

L.T.-OLDS., FRIDAY, JUNE 1st, 1962.

(Anchorage Alaska)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The rise in the Soviet cost of living, as announced in Moscow today - is even more drastic than predicted. Butter and meat - soaring by thirty-four percent. What does this mean to the Soviet housewife? Yesterday, butter was a dollar forty-five a pound. Today a dollar eighty. Sausage was - eighty-five cents a pound. Today it's a dollar fifteen. Ham up from a dollar-forty-five, to a dollar-eighty-five. Turkey, from a dollar - to a dollar thirty-seven. And so on, as long as the rubles last.

For the comrades, life more difficult - in the workers' paradise. For which they can thank comrade Khrushchev, and the mess he created in Soviet agriculture.

## ALGERIA

That bizarre truce in Algeria - has lasted for two days. The terrorists of the O.A.S., calling off their attacks in the city of Algiers, waiting to see how the Moslems react to the idea of - a special deal. The right wing Europeans and the Moslems - to decide the fate of Algeria between them. Excluding France - from the discussions. That is, excluding DeGaulle.

## PATIENT

At a veteran's administration hospital in  
Pittsburg, a nurse described patient William Pola as -  
"quiete, unassuming, friendly." Then, the nurse added -  
"something went wrong."

It certainly did. Ex-G.I. Pola suddenly erupting  
- into a murderous frenzy. Going on a shooting spree.  
He killed the doctor who was treating him. Wounded the  
policeman on guard at the door. And then locked himself  
in a room, as a police detachment rushed to the scene.

Result - a messige. The patient, refusing to  
surrender. The police, firing a volley of shots -  
through the door into the room. Also, tear gas. After  
which, when they burst in, they found the beserk gunman  
unconscious. Apparently, knocked out by tear gas. The  
remarkable thing being - he hadn't been hit by any of  
the bullets.

EISENHOWER

Former President Eisenhower rallies to the defense of his old Secretary of the Treasury. Ike, telling a news conference in Washington - that George Humphrey never did anything dishonest. Specifically, with regard to strategic stock-piling. Did Humphrey give preferential treatment to companies in which he had an interest? The Eisenhower answer - a resounding "No"!

## ANNIVERSARY

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor will be celebrating their silver wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Appropriately, the much travelled pair will be aboard the liner "United States" - bound for France, No doubt,

→ Reminiscing a bit - about the earth shaking story in which they played the stellar role. King Edward the Eighth, giving up his throne for, "The woman I love." Twenty-five years ago!

How time does race by! Forty-eight years since I made my first visit to Alaska. Twenty-two years ago that Lowell Junior began coming here; finally to decide that it was here he preferred to make his home. All of which reminds me that I have received many inquiries, listeners asking: "did he get safely off that ice island in the Arctic Ocean?" He had flown out to join a party of American scientists, doing research work, on an ice island, between the top of North America and the

North Pole. Intending to stay with them only a few days, he was marooned there for a month. That was when the story appeared in the newspapers around the world, with the New York Herald Tribune saying: "eleven American scientists from the Arctic Research laboratory of the University of Alaska, Lowell Thomas Junior, and six polar bears, are adrift on the ice in the Arctic Ocean, in Russian waters." The inference was that they might soon be in trouble with the Russians.

At any rate, after a month, when a new motor had arrived from Seattle, Chief Pilot Bob Fisher, flew to that ice island, by then north of Siberia, and Lowell Junior flew back with him to Point Barrow.

I have just talked with my son on the phone, and he tells me the eleven scientists have been replaced by another group. They hope to keep a base on the ice island - until it breaks up; rotating scientists every

month or so.

He says at the moment the ice island is at eighty-one degrees North Latitude, a hundred and seventy degrees East Longitude - ten degrees west of the International Date Line, way to the north of Siberia. He left that ice adrift in the Arctic Ocean something has happened that never had occurred before. Russian scientists have a base on an ice floe - not as thick as an ice island. They have actually drifted between our ice island and America. Lowell Junior had suggested why shouldn't these scientists exchange visits? And, it has happened! Veteran Arctic pilot Bob Fisher, with Max Brewer, head of our Arctic research lab, made a landing on the Russian ice floe, and had tea with the Soviet scientists, none of whom could speak a word of English.

Then, that same day the Russians flew over, spun their wheels on the American ice island, and waved.

Which looked like they were trying to say: "we think this exchange of visits is a fine idea. Wish we could reciprocate. But, we don't know what the commissar in Moscow would say if we did!"

In all these year of scientific work that both countries have done in the Arctic, this is the first friendly incident of its kind.

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## SATELLITE

The most important artificial satellite ever launched - important, that is, for pure science - has completed its mission. "Oso" finally going dead. "Oso" - standing for "Orbiting solar observatory." It was launched in March to keep an eye on the sun - and relay data about solar radiation. The satellite's telescope, so finely adjusted - it was like hitting a-two-and-a-half foot sphere a mile away with a rifle bullet. "Oso" - scored a bull's eye.

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# ATOMIC

Tonight, in Hawaii - atomic parties. No, not atomic particles. This reference is to the parties that will continue - until our first nuclear blast over Johnson Island; a high altitude test - thirty miles above the Pacific. This explosive force, equal to a million tons of T.N.T., will create a fire ball that should be clearly visible - eight hundred miles to the North-East, in Hawaii.

Hence the Luaus, the parties - in Hawaii; where the islanders all want to see the great atomic spectacle.