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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Secretary of State Marshall has just made his first important statement of policy since taking office. Says the new Secretary of State, appropriations for continuing relief programs abroad after the expiration of UNRRA must have top priority over any other foreign policy legislation. So Marshall notified Congress today.

President Truman in his budget message already has told Congress that he will ask for several hundred millions of dollars to continue relief programs, particularly in Italy, Austria, and Greece.

And today Secretary of State Marshall (which, by the way, is what he wants to be called from now on, not "General" any more) today he amplified the

President's request. All this in a letter to Senator Vandenberg, President Pro. Tem. of the Upper House.

Marshall, the Ex-Chief of Staff, wrote as a military man would -- everything listed in order of priority. It read like a communique.

First, he wants the relief programs continued.

Two, ratification of the Peace Treaties with Italy and the Balkan Nations.

Number Three, American membership in the international refugee organization created by the United Nations.

Then Marshall, with a soldier's thoroughness, lists twenty-four other items of legislation that he wants Congress to pass. Ten of which he marks "urgent," and rates them in the order he wants them acted upon.

The other fourteen are listed just as: - "important items."

Included on the urgent list is a proposal that gifts to the United Nations be tax-exempt. This would allow the Eight Million five hundred thousand dollar gift of John D. Rockefeller for the purchase of a New York City home for the U.N. to be tax free.

First reaction to Marshall's letter came from Senator Vandenberg, the man to whom it was addressed. Vandenberg told newspapermen today that undoubtedly the United States will have to take over relief in some foreign areas to prevent starvation. He added: "No one will try to avoid that obligation."

Senator Vandenberg added that former President Herbert Hoover's current visit to Europe will be of great help to the present Congress in determining the extent and the nature of forthcoming American aid. And so the cycle is completed with Herbert Hoover once more in his great role - solving the food problems for millions in Europe.

SUCCESSION

President Truman again asks that the line of presidential succession be changed. He has made that plea to Congress before, but it's more dramatic this time - because, if the White House plan is accepted now, the next in line in succession to the Democratic President, would be a Republican.

As the law stands, ~~now~~, the death of President Truman would be followed by the accession of the Secretary of State to the presidency, General Marshall. The Secretary of State, like any other Cabinet member, is appointed by the President - and the Truman idea is that this is all wrong. The President ~~should not be allowed to appoint an official who might succeed to the presidency in the absence of a vice-president. So~~ President Truman ~~wants~~ ^{— an elected official —} Congress to declare the Speaker of the House of Representatives to be next in line, when there is no vice-president.

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He urged that same plan shortly after he entered the White House, upon the death of President Roosevelt. The House of Representatives okayed the plan, but the Senate put it on a shelf - the Senators not liking the idea of the Lower House getting the presidential succession. At that time, the Speaker of the House was a Democrat, but now a Republican has that post - *-- Joe Martin of Mass.* ~~and~~ would be in line of presidential succession. *What* makes no difference to Harry Truman, who today renewed his plea to Congress - to make the change.

So that's another presidential question for Congress to consider - the legislators having already before them the Republican bill for a constitutional amendment to limit the presidency to two terms. The debate on that begins tomorrow in the Lower House.

RENTS

A bill was entered in Congress today to turn Rent Control over to the states. This was a Republican move - and a surprise. The bill was entered by Senator Wherry of Nebraska, a member of the high command of the G.O.P. ^T He proposes that the remains of the O.P.A. should be abolished - kill what's left of that one-time all-important agency of price-fixing. ^{TP} The bill would leave it up to the individual states to make their own regulations concerning rents - along the line of Rent Control in New York State, Governor Dewey having put through a bill before the coming of the price-fixing storms that blew the O.P.A. to pieces.

U.N.

Soviet Russia made a concession today - in the matter of disarmament and atomic bomb control. Before the Security Council of the United Nations, at Lake Success, Long Island - Soviet Delegate Gromyko agreed to drop the Moscow plan, on which the Soviets had been insisting so stubbornly. ^{TR} Not that Gromyko is hurrying to okay the American proposal for atomic control. What he accepts is - the French plan. This - a sort of middle-of-the-road compromise between the American insistence on immediate atomic bomb control and the Soviet contention that a general disarmament plan should be worked out first. The French plan calls for an immediate start on general disarmament, and action on atomic bomb control - "as soon as possible."

