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(Charles Collingwood substituting)

C.C.: GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY!

From Panama City we hear that Panama has asked the United States for the services of two FBI men to help solve the assassination of President Jose Remon. Panama has also asked for Dr. Israel Castellanos, head of the crime laboratory in Havana, Cuba, who's arriving by plane to try to pick up the trail of the gunmen who cut President Remon down at the racetrack with a burst of machinegun bullets. The authorities in Panama City have not abandoned the theory that the late President was assassinated by political opponents. They're still holding Remon's old enemies, including former President Arnulfo Arias, and they're questioning

the two mystery women who are said to have been present at the racetrack when the shooting occurred Sunday night. Both were found with guns in their handbags. But another theory is that Remon was a victim of the Reds. The head of Panama's delegation to the United Nations, Ernesto de la Ossa, remarked: "I would bet my life it was a Communist plot." One thing seems certain, the assassination was so well planned it must have been the work of professionals brought in to do the job. The slugs came from a German machinegun, a type that's a favorite with professional gunmen. All these rumors are going the rounds in Panama City tonight as Dr. Castellanos, of Havana, arrives to study the case and as the Government asks for the services of two FBI men from this country.

HAMMARSKJOLD

The Secretary General of the United Nations arrived in Hankow, in Communist China, last night, Dag Hammarskjold breaking his journey to Peiping. The reason is that he wanted to confer with his nephew, Peter Hammarskjold, who represents Sweden in the Chinese capital. Peter Hammarskjold came down to Hankow just to meet his uncle and it's believed that the Secretary General received the description of the political atmosphere in Peiping. The U.N. party is now scheduled to arrive in Peiping early tomorrow morning. The Secretary General hopes for an early conference with Chou En-lai, but the Chinese have already indicated that Hammarskjold will have a hard time winning the release of the eleven American airmen. According to Peiping Radio, the Red regime is going to stage a public exhibition of what it calls "the evidence against the Americans."

PETERSEN

In Alexandria, Virginia, a Federal Judge has sentenced Joseph Petersen, a former employee of the National Security Agency, to seven years in jail.

Petersen was arrested last fall by the FBI. In his room a copy of the secret code of the Dutch Government and an analysis of North Korean security traffic. He was

accused of passing the information to the Dutch Government, which admitted the fact, but added that it thought that Petersen was authorized to give the information.

At his trial, the defendant pleaded guilty, saying it would not be in the interests of America to have all of the evidence published, and then Judge Albert Bryan handed down the sentence, - seven years for jeopardizing the security of the nation.

ADENAUER

Chancellor Adenauer and Premier Mendes-France will meet before the end of the month, it was stated in Bonn today. The time and place have not been set, although there is speculation that the two European leaders might confer at Adenauer's vacation retreat in Black Forest. The talks are scheduled to cover the general field of France-German relations with emphasis on the Saar agreement, which has already been signed but is still causing a storm of protest in West Germany.

WEATHER

Western Europe in general is having one of the hardest winters in recent years, so says a dispatch from London. In Sweden the mercury dived to eighteen below zero and ⁱⁿ the harbor of Antwerp, Belgium, a gust of wind overturned a tug boat, drowning three of the crew. In Britain the snowfall is so heavy that drifts as deep as twelve feet are reported, and in Italy hungry wolves descended from the mountains to attack sheep and dogs. The cold wave swept in from Siberia. It knocked down telephone lines, grounded planes, delayed trains and ships, and made hundreds of roads impassable. There's no indication of when the storm will let up.

FISHING BOAT

America paid Japan two million dollars today. The money is compensation for injuries suffered by the crew of a Japanese fishing boat that was dusted with radio-active fall-out during the H-bomb tests at Eniwetok last March. The Japanese vessel, the "Fortunate Dragon," happened to be too close to the island at the time, the result being that the entire crew was injured and one of them died. We immediately offered compensation for the accident, but the actual amount was held up by a dispute over what the payment should be. The two million, finally agreed upon, turned out to be twice the sum offered first by Washington and one-third of the sum asked by Tokyo. Now the issue is settled for two million dollars.

Now, about one of the toughest places on this earth - Lowell Thomas, traveling in southern Asia, gives us a recorded report from a rowdy corner of Arabia.

L.T.' (Aden, where I am ~~again~~ tonight, is another of the world's boom cities. Aden has been an important trade center for some thousands of years. Although we don't know how long, we do know that the ships of the Pharaohs and of King Solomon came here. Now, however, may be the biggest boom in Aden's history.

