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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The fighting in Costa Rica seems about over. At least so says an official communique from President Figueras. The communique says there are pockets of resistance still along the northern battle zone - then adds that the surrender of these is expected before tomorrow.

It was the Costa Rican soldier of fortune, Colonel Frank Marshall, who clinched the victory for the loyalists. The dashing Colonel led a cavalry attack at dawn, and captured the key bases of the rebels five miles or so from the border of Nicaragua.

President Figueras describes the end of the invasion as a triumph for what he calls the organization of American states. Referring to the fighter planes from the United States that helped the Costa Rican government, and our people also established a demilitarized zone along the northern border -

a zone that cut off the supply line of the rebel troops.

So it seems that this unusual banana rebellion is over.

CHINA

~~Tonight we~~ ^{We now} know ^a part of what Chou En Lai said to

Dag Hammerskjold during their meeting in Peiping. The

^{information} ~~revelation~~ comes from the headquarters of the United Nations, and from Peiping - ~~the~~ announcements ~~being~~ handed out simultaneously.

According to the U N, Chou En Lai said that the relatives of the Americans held in Red China would be allowed to visit them, if they so desired. The Chinese Premier adding, that the Red Cross Society of China would make all necessary arrangements.

That information was already known to President Eisenhower who got it when Hammerskjold visited Washington. ^{And} ~~Naturally~~ the Secretary General ^{had} also informed Secretary of State Dulles and U N Ambassador Cabot Lodge about what he had learned. So today's announcement came as no surprise to the administration.

What's our reply? ~~was~~ The State Department ^{says} declares

~~that~~ American families can accept the Communist invitation -

if they wish -

but at their own risk. The Department emphasizes that this

country cannot guarantee the safety of anyone who goes to

China - because we have no diplomatic relations with the

Mao Tse Tung regime. In ~~the~~ State Department press

~~officers~~ ^{says} Henry Suydam, ~~declares that~~ ~~the~~ the administration

is not encouraging visits to Red China.

Members of Congress are cautious in their reactions to

the Chou En Lai offer. Senate G O P leader, Knowland of

California, called the offer "a propaganda build up".

The California Republican believing, that Mao Tse Turg has

no intention of releasing the Americans.

And what about the families concerned? Their reactions vary - some saying they can't go, ~~anyway~~, and others ~~announcing~~ that they will, if they are allowed to.

At U N headquarters in New York City, an official
declared that Secretary General Hammerskjold has no fear for
the safety of those who choose to go. And in Kansas City,
an industrialist promises to pay the cost, round ~~xx~~ trip,
for the families of two of the prisoners. George Scrimshaw,
President of the Krafcio Container Corporation saying he'll
meet the expenses all the way - and ~~xx~~ besides that, his
company is setting up headquarters in New York to handle
funds which may be donated by other sources for the ~~xxxxxx~~
rest of the families.

TACHEN ISLANDS

American advisers associated with the Nationalist troops - have already left the Tachen Islands. A dispatch from Taipeh describes the mission of ~~about~~ ten men leaving with ~~great~~ difficulty - after the Red Air Force had knocked out the installations set up by the Americans.

However, *a* Nationalist spokesman *says that Chiang* ~~states that his~~ government does not intend to abandon the islands. ~~He~~ ~~states that Chiang Kai Shek's men~~ will fight for each island, just as they did for Yi-Kiang-Shan.

There was no let up in the air and sea war today. Nationalist planes struck at Communist positions all along the island chain, stretching southward from the Tachens. The Nationalists claim that they sank or damaged scores of Communist ships - and hit vital points on the mainland. The Peiping radio claims that all the Nationalists did was to kill a lot of civilians and destroy a lot of homes - without touching anything of military value.

Today the decision was made. Green - telling the Court he'll take the "desperate chance." So the Court ordered a new trial - the gamble.

COLLINS

President Eisenhower's special envoy to South Viet Nam is on his way home. General Lawton Collins, ^{coming} to report to the White House. ~~Of course~~ ^T the General ~~will~~ ^{will not} discuss his mission. ~~until he has ^{conferred with} spoken to the President.~~ ~~He~~ But observers in Saigon believe he is carrying with him - a plan for American officers to train the troops of South Viet Nam.

According to these observers, General Collins will suggest to Mr. Eisenhower that members of our military detachment in Saigon be given the job of training an army to prevent Communist infiltration from the north.

The change would be carried out in cooperation with the French. General Paul Ely, Commander in Indo-China, was asked by newsmen if the Collins plan would weaken his position. He replied that it would not - because the Americans would be under the South Viet Nam government, and all the forces in the state are controlled by the Commander-in-Chief. So French authority will remain in South Viet Nam - even if Americans take over the training of the army.

MENDES-FRANCE

The Premier of France will stake his government on the outcome of a major debate in the Chamber of Deputies early in February. Mendes-France, to stand or fall on the issue of that debate - his policy in North Africa.

