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Thanks Dick and good evening everybody:

~~It~~ seems a bit strange to be saying it from my home studio, tonight. I've been gone so long on my most recent jaunt that it's a little hard to realize that I'm not in South Africa, or the Antarctic, the north Australian bush, or maybe in Central Asia, from which I have just flown by way of MOSCOW.

First of all I want to pay my respects to Dick Hottelet and Dick Noel who have been holding my radio audience -- even increasing it, I hope, during my absence.

On subsequent evenings whenever the news is not too heavy, I may have an opportunity to tell you a little about my most recent experiences in Afghanistan, north of that country in Central Asia, and in Moscow. But, here is important news from North Africa.

## MOROCCO

*A cease-fire is announced tonight - in that three week old Algerian-Moroccan border war. The cease fire to be sounded on both sides of the front this Friday midnight.*

*King Hassan II of Morocco and Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella - reached their agreement at meetings in the Neo-Gothic French colonial government palace in Bamako, Mali, on the Southern side of the Sahara, next door to Timbuktoo. This seems to mean a triumph for mediators Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and President Modibo Keita of Mali, who have been working over-time to bring it about.*

*A committee drawn from the four nations is to outline a demilitarized zone - which will be policed by Ethiopian and Malian observers.*

*Meanwhile, a special all-African commission - will try to settle the dispute.*

VIET NAM

*More news from Saigon tonight. Quite a large scale operation, with some six hundred south Vietnamese troops and forty-five American-manned helicopters - launched to rescue the three American Army advisers who may have been captured by the Reds yesterday in an ambush.*

*The Americans, two officers and an enlisted man, reported missing after the battle, may have been wounded.*

## YEMEN

*The decision of the U.N. to remove its military team from Yemen - does not mean that the Yemen crisis is over. The Secretary General says in his report to the Security Council, that the cost of the U.N. Yemen project has become prohibitive - because of the unwillingness of the two nations involved to foot the U.N. bill. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic - Egypt. The two had agreed to support U.N. mediation.*

*But U.N. civilian observers will stay on. Secretary General U. Thant says the situation is still too critical for the U.N. to pull out. He says he hopes for - a quick political settlement.*

## SINO-SOVIET

The always unpredictable boss of the Kremlin seems to have changed his mind again - about that truce on name-calling with the Chinese Reds - a truce which he himself proposed - at the weekend.

At any rate, the Russian military newspaper Red Star today fired ■■ off a new string of charges - at the Chinese. Accusing them among other things of being quite unconcerned at the idea of sacrificing the lives of "millions of working people" - in a thermo-nuclear war.

This new attack follows the mild words of Chao Kuo-Chiang, Secretary of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, who said at a trade union meeting in Moscow that - China respects certain aspects of the peaceful co-existence theory, Chao Kuo-Chiang - was thought to be responding to Khrushchev's desire for a truce.

So, what does it all mean? *Who knows?* ~~Some observers think~~

~~that in spite of the union officials words - the Chinese~~



ARRESTS

*Meanwhile here in America,* Three of the four Russians involved in the latest spy plot - have been ordered by the State Department to leave the country at once.

The three, Yuri Romashin, Gleb Pavlov and Vladimir Olenev - are attached to the Soviet delegation to the U N, and have diplomatic immunity. The fourth Russian, Igor Ivanov, chauffeur for a Soviet trade agency - has no immunity and is being held under one hundred thousand dollars bail. As is the American John Butenko - who is accused by the F B I of spying for the Russians.

Butenko - arrested with Ivanov in Englewood/<sup>N. J.</sup> railway station last night - had access to Strategic Air Command secret data. His employers, International Electric,<sup>Corp.,</sup> have been designing a new command and control system for S.A. C. - which would link its bomber, missile and logistic support bases around the world. The company has put millions of dollars into the program - which keeps most of their workers busy. Butenko's job -- control administrator for the company's

field operations, including S A C installations.

Butenko and Ivanov - *while allegedly* seized/carrying a brief case full of air defense contract secrets - pleaded innocent at their arraignment.

## ARCTIC

*Here's one that interests me - having just come from the South Pole.*

*It's an Army announcement that ice from the North Pole is being sent to the cold weather laboratory at Hanover, New Hampshire, at Dartmouth, where they have been specializing in ice research ever since Explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson made Dartmouth a major center of polar studies.*

*Today's Army announcement says that one specimen of this ice is ten thousand years old. It began forming - ten millenia ago, and lay tightly impacted at the North Pole - until the recent arrival of some of our research people.*

*The Dartmouth scientists will put the specimen through laboratory experiments - in an effort to find out more about Arctic weather, using as evidence - a chunk of ice ten thousand years old.*



Reading this item from the Arctic, reminds me of the ice down at the South Pole where some of our scientists, as you know, live in tunnels, down in the ice. In tunnels where they have been able to figure out the age of the ice at various depths, along the tunnel walls. For instance, you can turn to one of your pals down there and say: "By the way Dick, since you're up, will you bring me a glass of that two hundred year old?!" Meaning a glass of water from the two hundred year old ice layer in the tunnel. I brought a small bottle of it from the Pole, and then, Dick, I lost my vintage water on my way home.

## MT. EVEREST

*Here's an item that indicates what's happening to this fast changing world in which we live:*

*The Royal Nepalese Airlines have just bought from Aer Lingus - the Irish Airlines - another one of Don Douglasses almost indestructible D.C. 3's.*

*Before the Irish picked it up it belonged to the U.S. Air Force. Now, at last, a third owner. This time the veteran American plane goes to the Himalayan country of Nepal, to Kathmandu, where it will be used to fly right up to Mt. Everest, if you want a close-up view of the world's tallest mountain.*

*Until now travellers were lucky if they could get a glimpse of the top of that remote mountain from a hundred miles away. For even a glimpse you had to climb to Darjeeling, in West Bengal, get up before dawn, mount a mule or horse, scramble to the ten thousand foot crest of Tiger Hill, and, maybe you'd*

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*get a look at Everest, far in the distance, when the sun came up. Maybe you wouldn't. Now a plane will fly you right along side this fabulous Himalayan monarch, so you can even take closeups of the route taken last summer by Norman Dyrenfurth and his fellow Americans.*

one dollar stamp - is almost as big as an average size envelope - and in gaudy technicolor. I brought home a collection of them.



## AGENTS

Here's an interesting question. "What becomes of Cloak and Dagger Agents - when they retire? Somehow, retirement doesn't seem appropriate - in the world of Edgar Wallace and Ian Fleming, *— or of Allan Dulles,* Can you picture James Bond of the Fleming thrillers - settling down to the hum drum life of the average man?

They can picture it - on Capitol Hill. The bill that has just gone from the House to the Senate - concerns our C I A agents. It would allow them to retire - after ten years of service, *if* - five of those years have been on hazardous duty.

Pensions - for the Cloak and Dagger men. I wonder what Edgar Wallace would think of that.