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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commissions says we are still ahead of Russia in the development of atomic weapons. This from Lewis Strauss; in an interview. But then he goes on to admit that we can't be absolutely certain about just what the Russians have. However he says the Russian atomic experiments indicate that they have both A-bombs and H-bombs.

Asked about our security program, that is - do we have trouble getting scientists to work for the government, Lewis Strauss answered that he hasn't heard of any.

In U.S. News and World Report, the A.E.C. Chairman said that over fifty thousand papers have been published by the A.E.C. since Nineteen Forty-Seven. Asked whether they included information useful to an enemy, he replied that it's hard to think of anything in the nuclear field that could not be useful

to an enemy.

As for President Eisenhower's Atoms-for-Peace Plan, he is skeptical that the Russians will participate in good faith.

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NATO

Britain and America are involved in a discussion about the use of nuclear weapons by the military commanders of NATO. That is, a dispatch from Paris says that London wants final authority on such things as atomic bombs - left up to the governments. Prime Minister Churchill, feeling the decision is too important to be left to the Generals.

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Today's meeting of NATO representatives ended with the announcement that a big program will be undertaken to

strengthen western air power and its communications. More than two hundred million dollars, to be spent during the next fiscal year. We hear that over a hundred airfields will be ready for action as the year begins.

LEGISLATION

President Eisenhower will ask Congress to cancel corporation and sales tax cuts.

The decision, taken at a White House meeting of top Republicans. The reason - the government needs the money that would be lost if the cuts went through. Corporation taxes were supposed to fall from fifty-two percent to forty-seven percent - which would cost the Treasury more than a ~~one~~ billion. A similar amount would be lost if taxes were cut on things like automobiles, gasoline, beer and tobacco.

The White House meeting today covered much of Mr. Eisenhower's legislative program - which he will send to Congress after it convenes on January Fifth. Secretary of State Dulles reported on Foreign Affairs. And Secretary of Defense Wilson, on National Defense.

The problems Mr. Eisenhower must decide on, run from revision of the Taft-Hartley law to Statehood for Hawaii. Most of them were discussed today. But the only big decision

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taken so far - is the decision not to reduce corporation and excise taxes.

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Eisenhower will have less trouble with the new Democratic Congress than former President Truman had with his Republican Congress. The prediction, made by Mr. Truman.

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SIN CITY

The residents of Phoenix City, Alabama, are asking themselves - did their Attorney General murder the man who was supposed to succeed him? The reference being, to the shooting of Albert Patterson last June. ~~Attorney~~ Patterson, winner of the Democratic nomination for State Attorney General - and in Alabama, ^{- with} ~~the Democratic~~ nomination ~~is~~ equivalent to election. Patterson was murdered before he ~~was~~ could take office - during the period when Phoenix City was the so-called "Sin City" of Alabama, patronized by G I's from nearby Fort Benning.

A couple of men are already in jail, accused of being connected with the Patterson murder. Today's indictment concerns the Attorney General himself - Silas Garrett, member of an old aristocratic Alabama family. Garrett is in a mental hospital at Galveston, Texas. And the indictment was served on him in the hospital.

Alabama wants to extradite him to stand trial for the

Patterson murder. His lawyer says he will fight the extradition until Garrett is well enough to leave the hospital of his own free will. The lawyer asserts that ~~Patterson~~ ^{Garrett} was two hundred miles from Phoenix City at the time the murder was committed.

The ironic thing about this indictment is that Silas Garrett was head of the investigation of the Patterson murder when it began - naturally, he would be, as Attorney General. Then he was accused of fraud, and disappeared - to turn up in a Texas mental hospital. Now the charge against him is murder.

ALGERIA

A dispatch from Algiers ^{tells of} describes crack French troops driving deep into ~~the Eastern~~ mountains ^{where} ~~after~~ the inhabitants asked for protection ^{- where} ~~the~~ outlaw band ^{with} ~~who~~ ^{themselves} calls itself the "army of God" ^{are} ~~is~~ still hiding, ~~in the mountains~~ - and terrorizing the ~~civil~~ population.

So Alpine troops are spearheading a mobile column - backed by Algerian Zouaves and Senegalese sharpshooters. The sudden thrust of the French forces rounded up ^{some} fifty ^{marauders} ~~outlaws~~ today, ^{and a} A cache of ammunition ~~seized~~ including seven hundred bomb detonators. ~~The French~~ also seized a store of uniforms - French army uniforms, dyed black. ~~That's how the~~ ~~outlaws get their own uniforms - they dye those of the French~~ ~~Army.~~

Meanwhile, the situation in Tunisia has ^{calmed} ~~calmed~~ down. The authorities announcing the surrender of ~~almost~~ three thousand rebels, who decided to take advantage of the amnesty.

