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Good Evening Everybody:

I wonder if President Kennedy feels like a prophet - tonight? At yesterday's news conference, he pointed out that Congressional action generally picks up around April. This is April, and today the Senate passed - the first major bill of the session. The measure, providing three-hundred-and seventy-five million dollars - to help improve the transit systems based on our big cities.

EMPLOYMENT

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The latest news from the Labor Department - is good news. Unemployment dropped - during March, ~~from~~ six-point-one percent - to five-point-six percent.

An added touch of optimism - ~~the~~ most of the jobs went to those who needed them. Men and women looking for - full-time employment. Not teen agers who move into the labor market - without much caring if they stay or not.

But there's no rejoicing - in Secretary Wirtz's department. This dramatic drop in unemployment -

merely offsets the recent rise. *Always - almost always - a* national problem,

~~still~~ finding enough jobs for those who want and need them.

Soviet provocations.

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The Kremlinologists who termed last Tuesday's incident in the sky over East Germany "a portent" - seen to have been correct. ~~That the~~ That the private plane of a British T.V. star - was harassed by Soviet Migs. The Russians - rejected a British protest, And today they threatened to create more incidents of the same type. The Soviet Controller at the Four Power Safety Center - denouncing Allied use of the air corridors to West Berlin. Warning that the security of private aircraft - "cannot be guaranteed." Belligerent language - ~~the~~ ^{from} the Russians in Berlin. So belligerent that British, French and American authorities - are on the alert for further Soviet provocations.

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STEVENSON FOLLOW BERLIN.

One factor in the situation has not changed - and will not change. The Allies are in West Berlin to stay. Which means - that Allied planes will fly through the air corridors, no matter how much the Russians or the East Germans may bluster.

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That old pledge to the people of West Berlin - was reiterated today by Adlai Stevenson. ~~Our Ambassador~~

Another ~~to the U.S. side of with~~ of his eloquent lines.

The Allies will remain in West Berlin, said ~~that~~ ^{he} ~~Stevenson~~ - "until the great day comes when no man rattles a saber, and no man drags a chain."

DEFENSE

The McNamara verdict on Khrushchev - that Khrushchev knows we would destroy Russia in case of war. Khrushchev has again been making - fearsome speeches, and rattling - his rockets. But how many rockets does he have to rattle. The Defence Secretary says Khrushchev doesn't want to get involved in a war with the United States, and that he has a rather good idea - of American rocket technology.

This we learn from the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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ATOMIC

America's missilemen can rocket a nuclear warhead to the edge of space - and bring it down right on target. So says Washington. This is a reference to last year's atomic series in the Pacific. Doctor Harold Brown of the Defense Department, testifying on Capitol Hill - that we have this problem licked. One rumor has been going around - that such a rocket ride would cause an atomic bomb to explode in the atmosphere. Doctor Brown says no to that and adds that our missile capability is "Most impressive". This we learn from the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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VENEZUELA

Hostility to Fidel Castro is growing in Latin America - because of that dynamiting in Venezuela. The pipeline, blown up - between the refinery, and the oil fields of Maracaibo. Blown up - for the second time within a month. By whom? Pro-Castro saboteurs - apparently. At any rate, it's the kind of sabotage - that the Havana radio has been calling for. Control for hours? You might guess that the damage is high - three million dollars, in fact. You'd also expect a tragic casualty list. But - there were no fatalities. Only 22 - injured.

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FIRE.

That fire at the Dow Chemical Plant in ~~St. Charles~~, Louisiana - started with an explosion. A hydrocarbon unit, erupting in a shattering blast - that wrecked the interior of the building. Knocked a woman off her porch - half-a-mile away, ~~And~~ broke windows - for a radius of fifteen miles. in the Swiss Alps.

Over The fire that followed - raged out of control for hours. You might guess that the damage is high - three million dollars, in fact. You'd also expect - a tragic casualty list. But - there were no fatalities. Only six - injured.

ALPS

Winter sports addicts are beginning to call this - "the jinx year in the Alps." No wonder. First - the epidemic in the Swiss Alps. Then - nine skiers lost in the Austrian Alps. After that - fifteen lost in the Bavarian Alps. Now - the wheel comes full circle. Three ^{more} skiers, killed - in the Swiss Alps. Overwhelmed by ^{another} avalanche. - ~~on a ski lift in the~~
~~Alpine Valley.~~

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DOCTORS

The fighting word in Italy - "rubber-stampology."

Or - however you say it in Italian. By any other name, it's as sour as a dose of castor oil - according to the doctors. And they're determined - not to swallow the dose. They're running a temperature - because of the paper work imposed on them by health insurance schemes.

Result - today's strike. ^{Italian} ~~the~~ doctors, refusing to fill out ~~the~~ forms - that take up one-third of their time. ^{Their} prescription for recovery from this medical ~~national~~ fever - no more "rubber-stampology."

GNATS

Now for - the gnats. The Pesky bugs - that swarm in the summer. Professor Teten Nielsen of Copenhagen, Denmark - is coming to America to study gnats - and nits too we suppose.

What's the story? The Danish Professor will carry out his scientific observations - during a single afternoon. The afternoon of - July twentieth. Reason - an eclipse of the sun. Whenever the solar disc is blacked out during the gnat season - the gnats begin to swarm. And this time, they'll be performing for - the science of entomology.

Professor Nielsen, sailing the Atlantic - for about six hours of work. The time it takes the eclipse to cross North America - from Main to Alaska - while swarming, all that way will be the gnats of North America. With the Professor hot after them. Gaylord - with his butterfly net, I presume.

DUCKS.

If you want to know how it feels to go to the ducks - the Minnesota National Guard can tell you. It feels - oily.

One hundred of the Gopher Guardsmen, assigned to the job of - rescuing ducks from the Mississippi. Or at least, from the coating of soybean oil - that poured into the river from a broken storage tank. The gooey birds, plucked from the Mississippi - then "laundered" at the Minnesota Game Farm ^{de-oiled} and ~~off~~ ^{if they} flew.

Back at the barracks, a lot of cleaning up - after ^{the rescue of the} ~~a mess with some~~ oily ducks.