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GOOD EVENING. EVERYBODY:

New York is having a milk strike - with dairy farmers demanding a price increase. About one-fifth of the producers - taking action to cut off the New York City supply.

Today sporadic violence was reported in various places - with milk dumping. The principal instance occurred at Keesville, New York, where a group of striking dairy farmers halted a huge tank truck - and released four thousand gallons of skimmed milk.

Thus far, the trouble has not halted milk deliveries - but a spokesman for the striking farmers insists that there'll be "big action tomorrow."

PRINCE

Buckingham Palace announces - the school to which young Prince Charles will go. A most aristocratic school - in spite of suggestions that the eight year old heir apparent should attend classes of children of the common sort. Advice given by Lord Altrincham - who has been creating sensations by criticising the stuffy ways of the royal court.

Prince Charles will go to the same school that his father attended - when he was a boy. Prince Philip, of the royal family of Greece - having had his early education in England. At the Cheam School, a three hundred year old private establishment, which has only ninety pupils. Exclusive, aristocratic.

In a way, this is a reply, and a defiant reply - to the recent criticism that Buckingham Palace is not democratic enough.

FLU

The Asiatic flu has now spread - to Europe.

Breaking out - at the southern European headquarters of the military forces of Nato. In Italy, Naples, more than a hundred American and other soldiers have been stricken with the malady from the Far East.

There's little worry about it. The Asiatic flu - mild. Patients recovering - after two or three days in bed.

In Washington, the word is that the production of anti-influenza vaccine - is running ahead of schedule. A total of sixty million shots - intended to combat a possible epidemic of the Asiatic flu in this country.

CUBANS

Last night, we heard how the police of Miami, Florida had seized - an arsenal of weapons and ammunition, intended for shipment over to Cuba. Today, the belief was that this consignment was only part of a much larger stock of weapons - to be smuggled from Florida to the Cuban insurrectos.

Yesterday's fifty thousand dollar stockpile consisted of more than a hundred cases - containing three hundred rifles, six anti-tank guns, and twenty-five thousand rounds of ammunition. The authorities - now looking for a lot more.

Meanwhile, adherents of the revolt in Cuba are active - in another way. Handbills - distributed in downtown Miami. Fifteen thousand of them - warning tourists not to go to Cuba. Saying - the Batista regime "resents Americans." A campaign - to discourage the Cuban tourist business.

EGYPT

In Egypt, a dramatic story, featuring - a glass of water. In a Cairo courtroom a defendant, accused of plotting against Premier Nasser, declared he was coerced into making a confession - and told of the torture used.

Former Lieutenant Colonel Hassan Siyam said he denied his guilt - and was kept without water for more than thirty hours. Until - he was half mad with a torment of thirst.

Then he was taken into a room. Where, on a desk there stood - a glass of water. He was told to sign a confession, and the glass of water was the bait. So he signed - anything to get hold of the glass, and drink.

Today, he repudiated the document - in which he admitted participating in a conspiracy to kill Nasser, and overthrow the government.

ISRAELI SAILOR

At the border of the Gaza Strip, today, the Egyptians brought a sailor - and turned him over to officials of the United Nations. Raffi Eylon - an Israeli seaman taken, on July twenty-second, from a freighter traversing the Suez Canal. The ship - a Danish vessel, chartered by Israel.

The Egyptians claimed the sailor was under suspicion of espionage. The United Nations pressed for his release, and the Egyptians, finally, yielded.

Upon being handed over to the U.N. today, Raffi Eylon was taken to the border of Israel. There - turned over to Israeli authorities.

JUNK

At Plainfield, New Jersey, a junk yard is being cleaned up. A junk yard, which turns out to be - an ammunition dump. Stocked - with live artillery shells.

There was a local scare - which began when eleven year old Jimmy Bercik brought home an object as a play-toy. Jimmy's mother took a look, and saw - a five inch artillery shell. She called the police, who promptly found the shell was loaded with explosive. "Live."

Jimmy then led the cops to the place where he had found the shell - Eli Russell's junk yard. Jimmy - pointing to half a dozen other similar shells, scattered around among a hundred tons of scrap metal, on a lot overgrown with weeds.

Dealer Eli Russell explained - that his company had purchased carloads of old shells some twenty-five years ago. Artillery ammunition - left over from World War One. The shells - thrown in among the junk, and lying there ever since.

The police found that Jimmy Bercik was not the only lad - playing with a live shell for a boy. In a round-up of young souvenir hunters, they found a score of other missiles - felics of the First World War.

DOGS

At Hartford, Connecticut, the F.B.I. has arrested a dog trainer - of national reputation. Ted Young, Jr. - held on five thousand dollar bail, Charged - with concealing twenty-five prize thoroughbreds, in the astonishing case of Mrs. Janet Gray.

She is the lady who worked as a bookkeeper for a medical clinic in Georgia, and was faced with charges of embezzling one hundred thousand dollars. Whereupon Mrs. Gray - made a remarkable escape.

