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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Having just flown in from one of the most remote parts of the world, where we didn't even get radio reports, I feel ~~completely~~ out of touch with what has been ~~gaa~~ going on. However, it doesn't take long to pick up the threads, and I did ~~we~~ have had a chance during the past three days to read the newspapers in Sydney, Australia; ⁱⁿ Honolulu, and Los Angeles. all of which had big headlines ~~of~~ the Nato Conference. Tonight, in a little while, as you know, both President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles will be giving their ~~own~~ reports to the nation. I am sure none of you will want to miss this on radio and TV. ^{It} As for any comment from me concerning the expedition from which I have just returned,

I'll put that off until we take a look at today's news.

^{It} First I want to thank Allan Jackson who took my place here at the microphone for one week; and Lowell Jr. who was on for three weeks. ^{It} Now - let's see —

SUB EISENHOWER

The radio-television report from President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, tonight -- gives a general outline of what happened in Paris. Most of the events of the Nato ~~series~~ conference have been related in the news, and there ^{isn't} ~~wasn't~~ much particularly new in the comments made by the President and the Secretary of State. However, there's one thing that hasn't been revealed hitherto, so far as I know. Namely -- that the western European countries will join in the manufacture of missiles. The production of atomic warheads will remain in this country, but the rockets for launching them can be turned out abroad - This explains, in part, the necessity of sharing American atomic information with our Western European allies. They -- needing all possible information to assist them in the manufacture of missiles to carry atomic warheads.

Such is the principal point made by President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles tonight.

BOMBER

The Air Force, today, gave orders - for test-production of a new rocket-age intercontinental bomber. Capable Of twenty-two-hundred miles an hour, three times the speed of sound. The plane to climb - as much as a hundred thousand feet. Range - not revealed. But they say the new bomber could fly from Chicago to London and return, without refueling. In - little more than three hours.

When will we have that super-super plane in the air? No estimate is given, but unofficial word says - in about three years.

RACKETS

The Senate Rackets committee has ordered an investigation - of that notorious Appalachin convention, the gathering of alleged ~~xx~~ racketeers - at a luxurious estate, near the small town of Appalachin, New York.

There ^{has} been a whole series of New York investigations of that mysterious gathering - suspected of having been a gangland ~~xx~~ convention, maybe a meeting of the Mafia.

But - no real clue of what it meant.

So now the Senate Rackets committee will have a try. Coming forward - with a lead. Committee Counsel Robert Kennedy declares that they'll investigate alleged links between a big labor union and that Appalachin convention, which says Kennedy - has ^d angles of labor union racketeering.

BOSTON

The police in Boston are afraid - of war along the waterfront. ~~It~~ Following the underworld murder - of a one-time boxer, Tommy Sullivan. Who was working as a longshoreman.

Tommy Sullivan - of illustrious family connection. A distant relative, they say of John L. Sullivan, the first heavyweight champion of the world. Tommy - ~~was~~ having battled as a light heavyweight, but without as much fame as the mighty John L.

Walking along a Boston Street, last night, he was murdered - by gunmen in an automobile. Which made the police recall, immediately - that the former boxer had been an outspoken enemy of the New York leaders of the international longshoremen's union. The union - that ~~was~~ was kicked out of the A F L- C I O on charges of corruption. Hence the ~~suspicion~~ suspicion - that the murder may have been the result of a union feud.

However, local officials of the I L A deny that there has been any trouble on the Boston waterfront.

CIVIL RIGHTS

President Eisenhower, today, named a new chairman for the civil rights commission - President John Hanna of Michigan State College. Dr. Hanna, who has been serving as Vice Chairman of the commission - now ^W succeeds former Supreme Court justice Reed as Chairman.

The former Justice accepted the position when the civil ~~rights~~ rights commission was created - but then changed his mind. Saying - he thought the chairmanship would conflict with his duties as a ~~jurist~~ jurist. A retired Justice of the Supreme Court - being liable to recall for special service.

Today, President Eisenhower also named a new member of the six-man commission - former Governor Carlton of Florida.

RAILROADS

The railroads have asked for an increase - of freight rates. Pointing out - that railroad costs have ~~been~~ increased. Wages, the price of materials. The boost asked would apply to hundreds of commodities. With certain commodities - exempted. The increases would be according to a complicated scale. With railroad officials declaring - that the average hike in freight rates would be less than three percent.

FORMOSA

The Premier of Nationalist China - impeached on charges of defying the top supervisory board of the Chiang Kai Shek government. Premier Yui called upon to take various measures of reform, financial mostly. But - failing to do so, and - refusing to appear before the supervisory board, the Central Control Yuan.

All indicating - a political crisis on Formosa.

GERMANY

An ugly incident - reported at Ramstein, West Germany. Where, according to the German ~~police~~ police, a group of U.S. airmen - kicked and beat a young German priest, without provocation.

The clergyman, they say was talking to some German Boy Scouts - near the entrance to the American air base at Ramstein. When seven airmen approached, called the priest insulting names and then attacked him.

A crowd gathered - and the assailants took refuge in a nearby bar. Where they fought with German ~~police~~ police - throwing one policeman through a glass door.

Finally, overpowered - now in custody of the U S Air Force.

CANADA

At Beauceville, Quebec, bulldozers were smashing into an ice jam - blocking the streets. Huge cakes of ice - some twenty-five feet long and six feet thick. Piled up - as if the streets were a glacier.

