

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

About that Iranian earthquake, many are asking - "what causes physical catastrophies of such magnitude?"

Geologists tell us there's a pattern on the earthquake map. Two bands around our planet - where serious tremors occur. The first band, beginning in the Andes, crossing the Pacific to Japan - and on to Malaya. The second band, beginning in the Alps, crossing Iran to the Caucasus - and on to the Himalayas.

The Alpine-Iranian-Himalayan earthquake circle - is the one we're all watching tonight. The focus - Iran. This quake, the worst in Iranian history - which goes back for thousands of years. Imagine huge cracks opening in the ground - across an area as big as Massachusetts and Connecticut. Rivers - disappearing. Hundreds of villages, obliterated. Mud houses,

EARTHQUAKE - 2

collapsing - burying entire families as they slept. The number of dead well, nobody knows. The final figure - may never be known, twenty thousand? That's considered - a conservative guess. I may be double that.

In 1935 a similar quake wiped out the city of Quetta, capitol of Baluchistan - with some 40,000 people killed.

Then, a few years ago another hit the city of Askkhabad, just north of the Iran border, in Soviet Turkistan. For some reason Moscow tried to hush it up. But word crossed the border into Persia that more than a hundred thousand were killed in that holocaust.

The cliché about Dante's "Inferno" - is no cliché out there in Iran, tonight. The soldiers of the Iranian army, moving into the area to carry out rescue work - look as horrified as if they'd been through a savage battle. Prime Minister Alam - almost in a state of shock, from what he saw on his

inspection tour. The Shah, held up by bad weather -
meanwhile, appealing to the world for aid. An appeal
that is drawing a quick response - from Norway to
Japan. Food, medicine, blankets and tents - on their
way to Iran. With - solemn condolences.

Caesar de Lion
Richard the Lion-hearted never used - a machine
gun. That was the weapon proposed by Colonel Lasker - Commander
of the Wilaya four troops in Baghdad - Colonel Lasker, offering
to meet his opposite number in single combat - with an machine
gun. This - to decide the fate of Baghdad.
The offer - turned down. No medieval chivalry - in
Ben Bella's side. Only - modern military power. Enough men
and guns to force a retreat - by the Quiretis Colonel Lasker
Baghdad - in Ben Bella's hands tonight. His army
driving - to Algiers.

ALGERIA

A dispatch from Boghari, Algeria - sounds like a page from medieval history. The days of - single combat. Knights in armour, jousting in between two armies - to decide the victory, without a battle. The most redoubtable champion of them all - Richard the Lion-hearted.

But Richard ^{Coeur de Lion} ~~the Lionhearted~~ never used - a machine gun. That was the weapon proposed by Colonel Lakdar - Commander of the Willaya four troops in Boghardi - Colonel ~~L~~akdar, offering to meet his opposite number in single combat - with ~~an~~ machine guns. This - to decide the fate of Boghari.

The offer - turned down. No medieval chivalry - on Ben Bella's side. Only - modern military power. Enough men and guns to force a retreat - by the Quixotic Colonel Lakdar.

Boghari - in Ben Bella's hands tonight. His army, driving ~~in~~ to Algiers.

POLAND

The following should be of interest - to Comrade Khrushchev. Poland dissolving almost all of its collective farms. One hundred and ninety-six - broken up this year, according to Warsaw; with more of it to come. The Red bosses giving the land - back to the Polish peasants.

Reason - collective farms impractical. They caused a crisis in Polish agriculture - because the farmers wouldn't work hard enough - on the collectives. But when the farmers got their own land - then bumper harvests again.

Will Khrushchev learn from the experience of his satellite? The Soviet Union still has its collective farms; and still has its big agricultural headache.

VENUS

At Cal Tech, the word is still - optimism. Our space scientists, still confident - that Mariner Two will pass within ten thousand miles of the planet Venus. That launching error, corrected by - the firing of the mid-course guidance rocket.

The fact that such a command can be given - seems fantastic. Mariner Two is now a million and a quarter miles away - that far out in space. Yet, only seven seconds away - from the earth. Air experts are able to pick up signals that quickly. Moreover, decisions at Cal Tech, are being taken - according to reports received from our space probe.

So, can you imagine Mariner Two, rocketing across the solar system - all by itself; yet carrying on a "conversation" - with the men who created it? and - obeying them? Mariner Two, following instruction to keep moving until its December rendezvous with Venus.

HOLIDAY

On this Labor Day weekend, we are getting ourselves killed at the rate of six an hour. The highest ratio - since the National Safety Council began keeping records. If this continues another tragic record will be set. The present record - four hundred and sixty one. Tonight it appears this week end final death toll will be over five hundred.

SHARK

Irony in the news again. The strange quirk of luck or fate or destiny - comes up somewhere, every day. But, I can't remember a brief story - more ironic than the following.

Maurizio Sarra was shooting under water film - in the Mediterranean off Terracina. Suddenly - he was attacked by a shark. The tiger of the sea, circling around - assailing him again and again. The victim, so badly injured - that he died shortly after staggering up onto the beach.

The irony? Photographer Sarra specialized in - sharks. He used to say - that he loved them. He had shot hundreds of feet of film - which he used to prove his main point about his underwater models - his contention that sharks really aren't dangerous. He even wrote a book entitled - "My friend, the shark."

And then, the Italian shark-fancier met one that was - his nemesis.

CUMMINGS

Now - a line of poetry. What do you think -
of this?

Buy me an ounce, and I'll sell you a pound.

Turn, Gert, spin Helen!

The slimmer the finger, the thicker the thumb

It's whirl, girls, round and round,

Early to better is wiser for worse.

That's the way - E.E. Cummings wrote poetry.

Almost no capital letters, oddly spaced words - and
verses that seem to be scrambled - make no sense.

The critics were baffled - when his works first
appeared. But, in time they came around, and called
him one of the great poets of our time.

More remarkable - his books of poetry sold.
The public, evidently liking the Cummings near-
gibberish - I mean poetry. At age sixty-seven
he passes on - Dick - the author of "Early to better
is wiser for worse."

RIOTS

The riot police are out tonight - on opposite sides of the continent. Keeping the peace - in Seaside Oregon, and Ocean City, Maryland.

Seaside, recuperating from - two days of rioting. More than one thousand students - on a rampage. Fighting with one another - and fighting the police. Breaking windows - roughing up pedestrians. Compelling Governor Mark Hatfield to send reinforcements - to restore order. Tonight, members of the National Guard in battle helmets - are patrolling the streets at Seaside on the wild and beautiful Oregon coast.

Three thousand miles to the East, in Maryland, at Ocean City - they've slapped a curfew on the students. Everybody, ordered to be off the streets - at night. Those who break the curfew - of whom there are many - are being locked up. The Maryland authorities, taking no chances - in view of massive riots two years ago, when student violence nearly wrecked Ocean City.