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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The main topic during today's lunch at the Waldorf in New York - the United Nations. Naturally - with President Kennedy playing host to - Secretary General U. Thant, and with Adlai Stevenson - also there.

The three went over the major problems that confront the international organization, especially the question of - U N finances. A thorny problem for U. Thant - who has to deal with so many delinquent nations.

Another tough problem - the U N operation in Katanga. The Secretary-General restated his strategy - for uniting the secessionist province to the rest of the Congo, and set forth his reaction to criticism of the Katanga campaign - along with Soviet attempts -

to prevent any kind of Congo settlement. To all of which President Kennedy responded with full backing for the Secretary General. Backing in the Congo - and elsewhere, ^{including} ~~For example~~ New Guinea - where U. Thant is trying to mediate between the Dutch and the Indonesians.

The ^{main} ~~most important~~ point about today's Waldorf conference - reaffirmation of America's faith in the U N of our determination to keep ^{it} ~~the U N~~ a going concern, ^{to} ~~More than that~~ ~~an effective concern~~ performing the international functions for which it was founded.

DEFENSE

Testimony on Capitol Hill today - indicates that ^{while} the Russians are strong in nuclear weapons, ~~But that~~ we - are even stronger.

~~The first evidence came before a committee on atomic energy~~ Director John McCone of the C I A - giving his opinion of Soviet atomic power, ^{putting it} ~~his opinion~~ so high - that some of his listeners feel, we should resume atomic explosions in the atmosphere.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Defense McNamara ~~has~~ was telling the House Armed Services Committee- about our own power, ^{stating that} ~~Secretary McNamara reporting~~ a nuclear Pearl Harbor is impossible.. American rocket strength, so dispersed - it could not be knocked out by a sneak attack. ^{And that} ~~so~~ we could launch an immediate counter-attack - clouds of rockets with atomic warheads, ~~a~~ counter-attack so shattering - it would ^{utterly} ~~be~~ destroy Russia's war-making capacity.

DOMINICAN

The crowds are out again tonight - on the streets of Santo Domingo, ~~No~~ not rioting against the government, ~~this time they're~~ cheering it. The people of the Dominican Republic, happy about - the quick fall of the military junta. Would be strong man Echavarria - overthrown after only two days in power. Which means that ~~the~~ the Dominican Republic is free of - both General Echavarria and former President Balaguer, ~~two who were prime~~ ~~The Prime Minister~~ targets of national resentment - ~~ever~~ since ~~the~~ Dictator Trujillo was assassinated.

The new head of the Dominican government - Rafael Bonnelly, who seems to be popular, ~~enough to maintain a stable government.~~ ~~Among the things in his favor,~~ ~~Also he has~~ American approval of his regime, ~~plus a promise from us of~~ ~~our State Department, pledging immediate~~ economic aid, ~~for the Dominican Republic.~~

The announcement in Geneva today - may mean that Laos is finally settling down into some ~~km~~ kind of order. Anyway - the first step has been taken. The three Laotian Princes, finally agreeing to - a coalition government. Premier of Laos - neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma. The places in the Cabinet, to be parcelled out between the three factions - neutralist, pro-western and pro-Communist.

CONGO

The Congolese troops who attacked a Catholic mission in northern Katanga - are said to be devotees of witchcraft. Rampaging fanatics, who cling to - the dark past of the Congo; ~~The Congo as it was~~ - in the days of Stanley and Livingstone. - *and as parts of the Congo still are,*

These particular Congolese - are anti-white and anti-Catholic. Hence the fury - with which they stormed the mission. U N pilots who flew over the area - say ~~that~~ the mission is deserted. No sign of the priests and nuns - who used to run the school and the hospital.

tropical Africa
The age-old paganism of ~~the jungle~~ *the jungle* still a factor - in the Congo of the twentieth century.

WEATHER

U S highway Sixty-Six - a major transcontinental highway, clogged by snow - once again. Especially through Missouri with its twenty one inches of snow, and drifts five feet high.

As for Bemidji, Minnesota - here its again down to thirty-six below.

Winter, making life rugged for some all the way from the Dakotas to the Panhandle.

ROCKET

The space probe by Ranger Three - is being delayed by a malfunction in the booster. This has to do with the shot to the moon - that was supposed to send back the best pictures yet.

Still on schedule, five satellites to be fired into orbit - aboard a single rocket; and Astronaut John Glenn still poised for his leap into space, and around the earth.

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ROBBERY

In London, Michael Went planned - the perfect crime. Changing his name - when he took a job. His hair - shaved off. Wore a wig - working as a cashier. He kept his fingers covered - to avoid leaving prints. Disguised his handwriting - while drawing up his books.

Then Mike stole the keys to the X vault, took twenty thousand pounds in money - and fled. Changing back to his usual appearance - he said to himself: - "Ha ha! They'll never recognize me now!"

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COMMUNIST

Here's a crime that did work - for years and years.

Comrade Belint Zimmanyi in Budapest, painted placards in his basement; Communist slogans.

Then, Comrade Zimanyi would send the placards - to offices and factories all over Hungary. Following advice says it works magic. "It will cure a cold within up with - a bill for each. The result - fantastic. two or three days. If it 'n't" say, he, "I'll eat my nine out of ten Red bosses thought they were from party hat in Macy's window." Dick, when you go by Macy's headquarters, so they mailed comrade Zimanyi a steady window four days from now and you see a man eating his st eam of checks - to pay for his art work.

Business boomed for the enterprising sign painter for twelve years. One of the longest-lived New York, City frauds - in the history of easy money. Clever Comrade Zimanyi of Budapest. The story doesn't say what happens now.

LARYNGITIS

Before I leave the microphone I'd like to thank many of my listeners who have telephoned and written, telling me how to get rid of my laryngitis. The formula I like best is one that reads as follows: A quarter of ~~an~~ a teaspoon of cider vinegar to an ounce of warm water. Put it in your nose with an eye dropper. The listener who gives me that advice says it works magic. "It will cure a cold within two or three days. If it doesn't" says he, "I'll eat my hat in Macy's window." Dick, when you go by Macy's window four days from now and you see ~~a~~ a man eating his handsome hat, made probably ~~in~~ by the hatters of Danbury, Connecticut, that will be Pat McHugh of West 87th Street, New York, ~~City~~.

FLAGS

A Civil War story, from Indianapolis. In the basement of the World War One Memorial in Indianapolis - they found an old box covered with dust. Inside - sixteen confederate battle flags. Banners that flew - from Vicksburg to Gettysburg; carried by the Georgia Infantry - and Jeb Stuart's cavalry.

An important discovery in this centennial year of the war between the States. Indiana, with an appropriate gesture, sending them back where they belong - to the South.