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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There are conflicting reports from Formosa on the talks between Secretary Dulles and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Some versions say they have run into - major disagreements. That the American Secretary of State asked the Nationalist leader to reduce his military forces Not only on the off-shore islands, apparently - but on Formosa as well. Dulles proposing - an over-all reduction of the size of the Nationalist army, which numbers half a million men. This proposal supposedly was rejected by Chiang Kai-shek.

At the same time, these reports say Chiang asked for new supplies of American weapons, but Secretary Dulles gave no reply to that. Making - no promises. If the Generalissimo won't play ball with us, we won't play ball with him - that seems to be the idea.

One basis for these reports of disagreement is the fact - that the Chinese Nationalist officials are keeping mum on the subject of the talks. Thier silence presumably indicating their disappointment in the result thus far.

Officially, Asst. Secretary of State Walter Rubertion, who is with Dulles, says there is no disagreement. But he has announced no agreement.

Meanwhile, the Reds resumed the bombardment of Quemoy, today. Hurling eight thousand shells - at that off-shore island. The Nationalists report - that their gunfire destroyed fifteen Communist guns, twelve artillery positions, and one observation post.

CARDINAL

TheHungarian Reds will not permit Cardinal Mindszenty to attend the conclave in Rome, which will elect a new Pope. That's the meaning of a dispatch from Budapest, which merely states - that the Communist regime has ~~ref~~ refused a request from the American Legation. Which asked - that Cardinal Mindszenty be permitted to leave the country. The Cardinal is living at the Legation - where he sought asylum at the time of the Hungarian revolt a couple of years ago.

In rejecting the American request, the Reds call it - an "interference" in Hungarian affairs. The sum and substance of it being - that the Hungarian prelate will not attend the conclave of Cardinals.

PRISONER

It looks as if the Reds of East Germany are holding an American tourist - for the purpose of making the United States give diplomatic recognition to the East German Communist regime. The tourist - George Milroy of An Arbor, Michigan. Arrested - while driving across East German territory, charged with making illegal photographs of a Soviet military installation.

U.S. authorities in West Berlin sent a communication to the Russian Army - demanding Milroy's release. But they got no reply. Instead the East German Reds declared - that the case is in their jurisdiction. We'll have to deal with them.

There have been similar cases previously - in which the Communists of East Germany have tried to use hostages to force American recognition of their satellite government.

CUBA

Cuba reports a daring stunt - by the rebels. The capture of a commercial airliner - while on a scheduled flight over Oriente Province.

The plane had eight passengers and a crew of three aboard. Three of the passengers - rebels, posing as air ~~travelers~~ travelers. ^{PP} Their ~~plans~~ plan was carried out smoothly. The three - invading the cockpit of the plane, and forcing the pilot to change course, ~~and~~ fly to the Sierra Maestra Mountains, and land at a rebel airfield. The other passengers - presumably held as prisoners.

PRESIDENT

President Eisenhower in Chicago tonight on his political campaign tour - speaking there of the national economy.

He says his administration has brought the nation's income to an all-time high, and without any help from what he calls "federal wheelchair."

EISENHOWER

Today, the White House issued a statement condemning a declaration by former President Harry Truman. who said - President Eisenhower surrendered to the communists in Korea. Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty calls this - "re-writing the history." And makes - other blistering remarks.

CRASH

Today's air disaster in Italy brought a tragic end -
in a tale of romance. A British airliner - collided with ^{an Italian} ~~a~~
military jet over Anzio. Thirty-one lives lost. And one of the
victims is Jane Buckingham, a London model. Who was on her
way - trying to patch up a broken love affair.

Jane Buckingham, known in fashion pictures all over
Britain, thought she'd marry an Indian prince. But then he
turned from her - to Actress Eva Bartok. Who, previously,
had been in the headlines - named with the British Marquess of
Milford-Haven. Yesterday, there was an announcement - that
Prince Shiv would marry Eva Bartok.

Whereupon the model, Jane Buckingham, told newsmen:

"I ~~was~~ won't let her take him away from me." ~~She said in a~~

Her plan ^{was} ~~being~~ - to seek advice from the father of Prince Shiv.

A Maharajah - who was at Naples.

So she took an airliner, bound from London to Naples.

That same airliner - which came to disaster today. Jane
Buckingham - one of the victims.

Tonight, the possibility of the worst of oronies -
it could be the announcement of the Bartok-Shiv engagement,
the announcement that sent Jane Buckingham on her tragic
flight - was just a press agent's dream, after all.

MARGARET

From New Delhi, India - a report, suggesting a moody turn of romance. Another chapter in that sentimental affair, so much in the headlines - Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend.

Three years ago, Margaret made the painful decision - that she'd renounce marriage with Peter Townsend. Whereupon he, seeking to forget - went on a trip around the world. A melancholy journey - that he is now recreating. Making a motion picture - of his travels.

For this project, he took a picture-making party. Which included a Belgian girl of nineteen, Marie Luce Jamagne. Acting - as photographer. Peter Townsend had known her in Brussels, where they were members of the same riding club. Both - enthusiastic horsemen.

Today, they were in India, New Delhi, and the report is - they're to get married. Mademoiselle Jamagne doesn't deny it - she merely smiles. Back in Belgium, her mother says - yes, it may be.

The wedding, we hear, may be celebrated at Hong Kong.

The next stop for the couple on the picture-making tour - recreating the journey Peter Townsend made, trying to forget Princess Margaret.

WOOD

At Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario - a mystery. Who stole three cords of wood - from a farmer's back yard, near Bridgeland River? The three cords - of freshly cut poplar logs. The peculiar thing being - that there were stacks of other logs, spruce and balsam. But they were untouched. ~~Mr. thief - taking only the three cords of ~~poplar~~ poplar.~~

The police investigated - following the trail of the stolen wood. Which led - onto the river, and then down the stream. Where they found - the robber.

A beaver - laying in a food supply for the winter. Poplar bark - being the favorite edible of the busy little critter.

No self respecting beaver would Spruce and balsam? / ~~delicious~~ touch them.

~~Hence the peculiarity - that the robber stole only the three cords of poplar.~~