R" With the British pulling out of Egypt, this city, over more than one thousand miles to the south of Suez, here at the southern end of the Red Sea, has become the chief British port in this part of the world. In fact, the boom has been so swift that Aden almost over night has jumped to the front as the third seaport in the British Commonwealth in tonnage of ships handled. R" Commissioner of Police, John Vinson, tells me that Aden has a daily floating population of over a

thousand, mostly men. They sleep on string beds, charpais which they rent. They just put 'em up anywhere in the streets at night, mostly in the section of Aden called The Crater, a desolate pocket surrounded by peaks that look like the mountains on the moon, I imagine. ~~And, by the way,~~ ^{But} you can imagine the crime and problems that arise with a floating population of over a hundred thousand. For instance, Commissioner Vinson one night found himself ~~right~~ in the midst of a pitched battle. One thousand five hundred Somalis were attacked by eight thousand local Arabs. ~~The Steve Bettal~~ ^{An} (2) Engineering firm, of San Francisco, had just finished building one of the world's largest and most modern refineries here for the British Petroleum Company. That's the old Anglo-Iranian Company. Somalis, who

are good technicians, were brought in from Africa and they got the better jobs and the local Arabs naturally resented this and finally the whole thing exploded, eight thousand Arabs attacking one thousand five hundred Somalis, the fighting lasting all one night with more than four hundred casualties.

And, then, the dope problem is one of the toughest; a drug called kat is flown in from Ethiopia. The people here chew the leaves. It gives them temporary courage or visions of bliss.

And recently there was a race riot. The police commissioner tells me that there were some two hundred persons killed in this trouble.

Local legend says that this region was the original Garden of Eden - Aden, Eden. Here, they point

out the tomb of Cain, son of Adam and Eve, who committed the first murder when he killed his brother, Abel, and since then the mark of Cain seems to have been on this region, desolate and for most of the year a fiery furnace. Ever since Cain slew Abel this has been a land of blood feuds.) Is it still that way? Well, I'm going into the mountains along the border of the Yemen and I hope that when I get back I'll be able to give you a report on this. If I Cain, I mean if I'm Abel, that is, I mean if some son of Cain doesn't disable me, and so long until then.

C.C.: Thank you, Lowell!

Well, it always makes a strange picture when western civilization like that great oil refinery is mingled with the ancient and unchanging traditions of the east.

SEA PLANE

The first multi-jet seaplane in the world!

That's how the Navy is describing its new sea master.

The plane is the answer to critics who said that the seaplane was obsolete. This one is a far cry from the lumbering flying boats of the past. It has a long, slender hull with swept-back wings and a huge tail which stands almost thirty-five feet above the water. The Sea Master has a speed of more than six hundred miles an hour and will cruise above forty thousand feet. This new naval weapon will operate independently of aircraft carriers or foreign bases. Its chief use - reconnaissance, bombing attacks, and mine-laying.

SHAKESPEARE

A London antiquarian says he's in possession of a notebook kept by William Shakespeare. Allen Kern is an authority on the Elizabethan period of English literature. In 1940 he bought an old library. Among his new acquisitions he found a volume on the families of York and Lancaster. Margins of the volume were filled with Elizabethan jottings that sounded like some of the speeches that appear in Shakespeare's historical plays. For example, Kern asserts that one note is a sketch of the great speech about Saint Crispin's Day in the play, "Henry V." He says that it's possibly the greatest literary treasure in the world and he could be right, if it's really Shakespeare's notebook.

COUNTY

Yesterday, our Government laid down a new set of rules for Soviet citizens in this country, banning unlimited travel, in retaliation for the restrictions on Americans in Russia. Today, we have what sounds like the last word in restricting travel. A dispatch from Pierre, South Dakota, reveals that the Russians are forbidden to enter a non-existent county. The State Department named the counties that are off limits to Soviet citizens and one of the counties mentioned is Armstrong County, South Dakota. The only thing wrong with that is that Armstrong County doesn't exist. It was annexed a year ago by neighboring Dewey County. Armstrong, County, when it did exist, was a territory of about five hundred square miles with a population of around fifty, which doesn't include thousands of cattle, coyotes, and jack rabbits. Armstrong County had no towns, no schools, no churches, not even any paved roads. It didn't have any

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Federal or State employees so South Dakota didn't miss much when Armstrong County disappeared. Apparently, the State Department hadn't heard what happened so we find listed among the counties that the Russians cannot visit Armstrong County, South Dakota, Hugh, which isn't even on the map.