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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Senator Humphrey of Minnesota - in the race.

Out in the open - running for the Democratic nomination.

He made his announcement in Washington, today, stating - that he will enter the primaries in Wisconsin, Oregon, South Dakota and the District of Columbia.

The Minnesota Senator takes notice of the Republican slogan - "Peace and prosperity." He says he's all in favor of both, but - the right kind of peace, and the right kind of prosperity, his own Humphrey kind.

Hubert Humphrey is very much in what is called - the liberal wing of the Democratic party, proclaiming himself - the candidate of "the plain people."

## SUBMARINE

Salutations to the George Washington - <sup>the</sup> and Polaris.

Our first Atomic submarine ~~XXXX~~ capable of hurling missiles with hydroden bomb warheads.

The George Washington - launched at Groton, Conneticut, today; With equipment - for firing the Polaris missile, ~~either~~ from underwater - or on the surface. The Polaris - having a range of fifteen hundred miles. Capable of hitting targets on land - that far away.

The first ~~of~~ of nine similar submarines under contract. Considered - a most effective means of retaliation to deter a possible aggressor. Called - a power for peace.

SUMMIT

Khrushchev acted fast - without any delay, today.

Accepting May sixteenth - as the date for the summit conference.

The Western Powers proposed it yesterday, and have an <sup>1</sup>answer -  
in twenty-four hours or so. Russian diplomacy has a way of  
procrastinating, - but <sup>not</sup> in this instance <sup>ee</sup>.

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## MOSCOW

The belief is that the accusation, made in Moscow, today, may be the result of the mistake. The official Communist newspaper, Pravda, charging - that the United States has made underground atomic tests in violation - of the agreement to suspend experimental explosion.

Pravada gives no date of the alleged violation, and may be referring back to our last underground atomic test, in Nineteen-Fifty Eight. We haven't made any since. Or, perhaps, the comrades are referring to underground explosions which were staged in Louisiana, shortly before Christmas. But these were not atomic. They were a test - of conventional explosives.

Meanwhile, American scientists in California, state they have found a way to "hide" the subterranean explosion of a nuclear bomb. Which could only be detected - by the underground shock waves given off. Just

as an earthquake - is detected. And they say those  
shock waves could be disguised so as to seem - like a  
distant earthquake.

Reports - of a hurricane in the South Pacific.  
Winds of almost hurricane force - lashed the island of Efate,  
in the New Hebrides. Eighty percent of the buildings flattened.  
Eighty percent of the food crop - wiped out by the lashing of  
the gale. Not even the wall of a hospital, built of powerful  
concrete, could resist the blast of the hurricane.

No report on casualties - but, today, a French vessel  
was on its way to the island, to take off twelve hundred  
women and children - whom the savage <sup>(storm)</sup> ~~REVER~~ left without shelter.

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## HURRICAIN

Fantastic report - of a hurricane in the South Pacific.  
Winds of almost incredible force - lashing the island of ~~Stony~~  
~~in~~ the New Hebrides. Eighty percent of the buildings <sup>on one island</sup> flattened.  
Ninety percent of the food crop - wiped out by the lashing of  
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last night. Battering - ships at sea. The Matson Liner,  
"Monterey," damaged by the fury of wind and wave.

## CATANIA

A discovery, which certainly sounds alarming - made at the Sicilian city of Catania. The people there - exposed to radiation, ~~Twice~~ Twice as much radio-activity as is considered safe.

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Which might suggest - an atomic plant in the neighborhood. But it is due - to something else. Mt. Etna that volcano of ancient reknown. Catania - situated at the foot of Mt. Etna. The fire mountain - to blame for the radiation.

In the streets of Catania - an abnormal amount. Inside the houses - much more. Homes in Catania - built of volcanic stone, lava, from old eruptions of Mt. ~~St. Etna.~~ <sup>Etna.</sup> The ~~stone~~ stone - radio active.

This is a condition which has existed for centuries. So what's the effect on the people? Exposed to radiation - twice as much as is considered safe? Nothing at all, apparently. No sign of radiation sickness, or any genetic change - any effect on inheritance.

