

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here's dramatic news: -- The C I A broke its traditional ~~xxxx~~ silence today -- on direct order from President Johnson, The President, feeling -- that we should all know the true state-- of the Soviet economy.

Which is -- pretty awful, according to our Intelligence Department. Involving -- borrowed capital, make shift solutions, and unbalanced development. All this, demanding -- a complete over haul; Like the chemical industry -- which Khruchshev wants to expand. It will cost him -- two billion dollars worth of western equipment -- in the view of the C I A.

SCRANTON

The Republican delegation from Pennsylvania -- is taking the Governor of Pennsylvania at his word. Dropping -- the "Scranton for President" boom.

Governor Scranton has been mentioned as a Republican dark horse -- ever since his successful campaign in the keystone State. But today, he flatly declared -- that he is not working for the G O P nomination, and does not want anyone else -- to work for him.

All of which led to the delegation decision to go to the convention -- uncommitted. That is not support Governor Scranton as a favorite son on the first ballot.

But, a lot of the Pennsylvania delegates still hope the convention will nominate Scranton. They hope to get a chance to vote -- for their Governor.

Later word -- from Washington Republican leaders are still trying to pressure him into running.

GOLDWATER

The first real hassle of this presidential year-- seems to be building up around missiles. Or rather, around Senator Goldwater's assertion--that the long range American missiles are "undependable". The Arizona candidate for the nomination--made the statement in Portsmouth, New Hampshire during his swing through the state--in his bid for the primary.

Today the Pentagon answer from the Secretary of Defense is that the Goldwater allegation "completely misleading also--"damaging to the national security." According to McNamara, our missile program is dependable and has the support of all the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

DEFECTOR

That turnabout defector from Red China is causing something of a crisis - between Formosa and Japan. You may recall that Chou Hung-Ching left a ~~px~~ Peking technical mission in Tokyo last October, And asked the Japanese government for asylum. Which was granted - to the delight of the Formosa nationalists.

Then - Chou changed his mind. Why? He says he wants to return - to his wife. Taipei charges that he was brain washed - by Japanese Reds. And Chiang Kai-Shek specifically requested - that the defector not be sent back to Red China. That he be sent - to Formosa.

Today he sailed - for the mainland. Bound - for Peking. Chiang Kai Shek, responding - by ~~xxxx~~ closing the Formosa Embassy in Tokyo. International complications, caused by - a turnabout defector from Red China.

CHOU

The Premiers of Red China and Albania - agree about Khrushchev. We've known that - for a long time. But today it became official in Tirana - when Chou En-Lai and Enver Hoxha signed their joint communique.

The two Red leaders excoriate what they term - "capitulation to capitalism." That is - the Khrushchev policy of peaceful co-existence. They add that they will adhere to revolutionary Communism - no matter how many deals Khrushchev may make with the West. Albania, still a strong supporter of Peking - in the ideological dispute with Moscow.

After a warm send-off by the Albanian Reds - Chou En Lai flew to Tunis. His strategy there - to persuade the Tunisian government to recognize Red China. And to persuade the Tunisian Communist Party - to line up with Mao Tse Tung against Khrushchev.

SEARCH

Let's take a look at some of the statistics of the search - for the Air Force globemaster that disappeared on New Years Day. The search - spanned the Pacific. Including air fields in California, Hawaii, Guam, and Japan. Sixty nine planes logged - four thousand hours of flying time. Three hundred - sorties. Covering six hundred thousand square miles - of the greatest ocean ^{of them all.} ~~on our planet.~~ Three picket ships were stationed at strategic spots - to coordinate the search.

That's the way it was - for a week after the globemaster disappeared. Today - only five planes on duty. The search - petering out. Hope, ~~no~~ just about abandoned for the nine men - who were last heard from only three hours from Honolulu, ~~On~~ - New Year's Day.

PLANE

The Argentine airline that crashed fifty miles from Buenos Aires--caught fire in the air. The pilot managed to radio that much information--along with a request for emergency preparations at the Zarate airfield. Losing altitude too rapidly--he tried to make a forced landing on a highway. Result--a catastrophic crackup. The area, littered with wreckage. The toll--twenty-eight killed in the crash. Three--critically injured.

SATELLITES

The head of the US space program reports--
twenty-five straight successes. James Webb referring to--the
putting of American satellites in orbit, saying that the
technique of our space scientists is now virtually fool
proof in that department. That the only failures of the
past year were non-orbital experiments, rocket testing,
depth probes across the solar system--and so on. But when it
comes to putting a satellite into orbit around the earth--
that's routine according to James Webb of the Space
Administration.

What can we expect from them this year. For one
thing a spectacular is scheduled--for the end of this month.
Saturn One--to carry twenty thousand pounds--into orbit.
Saturn One, the most powerful rocket in the world--as far
as we know.

SPACE

Have you ever wondered what happens to obsolete satellites?--The answer is that they end up in a "junkyard in space." So says the British Magazine "Flight" in commenting on the number of rockets men have fired into orbit so far. Many hundreds--by now. The booster usually goes into the so-called space junk yard--as soon as it detaches from its payload. As for the capsule--that remains a shiny new model as long as--the instruments keep functioning. When the instruments go dead--^{then} the capsule is like a car without a motor. It may keep moving--under gravitational forces. But, its already in the junk yard--the junk yard--in outer space, a term Dick that doesn't exactly have a poetic ring.

GRETNA GREEN

The land of Lochinvar and Gretna Green. Where would that be? This dispatch comes from Scotland, from Gretna Green, the place to which romantic Scots have been eloping--since the Middle Ages.

The dispatch says that Gretna Green did a record business--last year. Four-hundred-and-seventy-one weddings of eloped couples. Elopements more popular--than in the far off days of Lochinvar.

Here's --an oddity. More than half the couples-- came from the Continent. Continentals who eloped to Scotland's Gretna Green.