The Gromyko concession was followed, late this afternoon, by an agreement between six key members of the Security Council - an agreement to have an

immediate and simultaneous study of both general
disarmament and the atomic problem. In other words,
do them both right away - which is, in effect, the
French compromise.

PALESTINE

(In Palestine, the official Jewish leadership has rejected a British ultimatum - a demand that that moderate^{te} elements of Zionism should cooperate in fighting against Jewish underground violence.) The British demanded full cooperation in the battle against terrorism. So, sixty Jewish leaders gathered today and took a vote, -- They turned down the ultimatum.

ANTARCTICA

The news from Antarctica tells of a swimming meet in the frosty waters off the South Polar ice pack. Fifteen swimmers with the Byrd Expedition took a plunge into the Bay of Whales.

They were testing equipment, trying out swimming suits devised for the war against Japan. We've been told how in the conflict of the Pacific, mighty deeds were done by Underwater Demolition Teams, the frog-men who swam to South Sea beaches and blew up obstacles placed offshore by the enemy. The same sort of thing was to have been done in the invasion of Japan -- and off the Japanese coast the water is much colder. So special cold-water swim suits were devised. They were never used, the invasion of Japan never having happened.

Today the fifteen ~~for~~ frog-men, wearing green suits with webbed hands and feet, took a plunge. The water was intensely cold, and choked with slushy ice. Moreover, the seas down there are infested with killer whales -- ~~xxx~~ savage and dangerous. Each swimmer was

attached to a twenty-five foot rope -- just in case a killer whale should appear or a frog-man should start to freeze and sink. But they ~~xxx~~ all came through okay, though reporting - it was mighty cold.

~~Some of them found they had too much clothes on. One type of swim suit had beneath it two layers of woolen underwear, two pairs of woolen socks, two pairs of woolen finger gloves. They found that all the underwear tended to handicap them, restricting circulation. The swimming was better with only one layer of underwear, socks and gloves -- more freedom of movement and ample protection from the cold.~~

And still another stunt is reported from Little America -- the first parachute jump ever made on the Antarctic Continent. Sergeant S. A. London of Oklahoma City, bailed out of an Army transport high over the snow and ice, and came down safely on Little America.

PLANE

At Fairfield, California, the Navy's newest jet-propelled plane, the most powerful ever devised, is awaiting a take-off for Honolulu. From there, *the plan is to fly it all the way* ~~hoped that it will fly back~~ to New York, nonstop, setting all sorts of speed and distance records on the way.

The plane is called the "Skystreak." In ~~more~~ Naval ~~lexicon, it is~~ *letters and number is its* the D-558 -- with the most powerful jet engine so far devised. *AN* Engine expected to drive the plane at between five-hundred-and-five-hundred-and-fifty miles an hour ~~and~~ [^] maybe more.

PIOUS CONVICT

Today brought an arrest in the case of the pious convict we heard about last night - the swindler who in prison had his crippled legs straightened, and who decided to become a minister. Released from jail, he started out as an Evangelist in Denver, and ~~then~~ skipped with an automobile belonging to a pastor.

The police caught him in New Mexico ^{today} as he was driving the pastor's car. Has he an explanation? He sure has - a pious explanation. He quotes the Bible elaborately, and says that he merely borrowed the car to transfer his Evangelistic activities from Denver to California. "I thought I could do more good in California", says he. So he went off in the pastor's car - intending to pay for it later on.

The police are not impressed by ~~that~~ story or his biblical quotations either.

JEWELS

An unhappy
~~a surprising and unpleasant~~ story from San Francisco tonight. An American Colonel, Edward J. Murray, on leave from the Army of Occupation in Japan, has been placed under technical arrest by ^{order of} General Douglas MacArthur. ~~a order. The order~~ ^{This} following seizure by Customs agents of more than Two-Hundred-and-Ten-Thousand Dollars worth of diamonds ^{that Col.} Murray is alleged to have brought back from Japan.

