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**Good Evening Everybody:**

**President Johnson's two-day tour of Appalachia ran up some rather impressive statistics. The President covered - one thousand miles. Was seen by - one million people. And - delivered seventeen major speeches.**

**The newsmen who traveled with the President - are using superlatives to describe the trip. As for L.B.J. . he prefers a touch of - understatement. In his words - "I think it was effective."**

**Meaning - the President feels that he aroused Appalachia. Breaking the old pattern - of lassitude and despair. Prompting those who are well off - to pitch in and help the illiterate, and the unemployed.**

**But President Johnson did more than call for**

***a crusade against poverty. He called for - Civil  
Rights. Equality - of opportunity. And did it in  
Georgia - the Deep South.***

## CHINA

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There was a time when the Russians were accused by the West - of promoting summit conferences for their own rather devious ends. But how times change!

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Now ~~Red~~ China *that is* ~~has taken over the charge~~  
accusing Moscow of trying to push Peking into a summit conference - which will result in a showdown. The Chinese Reds saying ~~that~~ the Kremlin's real reason for urging the conference is - to expell Red China from the World Communist movement.

The Chinese insist they *do* want to meet their Soviet comrades - to work out a solution to their differences. But - they aren't about to be pressured into anything. Certainly not by - the Russian "Paper Tiger." A descriptive term reserved until now - for the U.S.A.



## SPLIT

The latest information about the split between Russia and Red China - is full of sardonic irony.

Subject - the atomic bomb that Peking is building.

Question - how did the Chinese Reds get the knowhow?

Answer - the same way the Russian Reds got it. By stealing the scientific formulas - from an unsuspecting ally.

You probably recall the espionage ring in Washington - during World War Two. The Americans who stole atomic secrets - and passed them on to Soviet agents. Allowing the Russians to explode a bomb of their own - long before we thought they could.

~~Well,~~ The word from Eastern Europe is that the Chinese Reds did the same thing - to the Russians. Back in the days - when they were still on friendly terms. Mao Tse-tung's agents, taking advantage of - Khrushchev's gullibility. Quietly stealing information

- when their Slavic comrades weren't looking.

When Khrushchev found out - well, you've heard about his venomous attacks on Mao. The Chinese espionage ring in Moscow - a major cause of the split. Also a major worry to the Boss of the Kremlin, who doesn't know - how much Mao knows about Soviet nuclear weapons.

Rather ironic - wouldn't you say?

## PLANE

CBS News in San Francisco has been told that the pilot of that Pacific Airlines plane that crashed yesterday did shout into his radio that he had been shot. A man who heard the tape before it was turned over to the FBI, said the words of the pilot - saying he was shot - were on the tape. Various investigators told CBS News that a gun found at the scene of the wreckage had been fired. It has been sent to the FBI in Washington. Forty-four persons died in the crash.

## NORTH POLE

*The news tonight - tells another adventure story. The National Geographic Society announces that a Norwegian ski unit is on its way from Canada to Europe - over the North Pole. This time on skis. What's more they are already half-way to the Pole. Last reported near Arlis - II - a U.S weather station floating on an ice island in the Arctic. The first expedition to the North Pole on foot, since Perry made it so dramatically in nineteen hundred and nine. I hope Admiral Donald MacMillan last survivor of the Perry expedition is listening. Here's to Admiral "Mac"!*

*The six Norwegians - don't intend to stop at the Pole. They will head next for Siberian or Norwegian ice islands - on the other side of the world.*

*How are they being supplied? by dog sled - the traditional method.*

*Norwegian skiers - in the footsteps of Perry - blazing a new trail (if you can talk about anything blazing - in the Polar North.*

## GORDON

Here's an interesting story - out of Khartoum in the Sudan. A story that the revolver has been found - that once belonged to General "Chinese" Gordon. How identified is not stated - in the Khartoum dispatch. But it's stirring a lot of memories - of the British soldier who defended the city against the Mahdi.

His name - Charles George Gordon. His nickname - "Chinese" Gordon. Given to him for his service in China - when the Manchu Emperor decorated him with the Order of the Yellow Jacket.

In eighteen eighty-four - "Chinese" Gordon was sent to defend Khartoum. Defend it against a fanatical horde led by a dervish - known as the Mahdi. The result - one of the epics of the great days of the British Empire. Gordon, holding Khartoum with a handful of soldiers - and only one British officer.

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The scene has been described dramatically - by



*the biographers. Gordon, taking swigs of whiskey - between attacks, and firing furiously - as the Mahdi's men came storming over the walls. They say that he had just emptied his revolver - when he was overwhelmed.*

*The revolver, apparently - just discovered in the Sudan. Used when "Chinese" Gordon defended Khartoum in the days of the Mahdi and Fuzzy Wuzzy. And now Dick Noel who is never Fuzzy - or wuzzy.*

## TRUMAN

Now let's <sup>s</sup>alute an elderly gentleman who calls himself - "a farmer and a politician." He considers both of those words - complimentary. "Farmer" - because we all depend on the land. "Politician" - because democratic government has to have the experts to make it go.

~~Well,~~ This particular farmer worked the land - in Missouri at the turn of the Century. During World War One, he served in the U.S. Army - ~~rising~~ rising to the rank of Captain. Then came home - and went into politics. His highest rank in that particular field - President of the United States.

This - is his eightieth birthday. Hard to believe, in the case of - Harry S. Truman. Our former President - an octogenarian? <sup>That word octogenarian</sup> "Sounds like an insult" - says H.S.T.