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Good Evening Everybody:

Lots of excitement around the mine shaft at Hazleton tonight.

The metal capsule that is ready to be dropped was tailor made for the job. A firm in Wilkes-Barre, using flexible steel - because a rigid capsule might get stuck in the escape shaft. This is supposed to bend around any rough spots on the way down and up.

Meanwhile, the shaft has been pushed all the way down - into the underground cavern and the rescue of the two trapped miners is now a matter of hours, they hope.

NUCLEAR

An interesting military parallel came up today - on Capitol Hill. A parallel between anti-missile missiles - and the Maginot Line. Most of us remember the Maginot Line, the complex of fortifications - built by the French after World War One. The Maginot Line was supposed to prevent - another German invasion of France. But the Germans overran it in a hurry. Whereupon it became a symbol of Military waste - and strategic incompetence.

Now that's how Dr. Herbert York - describes an anti-missile system. The former research Chief of the Defense Department believes its doubtful - that an adequate defense against a rocket attack can be devised. The time, energy and money that might be expended on it - "all a waste" said Doctor York. Who doesn't want an American Maginot Line.

VIET NAM

You don't often find one department of the government- contradicting another. ^{Not in public} ~~But then you don't often find them talking about - so complicated a problem. Namely the crisis in South Viet Nam.~~

We've heard ~~a lot of~~ rumors - about a possible cut in American aid to Saigon. So no one was prepared to question the Voice of America - when it said just that. No one - except the State Department. The highest office of the American executive, under the President - disavowing the Voice of America, ~~Pointing out that we obviously won't make any decision - until Ambassador Lodge has taken a long hard look at the situation in South Viet Nam.~~

That situation now seems to be one of - civilian control. Not - military. The authoritative civilian is said to be Ngo Dinh Nhu - rather than Premier Diem, his brother. Still, Henry Cabot Lodge presented his credentials - to Diem, ~~And later had a long talk - with the Vietnamese Premier. Which means that our Ambassador should have a pretty good idea~~

by now - of the alignment of family and political forces
in South Viet Nam. And - what we should do about it.

LETTER

The guessing about that letter/~~from~~ Khrushchev to Kennedy - is focused on the question of disarmament control posts. Guessing is all it can be - since the contents have not been made public. But the control post idea - has been getting support on both sides of the Iron Curtain. That is - the plan to set up inspection teams that would prevent either side from suddenly starting a war.

We have called this - a logical step, after the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Khrushchev has said - that he agrees. Hence the unanimous belief - that the boss of the Kremlin discusses the point in this letter to the White House.

IDEOLOGY

The Soviet people know a little more tonight - about the enmity between their country and Red China. For the first time, the Moscow news media are using the phrase - "The enemy". The Russians protesting that Peking has applied that phrase - to the Soviet Union. And Pravda suggests that its readers had better get used to the idea - that "The enemy" is Red China.

The general feeling among western kremlinologists is that this war of words - has gone about as far as it can go, ^{and} they are now waiting for - a diplomatic break between the giants of world communism. With the ~~possible~~ possible end result - a military clash along the border between the Soviet Union and Red China.

VENEZUELA

The star of the Argentine soccer team can consider himself lucky - because he was kidnapped by Venezuelan terrorists. Alfredo Di Stefano, seized in his Caracas Hotel room - and hustled off to a hideout of the pro-Castro underground. He was held two days - for the sake of publicity. Released today - in time for the big game.

Why was the soccer star - lucky? Look at what happened to impresario Damien Gaubeca - who refused to be kidnapped. The terrorists beat the impresario - until his shouts brought a crowd on the run. And then the Castroites fled.

INTEGRATION

The integration of the public schools in Danville, Virginia - is a contrast to the recent troubles. A few weeks ago, crowds milled through the streets of Danville - calling for civil rights. Today nothing more violent - than a public announcement by the school superintendent. Seven negro pupils - to be admitted to formerly all-white schools. Four more - later on. Institutions affected - the high school, the junior high and two grammar schools.

Integration - of education - ~~at~~ Danville, Virginia.

SHIP

The ship that sank ninety miles off Cape Cod today - went down in spite of both Russians and Americans. The fishing vessel Saint Nicholas, out of Gloucester, Massachusetts - caught fire after an explosion in her engine room. Her S O S was picked up by a Russian tug - which sped to the scene, ~~and~~ pumped thousands of gallons of water - into the blazing hulk.

A Coast Guard cutter came up a little later - and it too tried to ~~clouse~~ douse the inferno. All - to no avail. The flames whipped through the ~~fig~~ fishing boat - from stem to stern. The hull - collapsed. The water of the Atlantic - rushed in. The vessel - slipped beneath the waves.

Another lost ship from Gloucester - which has lost many *old / the days of* since the ~~days~~ *of* the whaling voyages. ~~But~~ *T*his time - no lives were lost.

SPACE

The astronauts who fly across the solar system under America's Gemini and Apollo programs - will come back to earth, in a literal sense. This time the space capsules will descend on land, not water - as in the case of the Mercury astronauts.

Reason for the change - the size of the new capsules.

Gemini will carry - two men. Apollo - three. Too bulky to lift quickly - out of the ocean. Hence the decision to have them to come down on land. Where? probably in our vast southwest, with its wide open spaces. Where there will be little chance of the capsule coming down - in somebody's back yard.

All this revealed by Dr. John Zarcaro - who handles astronaut recovery problems at the manned space craft center in Houston, Texas.

Meanwhile, at White Sands, New Mexico - the first apollo dry run is being set up. A Little Joe rocket, ready

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for a sub-orbital flight - with a couple of dummies aboard.

The first step toward - a manned flight to the moon.

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APES

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AIRPORTS

The Senate is in favor of - aid to airports. In favor to the tune of - seventy-five million dollars. There was an ■ economy drive - led by Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin, ^{who} ~~The Senator~~ thinks ~~that~~ this kind of money is out of line - _^ considering how few Americans fly. One out of seven - according to the Wisconsin Democrat.

But Senator Cotton of New Hampshire described his state as "starved for air service." And an overwhelming majority of his colleagues- agreed with him. The vote against reduction - sixty-four to fourteen. The Senator^s, approving- aid to airports. Seventy-five million dollars worth.