Customs collectors announced that Ten Thousand Dollars worth of diamonds were found in Murray's watch pocket when he debarked from a transport ~~in~~ at an Oakland Army Air Base last Monday. Then ~~the~~ five hundred ^{MORE} gems, worth more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, were discovered in a safe deposit box to which Murray relinquished the key after prolonged questioning. ~~is this, the largest,~~ ^{Said to be the largest} jewel seizure ever made by Customs agents on the Pacific Coast.

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The cache was impounded because ^{Col.} Murray did not declare ~~THE JEWELS~~ upon his entry into this country. Customs officials say they will not prosecute ~~themselves~~ until the Army authorities complete ^{their} ~~an~~ investigation.

^{Col.} Murray commanded troops of the Fortieth Division which lead the American drive from Lingayen Gulf to Manila in the re-conquest of the Philippines. He has been ordered placed under house arrest in his home at Palo Alto.

HIGH NOTE

Over in England there's quite a stir about a radio soprano who sang a high note that broke a glass tumbler in a London living room. The story tells how a gentleman, in his home, was listening to a B.B.C. musical program, and presumably was about to pour himself a whiskey and soda - when the tumbler suddenly broke and fell into pieces, the glass shattered by that high note on the radio. It was a disconcerting thing, and what did he do? Why, of course, he wrote an indignant letter to The London Times. So now the controversy is on.

Today the British Broadcasting Company disclosed the circumstances of the strange event. The soprano, in question, was Josie Fearon, and the program was "Madame Butterfly." It seems that Josie grew so fervent in singing the tragic emotions of Madame Butterfly, that she hit a high B-flat with an especial fervor - and loudness; that was what broke the glass tumbler of the

whose first remark was: "I say - what?"
irate citizen, ~~Josie said today that her lawyers had
advised her that she was liable for a damage suit.~~

~~There's an ancient law in England, under which she can
be made to pay the indignant Londoner for the value of
the glass and it might be one of those priceless
pieces of crystal.~~

~~On the other hand, Evidence is being brought
forward to show that Josie's glass-breaking high note
was not so very exceptional - things like that have
happened before. ~~People have been writing in to The
London Times, telling of other cases in which musical
notes have caused glass to burst into smithereens. I
always thought it was the ear drums that burst but
it's the same with glass.~~~~

~~One English veteran of music writes to The
London Times and says: "The famous singing master, Manuel
Garcia, told me that he asked the historic bass^o Lablache,
if it were true he could break a glass by singing into it.~~

"LaBlache," the letter to the Times goes on, "went to a sideboard, took up a wine glass, sang his high D into it and the glass fell in fragments to his feet."

The letter goes on with other instances, saying: "Clara Butt sang at a party once, and at a certain note - ping! sent a very beautiful glass vase."

An English veteran of music
~~All of which would not be complete without~~
writes to The London Times about Caruso: -
~~Caruso. So, we have Caruso the letter continuing:~~

"So clear and flutelike was ~~xxxxxxx~~ the voice of Caruso that, for the entertainment of his guests, he not only broke tumblers at dinner, but also made a glass chandelier echo some notes on his voice." So it was a duet, Caruso and ~~the~~ singing chandelier.

However, the most remarkable incident cited in the London controversy concerns, not music, but a school teacher - who had quite a voice, apparently. A woman tells how in class, the teacher was giving her a

scolding. "The school mistress," she relates, "raised her voice to an unusually high pitch - and a glass inkwell standing on her desk shattered into tiny splinters, spilling ink on her. Much to the amusement of the class."

MISSING LINK

Tonight we can buck up a bit, and stick out our chests -- and not feel so ashamed of our ancestors. I mean, our remote ancestors -- according to evolution.

Ever since Darwin propounded the doctrine of the descent of man from the apes, the scientists have taken delight in painting ugly pictures of our great, great primordial grandfather, the missing link. They like to tell us, in their cheerful scientific way, that he was homlier than a gorilla, not nearly so amiable in expression as a chimpanzee, and rather more grotesque than an orangutan.

