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Blossom Festival in Washington.

Good Evening Everybody:

The National Capitol was hit hard by that wind last night. But, in normal damage, many places along the Eastern seaboard suffered even more. Gale winds of seventy-six miles an hour - tearing up trees, knocking over telephone poles, whipping countless shingles off thousands of roofs. At Chelsea Creek, Massachusetts, a tanker snapped its bowline - and drifted out toward the sea, with four tugs in pursuit. In Virginia, more than one hundred forest fires - as the wind blew small flames into big blazes. Several deaths reported - in Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Washington had a special casualty - its cherry trees. The pink and white blossoms - usually so spectacular at this time of year - blown away. Three fourths of them, a sodden mass - in the tidal basin near the Jefferson Memorial. The remaining one

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## HOT LINE

The State Department is taking a cautious attitude toward - the so-called, "Hot Line agreement" with Moscow. The forthcoming telecommunications link between Washington and Moscow, described as - "no major breakthrough in the Cold War." In other words, we can't expect the next international crisis to be settled - when John <sup>F.</sup> Kennedy picks up the phone and says he wants to speak with Nikita Khrushchev. For one thing - there won't be any phone.

Still, the "Hot Line" is something of a triumph for - American diplomacy. President Kennedy proposed it - at the time of the Cuban crisis. The President, disturbed by the slowness of communication - between Moscow and Washington. Too much delay in one side getting its viewpoint across - to the other. The danger of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ crisis - getting out of control. To this ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> Khrushchev <sup>^</sup> agrees. The first "da" of any

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significance - at the Geneva Conference. Our end of  
the "Hot Line" - to be located in the Pentagon. The  
Russian end - presumably in the Kremlin.

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## **YUGOSLAVIA**

The split in the communist bloc is sure to get worse - because of today's decision in Belgrade. The Yugoslav government, revealing - that it is negotiating to sell arms to India. Marshal Tito, willing to give Nehru some of the guns he needs - to beat back the invasion of the Chinese Reds.

Yugoslav bullets soon to be whizzing around the ears of Red Chinese Troops in the Himalayas.

## CASTROISM

The decision of the Central American states to take common action against Castroism - is pointed up by terrorism to the south. Castroite ~~bands~~ ~~at large~~ in Venezuela, Today, blowing up a radio transmitting installation - on the outskirts of Caracas. And setting fire to the garage - near the presidential palace, ~~destroying~~ forty cars - including those of the Cabinet ministers.

As for the Central American leaders - they agree on an anti-Castro program. Emphasizing - the control of Castro saboteurs by greater surveillance of travelers to and from Cuba.

ARGENTINA

One thing is clear about the situation - in Argentina. President Guido has done more - than lick the attempted coup. He's out to ~~humiliate the rebels~~ impose on them - terms that will shake their prestige. Induce them to avoid insurrection - in the future. Since the Admirals were the <sup>ringleaders</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - the Argentine President is whittling down the strength of the Argentine Navy. And he's going ahead with plans for the June election - which the Admirals were attempting to sidetrack.

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## QUEENIE

For the saga of Queenie Nutt - - but wait a minute. I'd better point out - that I've got the name right. The dispatch says so. Queenie Nutt - of Ipswich, England.

Queenie - employed by a haberdasher who two years ago, she told that her grandmother had just died - and there were funeral expenses to pay. For this he loaned her - fifteen quid. A few months later, Queenie reported - her grandfather had passed on. She got another loan from her haberdasher - and was off for the funeral.

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But the loans - they weren't imaginary. If  
there's a nut in this story - it sure isn't Queenie Nutt  
of Ipswich, England. Queenie - and her thousand quid.  
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## TAXIS

You've all heard jokes about the country bumpkin - who gets taken for a ride in the big city. A - taxi ride. Did it ever happen to you? I paid a big one, once for a friend. Suppose the visitor happens to be - not merely from the country - but from Siberia? What would you expect?

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## BIDAULT

The arch-foe of Charles de Gaulle - is on the run again tonight. Georges Bidault, still trying to find a combination - a political asylum and political headquarters. A place where he can stay permanently - and keep up the conspiracy to unseat de Gaulle.

Bidault will soon be on his way - to Rio, but under oath to drop his anti-Gaullist activities. From Lisbon, where he now is - we hear that the former Premier of France considers his decision only temporary. That he'll use his time in Brazil to look for another sanctuary - where his behavior won't be examined quite so closely.

But, as one official in Lisbon put it - "When Bidault sees Rio, maybe Bidault will say "Oh lovely Rio, This ees the place for me."