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Good Evening Everybody:

There is tension tonight on the great Caribbean island of Hispaniola, headquarters of Christopher Columbus when the great admiral came to the New World on his later voyages.

Hispaniola - shared with Haiti and the Dominican Republic, with long and bitter history of feuding between the two.

The Dominican Republic occupies a large area, the most fertile eastern part. Its capital - Santa Domingo, oldest city in the hemisphere, where Columbus' bones are in the cathedral crypt. Founded in Fourteen ninety-six, Haiti, a mountainous picturesque, more poverty-stricken part of the island. Its capital, Port-au-Prince - a colorful seaport, popular with tourists on Caribbean cruises.

The latest quarrel has developed because the Dominicans say Haitian troops have seized their Embassy

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in Port-Au-Prince. Violating the asylum given there to certain Haitians - who oppose their country's government.

Tonight, having ordered the Haitians out of that Embassy, Dominican President Juan Bosch is marshalling his troops for a showdown - with the regime of President Francois Duvalier. If there is a showdown.

The organization of American States appears to be acting energetically in this latest Caribbean crisis. That is a five man committee is heading for Haiti on a fact-finding assignment. They would have been there sooner - except for a bizarre turn of events. They couldn't find seats on planes bound for Haiti.

The latest is that both Haiti and the Dominican Republic are accepting O.A.S. mediation.

OAS WITH HAITI

In Washington the Navy Department says that our ships are ready to sail - "in hours if not minutes." That is, if we should receive a request - from the Organization of American States. The administration - hopes it won't be necessary. But, whatever happens - Uncle Sam's fleet is ready for action.

*Wonder if
the story is*

you can guess the latest witticism -
~~that's being passed~~ among westerners in Moscow. Here's
how it goes:- "The talks in the Kremlin are secret - because
Khrushchev doesn't want anyone to see him getting his ears ~~in~~
boxed."

of course
~~was a~~ reference to what Castro told a French
newsman - a few weeks ago. Namely, that the bearded Dictator
would have boxed the ears of the Boss of the Kremlin - had
they met at the time of the missile crisis. Castro, then
fuming - because he wasn't consulted about the pull-back
of ~~the~~ Soviet missiles from Cuba.;

And, still fuming, a bit - by all accounts. But he's
on his good behavior - in Moscow, ~~Being~~ friendly to comrade
Khrushchev - at least ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ public consumption. Whether their
private conversations are that cordial - seems more doubtful -
say the experts.

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CUBA

As usual there are plenty of stories about Cuba in the news tonight.

For example, an American who has lived there for over eight years claims that Castro - is ~~literally~~ ^{busy} exporting his revolution. Sending "tons of arms" and saboteurs daily - to Latin America, ~~To~~ - Haiti, Guatemala, Venezuela, Chile, Peru and Argentina. Aided and abetted by Soviet submarines and freighters ~~who are shipping~~ ^{with} heavy arms to ~~the~~ Latin American Reds.

This informant claims that Castro has at least one thousand missiles - which can ~~■~~ reach the U S and adds that the Russians did not remove all their bombers - nor all their "real big" missiles. ^{That} They have converted a network of caves - into missile bases and arms depots, ~~Containing~~ tanks, rockets and planes. ^{Also that they} ~~have~~ built submarine pens servicing about fifty submarines ^{that} operating ~~from~~ Cuba. ^{And -} are building a submarine base which will be - the largest of its kind in the world.

~~Also that~~ there are between seventy and eighty thousand foreign troops in Cuba - from the Communist bloc. Not ~~to~~ mention ~~the~~ two million Cubans that Castro has - under arms.

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All this ^{has been} relayed to the C I A by the American - who is unidentified ^{in order} to protect his friends in Cuba.

Another story comes from Boston - where an M I T student - also unidentified for obvious ~~re~~ reasons - confesses he took part in last week's bombing raid on ~~the~~ Cuban refinery. Among the raiders a Cuban - who lit the bomb fuses with his ~~re~~ cigar. Why did the student go along? Partly for kicks ^{and} partly because he thinks the U S - is selling out Cuba.

Also ~~an~~ the ~~re~~ plane was Alexander Rorke - head of the U.S. Freedom Fighters, who reports today in Miami that ~~Underwater~~ missile sites ~~re~~ were detected - off the Cuban coast.

Meanwhile the Customs Bureau in Washington is

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"Mr. Khrushchev looked well and vigorous"- Averell Harriman told newsmen in London today. Adding that the boss of the Kremlin must have been quoted out of context - when he was reported ~~as~~ as saying he might step down and let someone else take over his job.

Harriman, enroute to Washington ~~will~~ to report to President Kennedy, whether Khrushchev will keep his word - and the peace - in Laos.

The Red leader says he will abide by - the Geneva agreements, ~~And~~ his agreement in Vienna - with President Kennedy.

But here's the most important ~~the~~ thing we know so far - about the Khrushchev Harriman conference:-

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Khrushchev admitted that he does not know - exactly what is happening in Laos. The boss of the Kremlin, terming himself "not fully informed on the situation."

So western experts are more doubtful than ever - about the Soviet's controlling the Laotian war. Red China running it.

BAYREUTH

When the West German city of Bayreuth offers a prize of several thousand marks to a winning contestant - ~~well~~ you think at once of music. Bayreuth, devoted to the memory - ~~is~~ of Wagner; Putting on spectacular performances - of Tristan and the Ring and the Flying Dutchman. Drawing crowds ~~and~~ ~~criticism~~ from all over the world.

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So, is this new contest - a search for another musical genius? Ah, no, the City Fathers are looking for - ~~a~~ ~~disposal~~ ~~garbage~~ dump. And ready to hand the prize - to the contestant who suggests the best site in the city. Rather different than the competition for the best song - in the Meistersingers.

A dump ~~garbage~~ - in Bayreuth? Sounds like a ~~reprint~~ of ~~that nasty~~ ~~Edward Hans~~ ~~the~~ Nineteenth Century Music critic ~~who~~

~~Hans~~ who predicted that they were only a passing fad -

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those ~~super-colossal~~ ~~obnoxious~~ music dramas by Wagner.

COCKTAIL

When a man sets up a cocktail for his girl friend - he usually, they say, puts an olive in it. But Bill Ross of Chicago mixed something more original for his girl friend last night. Bill, producing a Molotov cocktail, throwing a bomb into the apartment of Pat Clifton, because she refused to quit her job for him.

Bartender Bill Ross of Chicago. Serving the lady - a Molotov cocktail.

investigating - to find out whether the expedition violated
the neutrality act. The F B I is investigating - Mr. Rorke.
And M I T is investigating - the identity of its student.

~~As I said - no lack~~ ^{Lots} of interest in Cuba these days. Or - ~~of~~
rumors.