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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight, a spectacular missile launching - at Cape Canaveral, Florida. An Army Jupiter - rising into the night sky - visible for three minutes - trailing a jet of orange flame. The Jupiter - last seen - as a brilliant spot of light, encircled by a rose-colored glow. The reflection of its orange flame - on a thin layer of White clouds.

The Defense Department announces - Test, successful. Altho it did not complete its full course, we know that the Jupiter is to be used in launching an artificial satellite. Today's event, however, seems to have been - merely a test, in the Missile Program.

An historic decision - was made in Paris, today.

The Nato countries - accepting the American offer of missiles, and atomic and hydrogen bombs. Missile bases - ~~to~~^{will} be established. The ~~missile~~ locations - to be decided by the defense chiefs of Nato, and through negotiations between the United States and each Nato country.

In addition, there's to be a pool of scientific knowledge. The various nations - to exchange technological information. This - under the direction of a "science czar". An official to be named - who will ~~administer~~^{administer} the union of scientific forces, - ~~xxxxx~~ In answer^a to the Russian advances the in space-missile field.

The^s sweeping agreements represent a major victory for American diplomacy, which has been proposing all along - that missile bases, with American rockets, be established in Europe. Accompanied - by a ~~stockpiling~~^{stock pile} of nuclear weapons. The European countries of Nato have been described as "reluctant," but now the Nato Council has agreed - by ^a unanimous vote.

That was one big decision at the summit meeting in Paris, today - and there's another. The heads of government of the fifteen countries agreed ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ that Nato will press for new disarmament negotiations with Soviet Russia.

Which Moscow - has been suggesting. They call for new talks between East and West - ~~which~~ ^{and this} may lead on to a conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, in Nineteen Fifty-Eight.

^{all of which} ~~This~~ fits in with demands made by European countries,

Wanted to take the Soviets up - ~~on~~ their suggestions for a new palaver on disarmament. The United States ^{hasn't} ~~has not~~ seemed ~~xxxxxx~~ any too enthusiastic for more talk. But, in Paris, the

American delegation insists - that our agreement ^{is} ~~is~~ in the nature of a bargain. We're not conceding new negotiations with

Soviet Russia - in return for the ^{Nato okay} ~~agreement~~ on American

missiles and nuclear weapons. We're simply accepting the European view in this matter.

The conference of the fifteen North Atlantic Treaty nations in Paris is ^{nearly} ~~about~~ over. An official announcement of

today's decisions - to be issued some time tomorrow. So it
all ends with more success for President Eisenhower, ~~than~~ -
than had been anticipated.

FOLLOW NATO

^{Upon}
On his return home, President Eisenhower will make a radio-television report to the American people - joining with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in telling the results of the Nato summit conference.

The President was in high spirits, today - said he was feeling fine. Following - an ominous thing, noted last night, ~~auxiliary~~ An ambulance - ready and waiting.

President Eisenhower attended a state banquet given by French President Coty. The menu - such as only Paris can provide. ^{wines, the} The champagne ^P - ^A the rarest vintage. Outside the French presidential palace - that ambulance, with doctors.

And some supposed - it was there ^{because} ~~because~~ of President Eisenhower. ^{A precaution} Stationed ^A - because of his recent illness.

Today, however, this was denied by French officials. Who declared - that an ambulance is always there, whenever a state banquet is given. Doctors ~~ready~~ ^{- ready} to haul away any guest who may need assistance. After going through the menu - and the wines. After which - anybody might wind up in the hospital.

HUNGARY

Red Hungary - staging a wave of trials. To crush
- the final vestiges of the Hungarian Revolution last
year. A number of officials and ecclesiastics - facing
Red courts. The Communist regime intending, finally -
to put former Premier Nahge on trial. Nahge, the
Communist - who tried for an independent Hungary.

HYDROGEN

Here's a denial of reports - that British scientists have succeeded in harnessing the hydrogen bomb for peaceful purposes, Have been able - to control the gigantic violence of the ~~fusion~~^{fusion} reaction. Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission declares - that both British and American scientists are still a long way from ~~controlling~~^{taming} the power of the H-bomb, - Making it available - for industrial use.

This - in answer to an uproar in British newspapers, which have been charging - that British success with ^{the} atomic reaction of hydrogen, has been kept a secret. - Because of a political deal between Britain and the United States. They claim - if this had been made public, it would have made a greater sensation than the Russian Sputniks. But the Americans ~~have~~ insisted - on the secrecy.

Chairman Strauss admits - that there has been a significant advance. But, there still is [^] a long way to go before the hydrogen bomb ever produces industrial power.

ATOMIC POWER

Meanwhile, tonight, at Shipping Port, Pennsylvania - light from atomic power. The first commercial use, in this country - of atoms for electric lights.

The reactor - at the plant of the Duquesne Light Company. Installed at a cost of one hundred and ten million dollars - and able to produce enough power to light one hundred and fifty thousand homes. Electricity - for the Greater Pittsburgh area.

The way it works, is that the tremendous heat of atomic fission turns water into super-heated steam - which runs turbine generators - producing - electric power.

According to plans of the Atomic Energy Commission, the town of Shipping Port - begins the commercial use of the atom.