One terrorist leader has not come in - because the French consider him a common criminal. Chief Tahar Lassoued, accused of murder. The amnesty doesn't apply to criminals, and the French say they'll try this chief for murder - as soon as they catch him. Which is why he is still holding out - after all the other rebel leaders have come in. It looks as if the Secretary General of the U.N. is flying halfway round the world to ask for a favor.

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The Secretary General of the United Nations hopes to go to Peking and there negotiate direct with the Chinese Reds for the imprisoned American airmen.

A dispatch from U.P. correspondent Earnest Hoberecht in Tokyo sounds pessimistic. He reports that free Asia fears that Mao Tse-tung may gain prestige by all this - because it looks as if the Secretary General of the U.N. is flying halfway round the world to ask for a favor.

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Also - the free nations of Asia fear the Hammerskjold

trip may encourage nations that favor Red China's admission to the U.N. Indeed that the visit may be tantamount to recognition of the Peking regime.

This of course leaves out the positive side of all this - the fact that Dag Hammerskjold is an experience diplomat. That if he thinks the trip is worthwhile, then surely that's some reason for us to feel hopeful - if he goes to China to talk with Mao.

But so far no invitation has come from Peking. The Chinese Reds, remaining silent for the third straight day. The Chinese radio has repeated that the prisoners will not be released. And that's all we have heard from Mao.

There is one group of people who have sustained an especial loss of leaders - in Europe. Hugh Gibson gave his final years to the work of resettling surplus people - in new homes, working in Switzerland, as the head of an international committee - he was doing a ^{vital} job for humanity.

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HUGH GIBSON

This program has lost a distinguished friend - in the death of Hugh Gibson, former U S Ambassador to Belgium. For long years -- a pillar of ~~the~~ strength for the State Department in Washington. Serving - in many diplomatic posts.

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CLARE BOOTH LUCE

The American has ^d ~~an~~ Ambassador to Italy arrived ^r in Trieste. ~~for an~~
~~official visit~~ Mrs. ~~Clare Booth~~ Luce, on her first visit
to the Adriatic port - since it was returned to Italy. ~~Several~~
A crowd welcomed her including ^{hundreds} ~~hundreds~~ persons were at the airport, ~~to welcome her~~ Also,
And in honor of her coming, the Mayor, of Trieste. They waited to see Mrs. Luce, in spite
~~of heavy rain~~ all public buildings flew the Stars and
Stripes, and a guard of honor stood at attention.

The unusual thing about this official visit by our
Ambassador - is that she brought back to Trieste a priceless
literary relic. A poem written by the famous fourteenth
century Italian poet - Petrarch. The poem called "Africa"
disappeared from an exhibition in Naples in Nineteen Forty-
One. An American soldier bought the old parchment for a
couple of cartons of cigarettes. He took it to New York --
where it was finally identified.

Today, Mrs. Luce ^{returned} ~~has~~ brought the poem ~~back~~ to Trieste.
She is returning it to the Trieste Civic Library - which ~~is~~ the

rightful owner of the Petrarch masterpiece.

Mrs. Luce said she was happy to be the courier on this cultural mission - doubly so no doubt because she herself is a woman of letters - a leading American playwright.

INDIANS

New York State is facing an Indian uprising. The conservation department in Albany, under ~~ata~~ attack by Iroquois chiefs - because of the fish and game laws.

The Iroquois insist that the laws don't apply to them when they are hunting on their tribal land. The conservation department holds that the Indians are not required to take out hunting and fishing licenses - but that otherwise the regulations apply to them.

The Braves are on the warpath at the Onondaga Reservation following the arrest of ~~some~~ members of the tribe, The Iroquois, accused of killing game out of season. One ~~of them~~ had eight deer - and the conservation ~~aa~~ department says - at that rate, there won't be a living thing left in the woods.

The Iroquois are supported by the federal Indian Bureau. But the Conservation Department intends to take the case to law. ~~The New York authorities, trying to put down the Indian rebellion - before the Iroquois kill all the game in New~~

MOON

Explorers who are getting ready for interplanetary travel - may find flying to the moon more difficult than they expected. This warning comes from Doctor Percy Wilkins, one of the world's leading experts on the moon.

Doctor Wilkins has just explored the moon - with the largest telescopes. The news dispatch says that he went over the surface of our satellite mile by mile. In doing this he discovered that the moon is criss-crossed with gigantic fissures - cracks in the surface - some a mile deep. And they are broad too - because present telescopes couldn't pick them up if they were less than two hundred yards across.

These fissures mean that a space ship won't be able to land just anywhere - even when it arrives at the moon. The pilot will have to be might careful and find some part of the moon's surface that isn't lined with these huge fissures.

TELEPHONE

Who are the most talkative people - on the telephone?

The Bell Company reveals their identity. The answer - the Canadians. The company's annual survey states that Canada averaged more than four hundred telephone calls per person during the past year. And thw U.S.A? Only about three hundred and eighty-five. Third - what would your guess be? Wrong, I'm sure. The answer is - Iceland - where they have those long long nights. Hugh, lots and lots of time - to talk.