pork on the hoof. The reason - a bumper crop of grain - has reduced the cost of ^{feed} ~~grain~~ for livestock.

As always, there's more to this farm problem than merely economics. A seven per cent increase in hogs - would mean a collapse in retail prices for bacon, ham, and pork. ~~And that~~ And that could bring big trouble to the Republicans, and hope for the Democrats, in the Nineteen Fifty-Eight Congressional elections.

SECRETARY

A dispatch from London sounds innocuous. It merely states that Mrs. Michael Parker has filed suit for divorce. But this story is causing a flutter in ^{royal} ~~palace~~ circles. Because Michael Parker was private secretary to the Duke of Edinburgh - until last February. They were on a world cruise together - when Parker was suddenly dismissed from his job.

The reason - reports of a rift in the Parker family. Today the reports were proven true - when Mrs. Parker asked for a divorce. She names another woman in the case - a "Mrs. Thompson".

Gossip in London has it that Parker would like to return to the court - regain his old job of secretary, after the divorce. And the gossip adds - the Duke of Edinburgh would like to have him back.

But the way the Parker divorce suit looks now, it's considered ^{that} ^{again} unlikely ~~that~~ the defendant will ever get close to the Duke of Edinburgh ^{The Royal Household} ~~again does not to mention Her Majesty, the Queen.~~

DELEGATION

President Eisenhower is getting some help from two hundred of his neighbors at Gettysburg. They're forming a delegation to visit Europe - in line with Mr. Eisenhower's "people-to-people" program. The tour, sponsored by the Harrisburg "Patriot".

The delegation will visit London, Amsterdam, Cologne, Lucerne, Rome, Milan, and Paris. At each stop, they'll drop off special editions of the Harrisburg "Patriot". The editions, ~~will be~~ in English, German, Italian and French. The contents, ~~will be~~ mainly a description of life in Pennsylvania.

This tour is the biggest ever organized under the Eisenhower Plan for Closer Contacts between Americans and the rest of the world.

ATOMIC

The sixty nation "Atoms for Peace" pool today named Congressman Sterling Cole, of New York - as its Director ~~General~~ ^{selected} General. Cole, ~~named~~ by the Board of Directors - will have to be approved by the general conference - but approval is considered certain.

Congressman Cole is the former Chairman of the Congressional Joint Atomic Energy Committee. He was in close touch with the White House - when President Eisenhower made the dramatic proposal - for international exploitation of nuclear power for peace-time purposes.

SAN MARINO

The San Marino story - becomes more like a comic opera libretto all the time. The world's smallest nation, entirely surrounded by Italy - is supposed to be having a civil war. But it's the kind of war in which no one gets shot - although there have been some casualties.

One casualty - the Communist Secretary of the Interior, ^{who} ~~He~~ is laid up with a damaged eye. The cause of the injury - a fly. One of the pesty insects, zooming around at the end of the season - hitting the Red boss - putting him under a doctor's care.

Then there's the anti-Communist sentry, with a broken leg. A chicken rustled in the underbrush - whereupon the sentry whirled around - expecting to see a band of ^{ferocious} ~~Reds~~ rushing at him. He lost his footing, fell and broke his leg - and tonight he's in the hospital.

This being Friday, the Communists tried a neat trick to sway the ^{electorate} ~~election~~. They brought in a truckload of mullet - appropriately a pink colored fish. The truck bogged

down in Italian territory. A Catholic farmer, who came out to see what was going on - discovered it was fish for the Catholics of San Marino. So he enthusiastically helped the Reds get their truck moving again.

— AND ITS A FOOTNOTE ON THAT SAN MARINO STORY BESIDES
TT RHCING CIVIL WAR
Then there's the question of diplomatic recognition.

Among the foreign places recognizing the anti-Communist government - is the Republic of the South ~~Moluccas~~ Moluccas.

The only trouble is - no one in San Marino seems to know where the South Moluccas are located. But the regime is equal to the emergency. Said one anti-Communist official:

"There's a good map in the government headquarters - when we get up there, we'll find out where the South Moluccas are."

Well, he'll find out they're in Indonesia - on the other side of the world - a long, long way from San Marino.

CANADA

The two-day conference of Canadian and British financial experts in Ottawa - has ended. There's no decision on a key British proposal - for a new free trade area between the two countries. But there is agreement on a three point program.

• First, Canada will try to buy more British goods - instead of going to non-commonwealth countries. Secondly, Canada will revise her tariff to help British imports. And finally, a high level Canadian trade delegation will go to London - to try to work out closer cooperation between Canada and Britain - on the financial level.

GAMBLING

Gambling is a major social problem - in Puerto Rico.

So says Governor Luis Munoz Marin. The Governor, speaking just before he signed a number of bills today. Bills cutting down on dog racing, car racing, and other forms of sports. He says that last year Puerto Ricans gambled nearly ten million dollars in legalized betting. The figure, jumping to one hundred million - if illegal gambling is included. Which is, according to the Governor - almost half of Puerto Rico's entire budget.

He thinks betting has become a national scandal - and he wants something done about it. Today's laws are the first step toward cutting down on the amount of money thrown into ^{kitties} ~~betting pools~~ every year by the people of Puerto Rico.

VOLCANO

Out in the Azores, Faial Island is threatened with the fate of Pompeii. That undersea volcano, erupting more furiously than ever. It's already built a small island of lava - that has spread to within a hundred and fifty yards of Faial. The volcano, throwing molten rock and deadly ash - thousands of feet into the air. The whole area, covered with poisonous gases.

The only thing that has saved Faial Island so far - is the wind. A persistent southeasterly - is carrying the vapor out to sea. But the twenty-five thousand inhabitants of the island - will be in deadly danger - should the wind change. And at the same time, that ~~island~~ of molten lava pushes closer - through a hissing, boiling sea.

Today, a plane-load of scientists flew in to Faial - to see whether the island ought to be evacuated.

FLIGHT

A friend of the late Admiral Richard E. Byrd - announces plans for a flight ~~and~~ around the world - over the North and South Poles. William Savage, saying he wants to lead the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe by air - from north to south, instead of east to west.

There's one snag. The U.S. Navy has turned thumbs ^{asked} down on the idea. Savage ~~asks~~ for Commander Frederick Dustin to lead the expedition. Dustin, a member of all the Byrd expeditions. Also, the plane ~~is~~ was supposed to stop off at our McMurdo Sound base, near the Ross Sea.

The Navy refuses both requests. It says Commander Dustin has other duties. And there's not enough fuel at McMurdo Sound - to allow for refueling.

Today Savage said the flight would take place anyway - financed by a group of American businessmen. Their flight plan is to leave Boston around November Tenth. They'll fly south by way of Trinidad and Buenos Aires - to the ^{Antarctic} ~~South Polar~~ then over the South Pole. continent, They'll come back by way of New Zealand, Melbourne,

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Manila, Tokyo, Anchorage - then across the North Pole to our base at Thule, in Greenland.

ANTARCTIC

The first plane to land in the Antarctic this year - has just returned to its base at Christ Church, New Zealand. A navy Skymaster, piloted by Commander Harold Hanson, of Inglewood, California.

Commander Hanson flew his plane on a round trip of almost five thousand miles. It was a rescue mission. The Skymaster, returning ^{to} ~~the~~ Christ Church with ten injured men from "Operation Deep Freeze."

The Skymaster also brought the first mail for McMurdo Sound - in seven months. Which was the main thing the men down there were waiting for. Says Co-Pilot Alfred Gay, of Brockton, Massachusetts - "Those McMurdo men went wild - when we started tossing out the mail bags."