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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The New Hampshire returns are starting to roll. As you have heard, the balloting was unusually heavy, for a primary. New Hampshire has some three-hundred thousand voters of whom nearly half went to the poles. Which was a good showing, considering the weather. New Hampshire had rain, sleet, and snow.

As for a clear idea of how New Hampshire went we will have to wait until morning. What significance will there be? How important? Actually, it's only a Preference Vote - a sort of popularity contest - - not binding on the delegates. Nevertheless, it is attracting as much attention as a major election. The psychological results may be considerable.

Eisenhower and Taft still seem to be running neck and neck; with Stassen third.

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Here's the latest - With returns in from 78 of the State's two-hundred and ninety-seven districts, the vote stands:-

Eisenhower 6,948

Taft 7,211

Here's something that's the real surprise:-

In 78 precincts, Senator Kefauver 7,548 - Truman only 6,173.

The leading candidates for ten Republican seats at the National Convention so far are divided as follows:

For Eisenhower 13

For Taft 1

On the Democratic side, Kefauver claims 10 of the 12 delegates.

CUBA

In Cuba, Strong Man Batista seems firmly in control tonight. Havana is quiet, after yesterday's military overthrow of President Carlos Prío Socarras. In the provinces, trouble seemed to threaten only at Camaguey, second largest city on the island. Where - the commander of the garrison, Colonel Jose Acosta, issued a manifesto denouncing the Batista seizure of power. Soldiers were on their way to suppress this opposition, but they were not needed. After making his protest, Colonel Acosta turned his command over to another officer, and disappeared. He may intend to organize resistance in the provinces. But, as of tonight, General Fulgencio Batista is the undisputed master of Cuba.

Ousted President Prío is leaving the island. Yesterday, ~~how~~ his whereabouts were a mystery. Today, the word is that he took refuge with his family at the Mexican Embassy - asking Mexico for political asylum. The Batista regime announces that Prío and other officials of the deposed government are free to leave Cuba.

I had an interesting sidelight on Batista, today - something told me by Colonel Eddie Eagan, ^{Lawyer,} former New York Boxing Commissioner, ^{& ex-amateur champion of the world} Eddie has been around Latin-America a lot - and, recently, was in Cuba. He knows Batista - and was invited to the residence of the Strong Man. Much splendor, with emphasis on one particular bit of decoration. On display, in a sumptuous library, the stripes of a Corporal - which Batista wore twenty years ago. The General - proud of his lowly military origin. The Corporal - who played the Cuban army-game so well that he became the deposer and maker of presidents.

Until yesterday, Batista was running for president - seeking power by means of ballots.

"I said to him," relates the former New York Boxing Commissioner, "that I would arrange an election campaign stunt for him. I ~~would~~ ^{would} bring down to Cuba - ^{from the Argentine,} Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, and Firpo." Eddie says

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Batista, a fight fan, was delighted with the idea - the two former heavyweight champions and the old Wild Bull of the Pampas. Eddie cabled Firpo, down in his native Argentina - and got an acceptance.

So the Cuban voters were to be impressed by a Dempsey-Tunney-Firpo campaign stunt. But it's all out the window now. There'll be no election campaign - impatient Batista having seized power in advance.

JOINT AIR COMMAND

In Paris today, top level talks are under way for the creation of an Anglo-American joint air command. It's learned that this follows ~~Prime Minister~~ Churchill's recommendations during his ^{recent} talks with President Truman. The joint command would have full powers to order U.S. atom bombers against ^{— that is} Russia, from their British bases, ^{— —} in case of war.

Also under discussion - similar joint commands for bases in the Middle East, such as Cyprus.

FRANCE.

Here's an item with a familiar ring - France has a new Government tonight! This follows a vote of confidence for the new right wing cabinet of Antoine Pinay. The voting: two-hundred-and-ninety-three to one-hundred-and-one. Which sounds ^{like} a sweeping victory for the new Premier. But, no. Both the followers of General DeGaulle and the Socialists abstained. Leaving only the Communists to run up those one-hundred-and-one opposing votes. Political pundits are pessimistic. Doubting that Pinay will have any/more luck with new tax measures than the last two Premiers.

COMMONS

The House of Commons in an uproar - pandemonium drowning out the Speaker. The occasion - the presentation of the British budget ^{that amounts to} of thirteen billion dollars, ^{-- presented} by R.A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The hullabaloo began with the word that food subsidies would be reduced. Boosting prices of basic foods - bread, milk, butter, bacon, eggs, and so on. The Labor members jumping to their feet with shouts of "class war, class war!" - drowning out the Chancellor.

(Later, police were called out to break up a Communist demonstration outside the House of Commons. The Reds formed a column, which marched up and down Whitehall, shouting "Churchill, resign!" and "Down with the Tories!" - handing out leaflets, which stated that the new budget meant ^s "poverty, war, and American domination.")

KOREA-TRUCE

General Ridgway back in Tokyo tonight - following a two-day visit to the Korean truce camp. The Supreme Commander presents a picture of the difficulties facing our negotiators. Here are his words: "It is a very difficult thing for a man of integrity and principle to deal - day after day, with men who see little relation between the spoken word and the fact. Who resort to intemperate language and deliberately employ known falsehoods as part of their tactics."

General Ridgway described the talks as, "a fight, a spiritual and ideological contest with Communism."

Meanwhile, today's meetings got nowhere - though Admiral Libby described today's session in the war of words as, "quite mild."