Mendes-France has asked for the showdown on February Second. In Paris, his request is regarded as ~~very~~ daring - because his enemies ^{have been saying he is} regard him as ~~most~~ vulnerable on the North African ^{situation} ~~problem~~. They are trying to take advantage of the violence in Algeria and Morocco, and also of the proposal to give Tunisia home-rule. ^{now} ~~In other words,~~ Mendes-France is counter-attacking -- offering to meet his opponents on the ground of their own choosing -- North Africa.

COLONEL

A Colonel in the Air Force ordered dismissed from service. Colonel Patrick Hayes, of Alexandria, Virginia, accused of association with a beautiful German spy. Implicated in the case of Irmgard Schmidt, who a few weeks ago was sentenced to five years, for spying for the Communists.

Colonel Hayes, of the Inspector General's staff in Germany, became involved with Irmgard Schmidt. At her trial, it was charged that a number of American officers - just as they do it in the thrillers - had fallen victims to Irmgard's beauty and brains. One a Senior Intelligence officer, who in the words of the prosecutor, "took more than a professional interest in her." But no names were revealed at the time of the trial.

Today's announcement came from Air Secretary Harold Talbott. The Secretary, naming Colonel Hayes. Talbott admits that there is no evidence that Hayes ever gave Irmgard Schmidt any secret information. The count against the Colonel concerns his judgment and conduct.

The Secretary says that a board of Senior Officers will consider the case; and then decide whether or not Colonel Hayes should be discharged "under conditions other than honorable."

CONVICTS

~~That~~ convict revolt at Massachusetts State prison lasted for more than eighty hours. ~~It was~~ **The** longest in the history of the State. ~~Beginning~~ **From** five A.M. on Tuesday - ~~it continued right up~~ until almost two-thirty this afternoon.

At first the four rebels, holding eleven hostages, demanded that a path out of the prison be cleared for them. That ~~demand~~ was rejected. Then the rebels began to complain about their treatment, and said ~~that~~ they wanted to ~~make~~ negotiate, ~~but~~ **That** too was turned down.

Finally, a "Citizens committee" was formed by Warden John O'Brien. **The** committee included clergymen, newspaper editors, and a lawyer. Twice the group entered the besieged cell block, to talk to the convicts. And the result was that the rebels surrendered, and released their hostages unharmed, after holding out for over three days.

ARABIA

In the recorded reports that I sent back from Arabia, day after day, there was one thing I didn't have time to mention. The most dramatic sight you'll find in the city of Riyadh, capital of the kingdom of the desert.

One afternoon, Sheik Abdullah Bulkhair was taking me on a tour of Riyadh. To the date market, for example - to which dates are brought from the oases of central Arabia. Then - through narrow winding streets - to a famous gate. The heart of the Saudi Arabian capital is the old walled city- fortified from time immemorial against raiding tribes of bedouin. At this gate in the old wall, the sheik jumped out of the automobile, and pointed. The gate had a massive wooden door, in which I saw a piece of metal - imbedded. It was the tip of a spear, which had broken off, ^{above} ~~around~~

it, a great dark stain on the wood. A splash of blood which had been there for fifty-two years.

In nineteen-two Ibn Saud, then a bedouin chieftain, with a few companions, scaled the wall one night. This had been the capital of his forefathers, but at that time it was in the hands of his blood enemies. Ibn Saud and his companions hid until morning. Then, when the governor emerged through a small opening in the great door, Ibn Saud impaled him with his spear. The tip of it still there. Now a place visited daily by pilgrims.

After hurling his spear, the giant young warrior sang out, "Here's your governor! Come and see him! It is I, Ibn Saud, who speak to you! I have returned to take what rightfully belongs to you and to me."

Well, a series of battles followed this.

And, before long, Ibn Saud had made himself master of most of the Arabian peninsula.

That was ~~thirty~~ ^{thirty}-eight years before ^{American} geologists had found this ~~great~~ ^{at vast} lake of oil under the Arabian desert.

One whole important page in history - indicated by the tip of a spear and a darkened splash of blood, on ^a ~~the~~ city gate.

PLANE

A dispatch from Pearl Harbor states that ~~xx~~ seven survivors of that missing Navy ~~plane~~ flying boat were spotted late today by a search plane. The survivors are ~~xx~~ clinging to several life rafts - at a spot about midway between Johnston and Kwajalein islands. This is the first break in the search that had been going on since Wednesday -- involving four ships and forty planes. Covering an area of the Pacific the size of the state of Wyoming.

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search was called off - the Eskimo pilot of the boat

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And now Hugh, what tale shall you tell?

ESKIMOS

A dispatch from Halifax, Nova Scotia, tells of nine Eskimos returning safely - after drifting on an ice floe in Hudson's Bay for two weeks. Eskimo seal hunters. On January Fourth, they were on some ice that broke loose from shore and carried them off into that vast bay. The Canadian government immediately sent out an air-sea rescue mission. Planes from Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador -- crossing and recrossing Hudson's Bay, looking everywhere for the ice floe. Finally the search was called off - the Eskimos given up for dead.

Now the word is, that the ice floe drifted ashore, and the seal hunters are safely back in their igloos. A real old time Arctic adventure, a story to tell and retell on those long Arctic nights by the pale light of the Polar moon - to the sizzling and crackling of the Northern Lights.

And now Hugh, what tale from you?