8 Scientists are saying - this may bring about a revision

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its own accord. For a wild run - down the track. Now -  
two switch engines, doing the same thing.

In the railroad yard at Richmond - two of these  
locomotives. Standing side by side. When they  
started out with no load aboard. One - heading to <sup>the</sup> <sub>A</sub> <sup>bridge</sup>  
bridge across the James River. It E ran out of power - and the  
other one kept going. Hitting it at twenty-five miles an  
hour, for nearly seventy miles <sup>through</sup> <sub>A</sub> Virginia, until train-  
men - were able to catch the runaway switch engine, and close  
the trestle. Luckily, no damage done.

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## SWITCH ENGINE

What's getting into - switch engines? Some pretty spirit - making them cut out and misbehave? Somewhile ago, we had the story of a switch engine <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ started out, on its own accord, ~~for~~ a wild run - down the track. Now - two switch engines, doing the same thing.

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In the railroad yard at Richmond - two of these humble Diesel locomotives. Standing side by side. When they started out - with ~~no~~ body aboard. One - coming to <sup>a</sup> halt on a bridge across the James River. It ~~it~~ ran out of power - but the other one kept going. Hitting it up at twenty-five miles an hour, for nearly seventy miles <sup>right on</sup> through Virginia, Until trainmen - were able to catch the runaway switch engine, and close the trottle. Luckily, no damage done.

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## NIGHT

I want to be one of the first - making a protest against a possible project - outlined by Navy scientists. A scheme to abolish the night. No hours of darkness at all - just perpetual day.

They say it could be done by putting a huge cloud of dust - into orbit around this earth - a cloud resembling - one of the rings of Saturn. A dust cloud - reflecting sunlight after the sun has set, and thus eliminate the hours of night.

Well, they can argue that it would save a lot of artificial electric light. But it's a nightmare to think - of no darkness at all.

I have acute memories - of not being able to go to sleep in the Arctic, during the Summer months with their twenty-four hours of daylight. Tossing - in bed, thinking, wondering what to do - wishing for darkness.

## ABOMINABLE

An astonishing report - from the Himalayas. That an abominable snowman - ate a Russian.

Such is the statement made by Himalayan porters - who guided a Soviet expedition on the Tibetan side of Mt. Everest. The Russians were in quest of those mysterious creatures said to exist in the Himalayas. They set forth as a four-man team - and one was lost. The native porters insisting - that he was killed and devoured by an Abominable Snowman!

However, this is not the opinion of the head Lama of the Rongbuk Monastery, near Mt. Everest; who is now in exile at Katmandu, in Nepal. The High Lama heard about this Russian misadventure before he became a fugitive and says - one of the Soviet mountaineers was lost, but he believes he was caught in an avalanche.

Does this mean that the head Lama does believe - in the Abominable Snowman, which the Himalayan

mountaineers call - the Yeti? No - the head Lama says that personally he hasn't seen a Yeti. Nor has he met anyone who has. But, he adds:- "I've heard the peculiar cry. Believed to come - from the Yeti."

A weird cry Dick - echoing among Hinalayian peaks. Well, it hasn't happened, but it comes to mind when we hear of a shopping tour in Paris, made by Khrushchev's daughter Nadia, and his son-in-law - Alexei. (The last two syllables are pronounced sy-ee).

Nadia, buying toys for the children. Alexei - buying in a stock of practical jokes. Exploding cigars, jumping match boxes, live locking spiders, and forks that bend when you try to use them.

A playful character is Alexei, and you can go ahead and imagine - Khrushchev finding a big spider in the soup.

## EDITOR

I had one from Fantana, California but here's one from Europe to tickle the imagination. At the Kremlin, Khrushchev is handed - a big cigar, he lights it - and, bang! Nikita - the victim of that old practical joke, the exploding cigar.

Well, it hasn't happened, but it comes to mind - when we hear of a shopping tour in Paris, made by Khrushchev's daughter Rada, and his son-in-law - Alexei. (The last two syllables are pronounced Ay-ee).

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