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Good Evening Everybody:

From Colorado tonight. Just down from high up in the Rockies - the Continental Divide. Using a new kind sno-cat, Willy Schaeffler and I climbed to the top of the range, where off to the southwest were those three peaks, the Mount of the Holy Cross, Mt. Massive, near Leadville, and Mt. Elbert, highest of all the fourteen thousand foot peaks in Colorado.

On our way back from a morning of spring skiing, we stopped at Silver Plume, one of the old-time mining camps that never did quite die, and where they have just found a new rich silver deposit, a silver vein from which they expect to take millions of dollars in ore in spite of the low price silver brings nowadays.

From the Johnny Bull Mine!

Then before coming into Denver for this

broadcast, we stopped at Georgetown, another old mining camp, to say hello to Bill Holmes, a young American flyer who was one of Britain's top fighter pilots during the war, later represented American aviation interests all over the world, brought a bride back from his travels and settled down here in the Rockies to run a rendezvous for skiers, the picturesque Red Ram.

It was there that I got the first word about the passing of one of the great men of our time. Even his adversaries and bitterest critics had to admit that Jawaharlal Nehru stood out above his countrymen, as Mount Everest stands out above the other Mountains of the Himalayas on the Indian border.

NEHRU

Jawaharlal Nehru for 17 years - the embodiment of his country. The only Indian Prime Minister - since the British left India in Nineteen forty-seven.

But Nehru - was much more than that. A philosopher and a sage - he could speak to the people like no one else. A shrewd politician - he remained non-aligned between East and West. But he helped the free world by terming Communism - "a reactionary dogma.", also by proving that the democratic system can work even in vast teeming India.

President Johnson says fittingly that the best monument to Nehru - would be "a world without war." A sentiment echoed by statesmen - around the world.

The British have a special interest in the death of - a commonwealth prime minister. (So, the official representative of the Queen at the funeral - will be her majesty's cousin, Earl Mountbatten. And,

the Prime Minister - will be there. For the United States - Secretary of State Rusk. Leaders of top rank from dozens of countries - are converging on New Delhi tonight.

Preceding them - the people of India. A million, gathering at the residence of the Prime Minister - to pay their last respects to Jawaharlal Nehru.

I last saw Nehru a year ago coming home from the South Pole - and after a visit to the Dalai Lama, in Northern India, at Darmsala. He seemed feeble then - slow in his responses to questions. The spark seemed to have gone from the Nehru I had known before - and I wondered how long.

INDIA

Here's a name that may take a little getting used to - Guzarilal Nanda. But then Guzarilal Nanda will head the government of India now. Only until a prime minister is chosen by the dominant Congress Party.

The word from New Delhi is that the choice then will probably be - Lal Bahadur Shastri, who has been serving as minister without portfolio, supported by both the left and right wings of the party.

PRESIDENTS

On Capitol Hill, the first step toward a new constitutional amendment - concerning the presidency. What to do - should the incumbent be disabled. Or - die in office.

It's been a big question - ever since the two illnesses of President Eisenhower. Mr. Eisenhower himself wants something done - before a similar crisis recurs. And now a Senate Subcommittee has approved an amendment - designed to keep the government functioning.

The two chief proposals:- if a President is disabled and refuses to admit it - the Vice-President to assume the office, if - a majority of the Cabinet approve. Second, in case of death the man to succeed him is not debatable. But that leaves the Vice-Presidency vacant - as it is now. The proposed amendment would allow the new President to name a Vice-President - with the consent of Congress.

CONSULS

The new agreement with the Soviet Union is considered most significant - in Washington. Because it will mean a degree of freedom and protection that Americans have never had in Russia in the past.

For one thing, the number of consulates will be multiplied - in both countries. Details to be worked out, but presumably we will now have consuls in Soviet cities - like Kiev, Odessa and Far Tashkent. Diplomats on whom American tourists can rely - if they run into trouble.

Also the Soviets agree on a "no delay" policy - in such cases. Heretofore Americans often have been held incommunicado for weeks, or months. Moscow promises to let our people see the accused from now on - no phony delays.

Russians have always enjoyed more freedom here than Americans have enjoyed in Russia.

RUMANIA FOLLOW CONSULS

Perhaps even more significant for the relations between East and West -- our new agreement with Rumania. Which also involves -- diplomacy. The American legation in Bucharest and the Rumanian Legation in ~~Washington~~ Washington -- to be raised to the status of embassies.

After diplomacy -- trade. More American goods to be sold -- to Rumania. With emphasis on -- equipment for industrial expansion. A key phrase -- "industrial expansion." Signifying greater Rumanian independence -- of the Soviet Union. You may recall that ~~Khrushchev~~ Khrushchev wants -- not industrial expansion -- but a pastoral economy for Rumania.

UNIVERSITY

I came to Colorado to take part in a University of Denver banquet, and along with Chancellor Alter and others paid tribute to a long list of all-American athletes who have represented the University over the years. In the past sixteen years the University of Denver has had ten ski teams that have won the National Championship, an unparalleled record. There are students here from some thirty or forty countries, with a particularly impressive group from Canada - and another from Norway. And a few from Africa.

CONGO

A dispatch from Elizabethville in the Congo - sounds like a page from Stanley and Livingstone. It tells of primitive tribesmen - gathering on the Western shore of Lake Tanganyika. Dancing their war dance - to the beating of tom-toms. Then attacking villages - with bows and arrows.

Like the Dark Continent - of Stanley and Livingstone. But wait - the harrangue of the witch doctor - sounds more modern. He is telling his followers - to "overthrow the exploiters." To be guided by - "the great principles of Lenin," and so on.

Communism among the Congolese. The influence of agitators - from Red China. Marxism now part of the mythology of the African witch doctor.

What is your message, Dick?

DE VALERA

President Johnson is playing host to the Irishman with the Spanish name -- who was born in New York. Eamon De Valera -- who went to live with Irish relatives as a child, and stayed to become the greatest Irish leader -- of the twentieth century. We've had a lot of Irishmen -- who made their mark in American politics. So let's salute the American -- who went the other way. Eamon De Valera -- of New York and Ireland.