KOREA - AIR

The news from Korea presents a picture of flaming inferno. (Our fighter bombers were out ^{again} ~~today~~ - in strength. Their target - a Red supply area near the Panmunjom truce camps. Hit with massive quantities of jellied gasoline bombs - the dreaded napalm. ^{Described} ~~The raid is described~~ as the most extensive napalm raid of the entire war - with a rain of three hundred thousand pounds of high explosive adding to the conflagration. The area is described tonight as a "mass of flaming ruins - many targets annihilated."

Meanwhile, up north near the Yalu, ^{the} ~~our~~ Sabres ^{jets} downed three more Migs; - although ^{again} out-numbered four to one.

JAPAN

Premier Yoshida told the Japanese Diet today that he favors "friendly relations with Red China." But *he* warned that "this is difficult at present in view of Red China's relations with the United Nations."

The Premier went on to explain that under the Chinese-Soviet Treaty of Friendship "Japan is regarded as a hostile country." - *And then he said: -* "China may not respond to us."

ISRAEL

(Moshe Sharett, Prime Minister of Israel, held meetings with Anthony Eden today in London. The talks centered around Israeli fears that a Western defense agreement with the Arab states in the Middle East might endanger Israel. However, Moshe Sharett appears well pleased, and described the meeting as "very satisfactory and cordial.")

CHINESE_CIGARETTE

Red China provides a new gimmick to the old cigarette ad - "Which brand do you smoke?" From Hongkong today comes word of the dismissal of a leading official of the Shanghai Writer's Union - expelled from the Communist Party for smoking the wrong brand of cigarette.

It seems that the Chinese official carried two packs of cigarettes. One made in China which he smoked in public. The other - American, which he smoked when alone.

But he was discovered - unmasked in the act. Now comes his dismissal by the Reds. Kicked out of the Party for that heinous ideological crime - straying from the party line, puffing on some old Virginny tobacco.

POPE

Tomorrow Pope Pius the Twelfth celebrates the thirteenth anniversary of his coronation. So today, the Vatican newspaper printed some odd, intimate details about his private life.

The most amusing of these has to do with - Gretel, the Pope's favorite companion. Gretel is a goldfinch that sings merrily, and takes the utmost liberties with the Pontiff. ~~of the Church of Rome.~~

The story relates how, some while ago, Gretel fell out of a nest in the Vatican's gardens - a tiny baby bird. ~~Then~~ Rescued, cared for - and adopted by the Pope.

So now they^are always together - except, of course, at the solemn rituals of the Vatican, when it would not do to have a bird flitting around, perching on the head and shoulders ^{the Pope.} of Pius the Twelfth.

Gretel's favorite time is early in the morning, when the Pope shaves. ^{They tell us he} ~~He~~ uses an electric razor, by the way. Gretel perches on the Papal hand ^{as it} ^s wielding the razor, ^{they say} and sings like an angel. ~~It seems~~ ^{Must be} a little awkward for His Holiness - having

a bird perched on his hand while he shaves. But maybe the
tuneful notes of the goldfinch make up for that.

The Vatican newspaper ~~describes this as a beautiful strip of text~~ says it's *in all in*

~~For a word which is not a word, it is a word, it is a word, it is a word~~ "the exquisite
Franciscan spirit." Which, of course, recalls that favorite
legend of St. Francis of Assisi - who ~~par~~ preached to the birds.
So the best commentary ~~on this~~ might be to quote a few
lines from that famous sermon to the birds.

"My little sisters the birds," preached Francis,
"much are ye beholden to God your Creator, ~~and ye are to be praised~~
~~and ye are to be praised~~ He hath given you freedom to go any place.
Moreover, ye sow not, neither do ye reap, and God feedeth you ~~and~~
and giveth you the rivers and fountains for your drink. He
giveth you the tall trees wherein to build your nests.
Therefore, beware," the Saint concluded, "beware, little sisters
of mine, of the sin of ingratitude. But ever strive to praise
God."

CHAPLAIN FOLLOW POPE

stant me; - That's a catholic item. Now here's a Protestant
~~Let's go on to another story of preaching - related~~

by Major General Charles Carpenter, head Chaplain of the U.S. Air Force. Who tells United Press Correspondent Harman Nichols - how he served a hitch in Panama, preaching the Gospel to the G.I's. And every Sunday morning, right in the front row, was a young soldier, named Smith - from somewhere in the hill-billy country of the U.S.A. Listening attentively to the sermon. So keen, that the preacher himself was edified.

Then, pretty soon, a letter was referred to the Chaplain - a letter from a mother back home, who complained that her boy, in the Air Force, never wrote to her. The boy - that same Private Smith, who listened so eagerly to the Sunday morning sermon.

The Chaplain called him in, and commanded: "Write to your Mom,"

The hill-billy soldier was embarrassed, and confessed: "Tell you the truth," he stammered, "I didn't get through second grade in school, and don't know how to write. The worst of it is,

my mother doesn't know how to write either - and I would like to know who's writing those letters for her."

Somebody had been writing for Mom, and the Chaplain got somebody to take down letters to her from sonny boy. Who - still kept attending the Sunday sermons.

Then a Panamanian woman, who did family washing, made a remark to the Chaplain's wife. She told about an American preacher, who came down to the native quarter every Sunday night, and preached a wonderful sermon. The Chaplain was interested, investigated, and found - Parson Smith. That same G.I. - who couldn't read or write. He listened to the Sunday morning sermon so devoutly - that he memorized it. Whereupon he would go and preach it to a Sunday night religious meeting.

Head Chaplain of the Air Force,
General Carpenter says - he still felt flattered by

it all.

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