

SATELLITE

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in Zanzibar)

Today, a scientist made a telephone call across the country - and on into outer space. Engineer Thomas Wolstencroft, speaking the artificial satellite - placed in orbit last week. Wolstencroft was at the Army Signal Corps Center- in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He telephoned to Corona, California - which sent his message on by radio to the man-made moon -- eight hundred miles above the Pacific.

The engineer's words were fed into - the satellite tape-recorder. Then scientists triggered - its transmitter. And heard Wolstencroft's voice coming down - across space.

## BUDGET

Today's budget statement by President Eisenhower - is a challenge to Congress to be economical. According to Mr. Eisenhower - he will present a balanced budget to the new Congress. Around seventy-seven billion dollars - covering the fiscal year of Nineteen Sixty.

The President thinks he can achieve this - in two ways. First, he wants Congress to go along with him in spending less - for housing, agriculture, and Unemployment Insurance. Secondly, the President proposes to raise taxes - on things like mail and gasoline.

## SOVIET

The Soviet budget unveiled today - may not be quite as good as it sounds. The Kremlin Finance Minister told the Supreme Soviet - less will be spent on the Russian armed forces this year. But Western observers point out - the Soviets have a pool of labor - that can't be quoted in financial terms. Slave labor, that can be put to work by the armed forces - without appearing in the budget figures. Moreover, some of the money tabbed "for science" by this budget - may go into military projects - rockets, jets, radar, and so on.

## BERLIN

The Communist government of East Germany - rejects an American memorandum on Berlin. In that memo, we said - Western troops liberated much of East Germany during World War Two. So we could demand Soviet evacuation of those provinces - if the Kremlin insists on telling us to get out of Berlin.

The East Germans reject the Washington note - without bothering to reply to this argument. The Reds simply assert - the balance of power has shifted from West to East. So there's nothing the West can do - to keep Communist forces from occupying West Berlin.

The West, meeting the threat - by repeating that neither the Russians nor the East Germans should underestimate - the determination of the Allied nations to stay in West Berlin.

## IRAQ

Fighting is reported from one of the world's most desolate areas - the border between Iraq and Iran. The fierce Kurdish tribesmen of Iraq - rising in rebellion. They attacked an army garrison - and the battle is said to be still raging. With smaller conflicts - throughout the area.

It's a dangerous development for Iraq - because of an independence movement among the Kurds. They want a state of their own. If Baghdad sends more troops in - the result might be civil war. If Baghdad decides against force - the Kurds may overrun a whole Iraqi province.

## JUGOSLAVIA

America is going to give Jugoslavia - almost a hundred and thirty million dollars - in economic aid. The money is intended to offset - the loans that Khrushchev promised Tito - but never came through with. Twenty-two millions - earmarked for a nitrogen plant - that Russia was supposed to finance.

GOLDFINE

Industrialist Bernard Goldfine gets - three months in jail. Found guilty of - contempt of court. The charge was that he refused a court order to turn over ledgers and business accounts - bearing on an income tax case.

Found guilty along with Goldfine - his secretary, Mildred Paperman. The judge giving her - ten days. Both defendants denied they intended to defy the court. But Judge Wyzanski, in handing down the sentences - argued that Goldfine has had a lot of experience with court orders. And must have known what he was doing.

## WEATHER

The Weather Bureau is moving - to keep up with the age of space travel. Announcing - from now on, weather forecasts will cover conditions - up to forty-five thousand feet. That's more than double the present range. The main reason for lifting the altitude just now - the new jet liners that fly above thirty thousand feet.



## PARTY

The annual White House party - was larger than ever this year. The President and the First Lady, inviting - the regular staff. Then adding many others - everybody from secret service agents, to mechanics who work in the White House motor pool.

Incidentally, they're still chuckling around the White House - because of what happened <sup>2</sup> at the recent musicale. More than one guest left a tip - when collecting hats and coats. The maids were so ~~shocked~~ shocked - they couldn't say anything, when they found quarters being pressed into their hands.

INTRODUCTION TO RECORDING

Tonight Lowell Thomas reports on - one of the romantic islands of the world.

## L.T.-ZANZIBAR

Berton Braley, the versatile American poet, once wrote some delightful verses using names of places that, as he put it, "fair tingle with romance." Of all the magic places names at the head of the list I think I'd put Zanzibar. Zanzibar, the former East African capital of the slave trade; and, ivory. Now known as the Isle of Cloves. I got a special thrill out of being flown to Zanzibar by my son - in a small plane; a single engine Cessna. Five of us making it in two of these unusual little planes - from the East African port of Malindi, first to Mombasa, principal port for both Kenya and Uganda; then another 175 miles down the coast of Tanganyika, across a stretch of the Indian Ocean, to the two large spice islands of Pemba and Zanzibar.

I had been told that the aroma of cloves hangs over these islands like a perfumed mist. But at 6000 feet we must have been too high for that. However, we did get a panorama of all of the four million clove trees

that provide an easy living for a third of a million of the subjects of the Sultan of Zanzibar. Flying low, only about a hundred feet off the water, we skimmed the harbor for a closeup view of some of the Sultan's palaces. Then down we came, on a strip among the palm trees, the cloves, and the mangoes, for a visit to what appears to be a tropical paradise.

But even Zanzibar hasn't escaped the turmoil and jitters that has most of our planet on edge these days. In addition to these two islands, from which we get all our cloves, the Sultan holds nominal sway over a stretch of the nearby African coast. It has belonged to the Sultan for a hundred and fifty years. But now Kenya wants it, because it includes the flourishing seaport of Mombasa, one of the fastest growing cities in Africa.

The Zanzibaris have another worry. His Highness Seyyid Khalifa bin Harub, age 80, has been on the throne for 48 years. Oriental sultans usually don't bring their

sons out where they can get much experience, for fear a son will get in a hurry about the throne. Here the Sultan's son is little known. So, the people of Zanzibar are worried about that. However, to the newcomer it looks like a tropical paradise of your dreams.

A French ~~xx~~ visitor to Canada has just finished a trip - down the Fraser River, in British Columbia. What's the story? Well, Louis Lourmais is - a frogman. And he swam six hundred miles - in seventeen days.

At this time of year - the Fraser has a sub-zero ~~temperature~~ temperature. Only the fast pace of the water - preventing it from freezing over. The Fraser, <sup>churn!</sup> churning along at twenty miles an hour - a tough current even for a frogman.

Lourmais had to swim the entire distance - with one arm extended in front of him. ~~xxxxx~~ Protecting himself from - rocks, logs, and chunks of ice. Even so - the current threw him against a lot of all three. He was bruised and battered - when he climbed out of the water.

But this frogman has the record - he went after.

Louis Lourmais, of Calais, France, is the first swimmer ever to conquer - the Fraser River in British Columbia.