BENSON

Secretary of Agriculture Benson announces - that the price guarantees on dairy products will be cut next year. The supports - to come down to the minimum of seventy-five per cent of parity. Secretary Benson adds - that the reduction of the price guarantees should be followed by lower prices in the retail market. Customers - to pay half a cent a quart less for milk. Two and a half cents a pound less - for butter and cheese. The Secretary argues that all this will be in the best interests of the dairy farmers - in the long run.

Well, ~~Exkat~~ Ezra T. Benson has been a target for brickbats ^{for} a long time. Under fire - from the farm bloc in Congress. So you can imagine what this new move means. More brickbats - and they weren't long in coming. Legislators from the rural districts - shouting in protest. Denying - that the reduction in price supports will be reflected in lower prices for the retail buyer. One legislator after another - denouncing Benson. Tonight, the Secretary of Agriculture reminds one of - Ajax defying lightning.

COSTELLO

Back to prison, for Frank Costello - who'll serve out the remainder of a five-year sentence. The big-shot, called the "czar of gambling", served nearly a year. Then released - pending an appeal. He claimed that his conviction for income tax evasion was obtained on wire-tap evidence - and the Supreme Court ruled against wire-tap evidence in cases like that of Costello.

Today, however, federal Judge John F.X. McGohey ruled - that the Costello conviction did not depend on wire-tap evidence. So back to jail - the big-shot must go. Serving out - that five-year sentence.

CONFIDENTIAL

In Hollywood, "Confidential Magazine" and another publication called "Whisper" were convicted - of conspiracy to publish obscenity, ~~today~~. The two - incurring fines of five thousand dollars each.

This grows out of the sensational court case in Hollywood ~~xx~~ several months ago - when the private lives of top film celebrities were spread on the record. After which, the magazines announced - that they wouldn't go nosing into people's affairs any more. And the agreement was - that they'd be liable only for the charge of obscenity.

So now they're convicted on that issue, and will pay - five thousand bucks each.

MEXICO - POLICEMAN

At Vera Cruz, Mexico, Policeman Toribio Jimenez, had a standing joke. He'd stop an automobile, and ask the driver - the time. When the driver answered, telling him the hour, the policeman would say:

"Now I'm late for killing myself."

Whereupon he'd draw his pistol, with no cartridges in it - put the gun to his forehead, and pull the trigger. The motorist - astounded. The policeman - roaring with laughter.

A weird sense of humor, and now we hear how Policeman Toribio Jimenez tried his joke once again. Stopping a taxicab, asking the chauffeur what time it was, and then repeating his gag with the pistol. But, this time, he had forgotten to remove the cartridges.

So, at Vera Cruz, they're giving the frolicksome policeman a nice funeral.

HYPNOTISM

Hypnotism - has made its debut on the sports pages. The baseball writers telling - how Pitcher Don Newcombe is being hypnotized, regularly. Newcombe, with the Dodgers, formerly of Brooklyn.

The big right-hander was obsessed by a morbid fear of aviation. He simply couldn't fly, or didn't think he could, and this became a serious matter, indeed, when the Dodgers made the move to the Pacific coast, with the team in for a lot of flying in the future.

So Newcombe tried hypnotism - to cure the fear. And it worked so well, that he now says - he's thinking of learning to fly, and piloting his own plane.

But Big Newk is going on with hypnotism - for still another big reason.

Today, Sports Writer Steve Snider of the United Press quotes the pitcher as declaring - he'll try hypnotism to refute the critics who say - "Newcombe can't

win the big ones." Citing the way he's been batted out in ball games that have counted the most - in the World Series, for example.

Newcombe admits - the criticism worried him. He says, "It's possible that subconsciously, it was on my mind - while I was pitching. I know I've never been scared of any team - but, sometimes, I guess a man can try too hard."

So now he hopes that hypnotism will remove the wrong.

Well, Svengali hypnotised the girl Trilby into singing. So, maybe, the Svengali-treatment will make Newcombe - win the big one, perhaps by hypnotizing the hitters.

ENGLAND - DANCE

Over in England, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mrs. Janet Green must have been singing this morning. Singing - "I Could Have Danced All Night." She nearly did - dancing most of the night. With - no end of partners, one after another. Her husband, Fred Green - doesn't dance. That's just the point.

Fred and Janet got married a couple of years ago. She - a lover of dancing. While Fred ^{was no way cutther} ~~couldn't~~ ^{couldn't} ~~dash a foot~~ ^{and had no such aspirations,} ~~around on the floor and hadn't any intention of learning.~~

However, married life has been going along all right, and finally Fred had a charitable idea. He hired a hall and a band - and invited a hundred people. ~~With~~ With plenty of partners - to dance with his wife.

So around she whirled with John and William and Percival. While Fred sat on the sidelines.

Joe, at this moment we should whistle - The Merry Widow Waltz, or something. If -- we ^{dared.} ~~could~~ whistle.

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas, Jr., with a ~~final~~ oddity.

L.T.Jr.: From a north Italian town - a story of astonished housewives. Who gazed with wide eyes, and exclaimed - "Dio mio!" Well, you can't blame them. What they saw was enough to make an American housewife say - "Dio mio!"

In the kitchen - a pot or a bucket of water. When a lighted match came near the water - it caught fire. Flame - springing up from the water. Flickering - briefly.

Why the blazing water? Well, it seems that, for some reason or other, methane gas from underground seeped into the town reservoir. The gas - inflammable. Producing an Italian version of - fire water.

Now for my father - S-L-U-T-