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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The joint communique issued by the five nations of the Baghdad Pact - is a strong endorsement of Secretary of State Dulles. Mr. Dulles may have had a lot of criticism in the past couple of years, but he was the star of the Ankara conference. The communique, calling his presence indispensable for the success of the conference.

The individual diplomats there are lavish in their praise of Mr. Dulles - because of the address he delivered last night. One member of the Pakistan delegation, calling the Dulles address "the most cogent expression in favor of American economic aid, as opposed to Soviet Foreign aid, I have ever heard."

In short, the Ankara conference was a huge success. Many practical steps were taken - to stabilize a front against Communist aggression. Foremost, perhaps, was

the ten million dollar contribution by Uncle Sam - to improve communications among Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Pakistan. Britain, also a member of the Baghdad Pact is working closely with the other four. While America is committed to full support of the alliance.

Today's communique also says that the member nations - soon will hold combined military exercises. And that they'll cooperate with other alliances of the free world - alliances like Nato. Their primary aim being - to stop Communist penetration of the Middle East.

CYPRUS

The British government today denied - it has granted Turkey a "veto power" in the case of Cyprus. This, in answer to a report from Ankara. One Turkish diplomat declaring - Britain agrees not to settle the Cyprus question - without Turkey's approval.

DEFENSE

The Senate, approves President Eisenhower's emergency defense program. Under this program, missile bases will be set up, and the units of our Strategic Air Command will be scattered - to ~~xxx~~^{making} them less open to attack. The cost of this emergency program - around five hundred million dollars.

Now the bill goes to a joint committee of the House and the Senate - to iron out the differences. Then on to the White House, for the President's signature.

TRADE

President Eisenhower's message to Congress today - calls for an extension of our reciprocal trade program. Under this system, we grant traffic reductions to friendly nations - who lower import duties on American goods. The idea being, to encourage more trade.

The reciprocal trade agreement is due to expire next ^{and} June, / President Eisenhower, ^{now} / ~~asking~~ for a five-year extension. Mr. Eisenhower using strong language - saying, "the legislation, ~~in his words~~ must be enacted." The President doesn't often use ~~xxxx~~ that word, "must". But he used it today - arguing, that high tariffs by this country - will only push other nations of the three world into the Communist orbit. Because if they can't trade with us - they'll have to trade with the Communist bloc.

MISSILE

The Army's director of guided missiles believes - the Russians may have their intercontinental ballistic missile in operation - by July. — General Dwight Beach, testifying at a secret session of the House Armed Services Committee. His testimony, made public later.

General Beach explains ^{that} he doesn't think the Russians will have many I.C.B.M.S. ~~in~~ in operation within six months. But they'll have a few - and that means we'll have to hurry ~~up~~, to keep pace with them.

CANAVERAL

At Cape Canaveral - the Security Officer - reveals that a missile worker has been suspended from his job, for too much talk in a bar-room. Colonel Sam Bruno, doesn't identify the worker - but describes him as an employee of the Convair Company - assigned to the Intercontinental missile, called the Atlas. According to Colonel Bruno, the man in question didn't know much about the Atlas, but what he said in the bar-room - might be put together with other technical data - so it amounted to "classified information." Why did he talk about the Atlas? Says Colonel Bruno: "He was just trying to impress his friends."

ATOMIC

The British claim to be ahead of the world - in harnessing hydrogen energy for peace-time uses. At least, British politicians are sure of it. The scientists, a little more moderate in their claims.

Acting Prime Minister, R.A. Butler, told the House of Commons - Britain's Zeta Reactor will produce hydrogen power for industry - in a ^{very} ~~xxx~~ few years. Butler adding, no other nation in the world - is so close to this great scientific break-through. But the head of Britain's famous Harwell Laboratory - thinks the break-through is still many years off. Sir John Cockcroft declaring, he and his colleagues at Harwell - are still in the preliminary phases. But, of course, Sir John doesn't deny - that the search for hydrogen power is moving ahead very well in Britain. It's mainly a question of time. Different predictions - one by the politicians, another by the scientists.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Here's another prediction - this one by our Secretary of Labor, predicting that we'll have more than four million unemployed in February. Secretary Mitchell - expecting lay-offs in heavy industries - such as steel, auto, ^{and} machinery.

But he's got a note of optimism, too. He expects unemployment to dip after February. More jobs to be open - because of government spending and a relaxation of our "tight money" policy.

FRANCE

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France receives more than six hundred million dollars in credits - from her Western allies. The reason - the French need this money to build up their foreign exchange. Otherwise, their import trade would dry up.

Premier Gaillard asked for the credits - pointing out that he had only enough money to last until March. At the same time, the French Premier noted he was taking drastic measures to shore up the internal economy of his country. Restricting imports, devaluing the franc, and so on. ~~Now~~ Now getting the loan he needs - to prevent a financial panic in France.

GERMANY

West Germany will not help pay for British and French troops on West German territory. So says the Bonn Defense Minister Josef Strauss. In an interview, Strauss insisted that he has a specific budget to work on - ten billion marks. And it's all earmarked - for use, in West Germany's schedule of rearmament. Strauss saying, if he has to contribute to the upkeep of foreign troops - he won't be able to ^{put}~~have~~ two hundred thousand West Germans ^{into}~~in~~ uniform by the end of this year. That's his commitment under Nato - and he says he intends to meet it.

