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(L.T. on way to South Sea Islands and
Antarctica. Bc. given by Doug Edwards of CBS.)

GOOD EVENING :

Acting U.N. Secretary General U-Thant was reported today to have temporarily shelved new Soviet-Cuban proposals for settling the Caribbean crisis. A U.N. spokesman said Thant took the action at the request of Russia and Cuba.

The proposals were not presented to the United States, apparently because they faced certain rejection.

Secrecy surrounded the exact nature of the proposals, but they were described as based on previous demands by Cuban Premier Castro for U.S. withdrawal from the naval base at Guantanamo and an end to U.S. economic and political pressures against Cuba.

The State Department warned Russia today not to build a naval base in Cuba which would threaten the security of the

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Western Hemisphere. Department Spokesman Lincoln White said the United States would observe closely Russia's construction of a so-called "fishing port" in the Havana Bay area. He also said it was assumed the United States would take what he called "appropriate measures", should the port contain facilities that would pose a military threat to the U.S. mainland or Latin-America.

ADENAUER

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is in Washington tonight, holding talks with President Kennedy on the Cuban crisis, Berlin and other world problems. They held their first conference earlier today and the White House said the talks were conducted in a "friendly and fruitful" spirit.

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BERLIN

Russian control officers put up the stop sign for an American Army convoy for more than an hour today in the third effort this month to impose new procedures on Allied military traffic along the highway to West Germany. A group of seven trucks and fourteen men -- held up for that length of time -- with the Russians claiming that the Americans should have given advance notice of their movement.

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DISARMAMENT

It was announced today that the seventeen-nation Disarmament Committee of the United Nations will resume negotiations at Geneva on November Twenty-Sixth. U.S. Ambassador Arthur Dean and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Zorin -- co-chairmen of the Committee -- made the announcement at a session of the U.N. Political Committee in New York.

FALLOUT

The U.S. government said today that heavy fallout from Russia's latest nuclear test series has boosted the radioactive iodine accumulation into the warning range for one U.S. city -- Palmer, Alaska. But the announcement said the rest of the United States had safer radiation levels. The U.S. Public Health Service, for the first time, released totals for accumulated fallout recorded by sixty-two monitoring stations, showing the level of iodine-131 -- and strontium-89 in the nation's milk. And the report showed a sharp increase in the daily iodine average of milk tested at Palmer, Alaska.

NUCLEAR TESTING

The Ontario, Canada, Federation of Agriculture came up today with a new kind of complaint in connection with nuclear testing. It says that milk is getting a bad name because it's being used as an indicator for nuclear fallout. The Federation's convention at Toronto has passed a resolution, urging officials to stop using milk in this way, because it's not the only food contaminated by fallout.

TAX CUT

Washington hears that President Kennedy plans to go after a sizeable tax cut from Congress next year despite the almost eight billion dollar deficit in the federal budget. It's expected that the administration will make this known through high level speeches by those close to the President during a fiscal policy conference opening in Washington tonight. The meeting tonight features Walter Heller, Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

Travelers get some good news beginning at midnight tonight. The ten per cent federal tax on rail, bus and boat fares will pass out of existence at that time and a similar levy on Air fares will be cut in half. When they add it up on paper, it figures to save mobile America one hundred and fifty million dollars a year. But -- the eastern railroads and some bus lines will boost their fares to offset the tax change. At the same time, the Air fares will remain at current levels, at least for the present.

INDICTMENT

In Newark, New Jersey, today, three persons indicted on bribery and conspiracy charges. Involved is a two million, four hundred thousand dollar contract between the Army Signal Corps and an electronics firm. Also -- two former civilian executives of the Signal Corps base at Fort Monmouth, and a representative of an electronics firm in Monterey Park, California. The Justice Department says the action alleges conspiracy and involves a planned forty-eight thousand dollar bribe to help the California firm get a contract to build radio sets for the Signal Corps.

HODGES

We hear tell tonight that Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges plans to make history of a kind next week by becoming the first Cabinet member to visit the Antarctic. The Commerce Department says he will inspect department operations near the South Pole, part of "Operation Deep Freeze" by the Weather Bureau, the National Bureau of Standards and the Coast and Geodetic Survey. And, the Secretary just might run into a friend of ours, name of Lowell Thomas, on this journey, because that's a travelin' man.

FIRE ALARMS

Authorities in Nashville, Tennessee, reported today that some members of a privately owned fire department in the Nashville area like to ride the fire trucks so much that they've turned to setting their own fires and turning in false alarms.

Six persons, including four teen-agers, have already been arrested in connection with fires which were set to barns and other property. They are members of the suburban Tusculum Fire Department, which sells its services to the residents, outside Nashville's corporate limits, who would not have protection from the City Fire Department. Police said the youths would set the fires, then rush back to the fire hall in order to ride the trucks while answering the alarms.

Dick Noel, does that ring a bell with you?

TOWN HALL

The Town Council at Pomtey, New York, will soon consider a proposal to purchase an abandoned gas station for use as the Town Hall. The gas station has been vacant for ten years, and the purchase price would be about thirteen thousand, five hundred dollars. The idea of holding town meetings in a filling station sounds incongruous, to say the least, but Town Supervisor Richard Long says the gas station is better equipped than the present town hall because it has adequate heating, running water, and modern plumbing.

Good night -- I'll be back tomorrow.