Unseasonably warm weather, with heavy rains: The local river ~~is~~ rising in flood ^{over} the weekend. The river - packed with ice, flating down the stream. ^{That was what} ~~water~~ poured into the town - water plus the ice jam. Huge masses of ice - battering homes and business buildings.

Then the flood subsided - ~~leaving~~ leaving the piled up ice in the streets.

Today, the bulldozers were operating in all the more haste - because of the fear of a cold snap, which would freeze the huge chunks of ice into one solid mass. Which might stay there - choking the streets all winter.

ANTARCTIC

On the South Polar continent, a British expedition reports - it has reached ^{what is called} the ^{an} South Ice. Uncharted glacier - ^{extending} all the way to the South Pole. The crossing of which - they'll now attempt.

A party of twelve, headed by Dr. Vivian Fuchs - one of two groups - both bound for the ultimate South. Party number two - advancing from the other side of the Antarctic continent. Headed by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand, conqueror of Mt. Everest.

They expected to join forces at the Pole. Then continue on across the continent by still another icy route. Which would mean - the first crossing of the South Polar continent, on the ground.

They ^{are} using Sno-cats, three-ton tractors especially made for glacial travel - adventure in that region of ~~an~~ endless ice, treacherous crevasses, and polar storms.

CRASH

Paris reports - the most exciting, spectacular air crash on record. At least, I've never heard of anything to equal it.

A French airliner, with forty-nine passengers, bound for London, taking off at ~~the~~ Orly Flying Field, when the brake of one wheel went out of gear - and locked. Throwing the huge plane out of control - as it was running ~~amuck~~ along the strip at high speed. The airliner swerved, ran off the strip, and hit a truck. Then - another truck. This one loaded - with fire extinguishers.

Still going at full tilt, the plane ran into the airport building, right in the front door. Crashing through the lounge - and on into a hall. Where it ~~am~~ came to a stop - in a shower of glass from broken windows.

Casualties? None at all. Not one of the forty-nine passengers even injured - in that slam bang epic of an ~~amuck~~ airliner running amuck on the ground.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Over in Paris - the Champion of the world for getting traffic tickets. Jean Barrier - has twenty-five hundred traffic tickets outstanding. That many summonses - for violating the parking rules.

Jean wants to get them fixed, and has gone right up to the top - to the Finance minister in the Cabinet of Premier Gailliard. Asking - that the twenty-five hundred parking violations be cancelled.

Jean runs a garage - and had the habit of leaving cars of his customers in a "no parking" zone outside his repair shop. The gendarmes - putting tickets on these. Which - were ignored.

Whereupon, according to Jean, the police ticketed him for every car left in the "no parking" area - whether he had anything to do with it or not. In fourteen months - twenty-five hundred tickets. Maximum penalty - a possible fine of forty-seven thousand dollars and one-hundred-and-seventy years in jail.

LASSITER'S REEF

As I suspected, upon arrival home, and even before -
~~everywhere the question has been fired at me!~~
~~was bombarded with the question.~~ Did you find Lassiter's
gold reef? That question was put to the ~~many~~ members of our
expedition when we first emerged from the desert, at Alice
Springs, in the dead center of Australia. Again at Sydney,
and also when our plane flew into Fiji, and Hawaii.

The answer? ~~is~~ - *As* I wired from Australia, we

solved that continent's number one mystery by finding Lassiter,

the American-Australian explorer,
who had been missing for twenty-seven years. We even brought

him out of the desert, to Alice Springs, the man ~~around~~ whom

Australia's most elaborate exploring expedition had been
organized, to search for eldorado.

Lassiter had claimed that ~~he had~~ ^{years before} on a previous
^{he had} journey to the Back of the Beyond, found a fabulously rich
gold reef, in the pink and red mountains of the Never Never
land.

The aborigines in those parts ~~had~~ for twenty-seven

years had maintained silence. They did this, so they said, because they were not too happy about the treatment they had received from the white man.

My colleague and co-leader of the expedition, an Australian named Lee Robinson, who has ~~unbounded~~ unbounded faith in the future of Central Australia, spent years winning the good will of these ~~an~~ exceedingly primitive peoples. To him alone would they ~~ix~~ give their information, ~~whatsoever~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~elder~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~tribe~~

Oh oh - I see my time is up, Joe, so I'll have to tell you the rest of this tomorrow night - whether we found that eldorado in the Australian desert.

END

Over in Denmark, they put on a Christmas broadcast - for Greenland. Radio greetings - to the Danish communities in that Northern land.

The program was heard in Denmark - and much appreciated by the people there. ~~But~~ They liked the Merry Christmas, addressed to the Danes in Greenland - with vivid word pictures of the great icecap. Radio listeners in Denmark found the broadcast ~~of~~ thrilling. But what about the people in Greenland? They were not thrilled at all, not appreciative, one bit. Why did they dislike the program? Well, they didn't dislike it.

The fact is - that the radio station in Copenhagen forgot to put the Greenland broadcast on short wave. Only - on ~~next~~ ordinary long wave. So the Greenlanders - ~~are~~ never heard it.

Merry Christmas! But for Greenland - it was ~~silent~~
— and only that.
silent night. ~~and~~ Solong until tomorrow.