She fled with a veritable caravan - a truckload of household furniture, a pink automobile, a station wagon, and forty to fifty dogs. Show dogs - which she took along in vans. The F.B.I., in pursuit - of that gaudy parade.

Well, they found the pink automobile and the station wagon - which the fugitive lady had abandoned. And now the announcement - that they've recovered most of the dogs.

Those blue-blood canines, we are told, explain the embezzlement. Mrs. Gray using the money - to finance an expensive kennel.

The F.B.I. declares - that, while she was fleeing with her caravan, Mrs. Gray put in a telephone call to Ted Young, Jr., at Hartford, Connecticut. Young, the owner of the Rocky Hill Kennel, had previously trained one of the dogs - the cocker spaniel "Rise And Shine", which has won top honors at various dog-shows. As a result of the phone call, Young met Mrs. Gray at Greensboro, North Carolina, and she turned over to him - twenty-five of her aristocratic pooches. Young - taking them to his kennel at Hartford. He is now being held - on a charge of transporting stolen goods across a state line.

But what about Mrs. Gray? The F.B.I. has found the dogs, but not the lady - not a trace of her. The

F.B.I. says - when her true identity is disclosed, it will be a startling revelation. A climax, maybe - in a case that has been startling enough all along.

MOSCOW - AMERICANS

Tonight, forty-one young Americans are on their way across Russia, bound for China - in spite of a warning from the United States government. Having attended the Youth Festival in Moscow, they were invited to make a trip to Red China, Accepted - although there's a ban on American travel to China.

Last night we heard how they were warned at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow - that the Chinese Reds would use them for Communist propaganda. And - they would probably lose their American passports, if they made the trip.

Early this morning, they held a meeting, and decided - they'd go anyway. Defying - the United States government. Then, at the railroad station a Moscow crowd was there, with a band - to see them off. One of the group, the Reverend Warren McKenna, of Boston, started reading a statement - insisting that they were "loyal Americans." His final sentence - cut off when the train pulled out in a cloud of steam.

These forty-one junketeers will have a long trip -
via the Trans-Siberian Railroad. They'll sleep on
mattresses laid on wooden benches, and it will take them
eight days to get to Communist China.

ROSS

A Congressional Committee, today, blamed the conduct of the former Assistant Secretary of Defense, Robert Tripp Ross, because he held a top job in the National Defense Department - while his family made huge contracts with the Army. Clothing firms headed by his wife and her brother - doing a multimillion dollar business in Army uniforms. The Committee says he did not maintain a high standard of public conduct. But, at the same time, finds - that former Secretary Ross was not guilty of any wrong doing. Nothing that he did could be labeled - a wrongful act, says the Committee.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Rules Committee of the House of Representatives is considering - two rival plans for breaking the stalemate on Civil Rights. A Democratic proposal - offered by Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York. Demanding - that the House should accept the Senate version of the bill, with the "jury trial amendment." That proviso, however - to apply to right-to-vote cases, only. And a Republican plan - sponsored by Congressman Keating of New York, which calls for a joint committee of House and Senate - to work out a bill more satisfactory to President Eisenhower.

The Rules Committee is badly split - on the subject of Civil Rights. Its Chairman is Congressman Howard Smith of Georgia. So what does he say?

Today he told newsmen: "I'm inclined to follow the course most likely to result in no bill. Now am I making myself clear?"

He's quite clear, all right - expressing Southern opposition to any Civil Rights Bill at all.

FOREIGN AID

Congress, today, completed action on the Foreign Aid Bill - which comes to three billion, six hundred and sixty-seven million dollars. The House passed it - two hundred and twenty-six to one hundred and sixty-three. The Senate gave its okay, last night.

But another bill is coming up - to provide the actual cash for the foreign aid program during the year. They authorize the spending - then they put up the money. Which is sure to be less - than the White House asked for.

Today, President Eisenhower signed the Appropriations Bill, and warned - that, if the funds provided were not enough, he will call Congress into a special session before the end of the year. The President called in the newsmen, and presented an urgent argument, for sufficient funds for foreign aid.

POLAND

The transport strike in Poland was broken, today - by soldiers and police. In the city of Lodz, the street car men were out, demanding higher wages. But, this morning, the Red authorities threw the strikers out of the car barns. And, shortly thereafter, the street cars began running again - with the Red militiamen beside each conductor.

The strikers put up no resistance - largely because the Communist regime is showing signs of raising their pay. The government - appointing a special commission to investigate the economic situation among the street car workers.

SYRIA

The United States, today, expelled the Syrian Ambassador and the Charge d'Affaires at the Syrian Embassy in Washington. Actually, the Ambassador is not in this country - having gone home because of illness in his family. The Charge d'Affaires is required to leave in two days.

This is in retaliation for the expulsion of three American diplomats in Syria. Charged - with taking part in a plot against the government in Damascus. A charge - which the United States calls a "complete fabrication."

The relations between this country and Syria have nearly reached the breaking point - following the anti-American attitudes of the Damascus regime. Called - pro-Communist.