Today, however, a new ~~XXXXX~~ scientific discovery informs us that the missing link was quite a handsome fellow -- with a regular Barrymore profile. Of course, he didn't wear a plug hat or carry a cane -- a million or so years ago. But his looks were okay. So meet Grandfather Australopithecus.

We hear about him from Professor Wilfred Edward LeGros Clark of Oxford, a great authority on

anatomy, who has just returned from South Africa. There he studied the newly discovered remains of an enormously ancient type of man -- Australopithecus, the oldest missing link. The Professor says that Australopithecus did not have the monkey-like characteristics of the apes of today -- the exaggerated bony eyebrow ridges, the jutting jaw, the huge canine teeth, the head thrust forward. He was not, in the Professor's ^{(words:-} ~~words:-~~ "vastly inhuman."

Grandfather Australopithecus stood erect. His cheekbones and forehead were similar to those of modern man. His arms were of normal human length, and his hands were of the human ~~xxx~~ type. The Professor admits that his brain was a third smaller than ours. But then, we know that good looks don't always mean a powerful brain -- and the new discovery in South Africa is pleasant contrast to those appalling missing links that the scientists used to give us like old Pithecanthropus Erectus.

So tonight we can be rather proud as we meet our primordial ancestor -- Grandfather Australopithecus.

~~now someone not so primordial. Nelson-Carter - 11.~~

TAXES

Congress was debating taxation today, with emphasis on dissensions in the ranks of the Republicans. G.O.P. Congressman Mason of Illinois assailed the new tax reduction proposal offered yesterday by his Republican colleague, Congressman Allen of Illinois. The bill put forward by Allen provides for a graduated scale of tax cuts - with accent on tax reduction in the lower brackets. Today Mason stated: "This may be the political^{ly} expedient thing to do, but it is contrary to an election promise made by Republican leaders last fall." He referred, of course, to the talk for a tax cut across the board - a twenty per cent reduction of all income tax below the topmost bracket.

Today's argument between the Republicans was greeted with whoops of glee by the Democrats, who immediately sailed into the Republican breach, and banged away with oratorical assaults. Nothing like

seeing the opposition having a battle among themselves.
That's the time to give the order - fix bayonets, charge!

The latest from Washington is a Republican reply
to the Democrats - ~~the~~ repetition of the G.O.P.

intention to reduce income taxes. Hearings will begin
promptly, according to a statement made late today by
Republican leadership - although it isn't clear what
kind of tax reduction will win the official support of
the party, ~~whether this will be on~~ a graduated scale or
across-the-board.

GIRL

At Los Angeles, Patsy Ruth Fergus has made her decision. She is going to keep her dog Lucky - and never mind high school. The school authorities wouldn't let her keep the playful white shepherd with her in class, and Patsy Ruth had to make her choice - ~~the~~ dog or ~~the~~ school. *Dog wins.*

Patsy-Ruth is sixteen - and blind. Lucky is her Seeing-Eye - given to her when an appeal was made on a radio program. So Lucky guided Patsy-Ruth to high school, where ~~Lucky~~ *the white shepherd* was a sensation - the other pupils flocking around and having great fun with the playful dog. In class, with Lucky guiding Patsy-Ruth, the other children were more interested in the *Canine Seeing Eye* ~~white shepherd~~ than in their lessons.

You could see the problem for the teachers - in addition to which, it was strictly against the regulations of the school to bring a dog into the

classroom. So the school authorities declared that Lucky must be banished. They offered that if Patsy Ruth would stay home with her Seeing-Eye, they would send a special tutor to keep her up in her studies. But the girl didn't want that - she preferred to have both her Seeing-Eye and the companionship of her fellow pupils.

It was a delimma of pathos for Patsy-Ruth, but she had to make her decision - which she did today. She'll keep Lucky with her - and stay at home. Today she said - it would only make her study harder, so she can get through high school quicker, and go to junior college. Because in junior college they ^{do} let you take dogs to classes - says Patsy-Ruth.