CHOU-EN-LAI

A group of anti-Communist Chinese - tried to assassinate the Premier of Red China last year. So reported by the Manchester Guardian. That famous British newspaper claiming - it got the story from one of the conspirators.

We are told that about forty Chinese students returned from America to China - to fight Communism. High on their list was to get rid of Chou-En-Lai, whom they regarded as the most sinister figure in Mao Tse-tung's government.

Last July, they were granted an interview with Chou, in Peiping. In the middle of the conference, one conspirator pulled out a knife and stabbed the Premier. But Chou's guard got there in time to save his life. The result - more than thirty conspirators, executed. One survivor, escaping from Red China - and telling the story of this assassination attempt.

GUNMAN

The mass murderer from Nebraska -- will be extradited to his home state to stand trial. Charles Starkweather, losing the chance to face a jury in Wyoming -- where he might have escaped execution simply because the Governor of Wyoming is opposed to capital punishment. The decision seems fair enough, because of Starkweather's ten victims -- nine were Nebraskans. And so Nebraska wants to give him whatever justice he has coming to him.

He's being transferred from the jail at ~~Madisonville, Kentucky~~

Douglas, Wyoming -- not far from the spot where he was hunted down and captured, ^{and} he still sticks to his story, that he killed the ten in self-defense -- although one was a baby, and two others were shot to death in their sleep.

His girl friend, fourteen year old Caril Fugate, close to hysteria. She keeps calling for her mother -- who was one of the first to die under Starkweather's ~~gun~~ shotgun.

YEMEN

The Imam of Yemen - expels the British envoy.

The Imam, who controls a domain of sand and oil - at the south end of the Arabian desert. The British envoy, Oliver Kemp - accused of endangering the government. He's charged with being involved in violations of Yemeni territory by British troops. And from Aden we have a report - that last week an unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate the Imam. Oliver Kemp, ~~Kemp~~ accused of implication in the assassination plot.

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QUEEN MOTHER

Britain's Queen Mother ^{arrives} ~~arrives~~ in Honolulu - getting a typical Hawaiian welcome. When her plane taxied to a stop - the red carpet was rolled out. A welcoming committee, led by Governor William Quinn. The welcome, so enthusiastic ^{that} -/Queen Mother Elizabeth decided to hold up her flight to Australia. She took an hour - touring through Honolulu - ~~the~~ only American stop on her journey. The Queen Mother ^{was} /wearing a lei, a garland of Hawaiian flowers - as Governor Quinn escorted her ~~around~~ his city. Then the Queen Mother returned to the airport, waved goodbye - and took off for the Commonwealth nations Down Under.

ANTARCTIC

We've been hearing much recently - about the British and the Americans at the South Pole. But other nations have their own expeditions down there on the Antarctic Continent. One of them - Russia. And the Russians are attempting one of the most difficult feats of exploration - trying to reach the "Pole of Inaccessibility," which is on a plateau fourteen thousand feet high. Located about five hundred miles from the Pole. It's never been climbed. Only seen from the air.

Now the Russians report - they're getting ready for the final assault. The leader of the Soviet expedition, Arkady Nikolayev - has just set up a special supply base - about three hundred miles from his destination. He's getting ready to leave that base - in a "do-or-die" effort to cover three hundred miles - and some of the roughest terrain in the world. Nikolayev and his men, driving on toward the "Pole of Inaccessibility."

PLANE

Anyone who flies a plane - will be slightly appalled by this story from London, which tells how a "demon robot" seized control of a Britannia airliner - almost causing it to crash.

The Britannia has an automatic control system. Well, on this particular flight - someone pushed the wrong button, and the automatic pilot took the controls away from the pilot.

Whereupon the plane went into a series of dives and rolls, with the pilot and co-pilot, struggling frantically to regain control. But the automatic system, was too much for them - until the flight engineer cut off its power.

The human pilot just managed to get his Britannia back to base - after a hair-raising ride with that "demon robot" at the controls.

Well, Don, it's good to see that man is still boss of his machinery - if only by a whisker.

BAHAMAS

That hotel strike in the Bahamas - is over. The workers, returning to their jobs - after reaching an agreement last night. They say they've got a promise from the hotel owner - that their major demands ^{will} be met, ^{which} ~~so~~ ends a general strike lasting nineteen days.

But only a few hotels are open today. Many of the larger ones feeling the season is too far along now. The winter tourist trade, slowing down. But at least there's something for the drinking class. The liquor ban, lifted this morning - bars opening all over the Bahamas.

END

A perfect case of tragic irony - is reported from Obihiro, Japan. Mitsuo Suzuki teaches athletics at the local school, and one of his duties is to supervise ice-skating competitions.

Today he was out on the ice - with a pocket full of blank cartridges, for his starter's pistol. One of his skaters - a young lady - fell during the race. Suzuki, helped her to her feet - then slipped himself. Hitting the ice with a thud - the blank cartridges, exploding in his pocket - killing the instructor, who was only trying to help one of the students.

And Solong - Until tomorrow!