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Good Evening Everybody:

Tonight the word "war" is being heard in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, with Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman, deciding to put his troops - "in a state of preparedness". While the British naval commander in Singapore adds that he has enough ships and men to defend Malaysia - should the Prime Minister ask for help.

Meanwhile, the British note to Jakarta - uses the epithet "uncivilized". This reference to what happened to the British Embassy - in the Indonesian capital. More than ten thousand rioters, bursting into the Embassy - and sacking it. Smashing windows, hurling furniture into the compound - ripping the walls with knives. And then they set the building - on fire.

LEAD - 2

Tonight - it's a smoking burned-out hulk.

The British Ambassador and his staff - managed to get away. But the police watched - as the Embassy went up in flames. Hence the London reference to Jakarta - "uncivilized!"

President Sukarno - appears to agree. If he winked when the violence began - he's afraid of it getting out of control. That's the reason for Sukarno's proclamation - of martial law. His order to his troops - to stop the mobs that are rampaging through Jakarta. They began by attacking - everything, British or Malaysian. But they soon turned to looting all shops and beating up pedestrians in general. Flames are lighting up the sky tonight - over Jakarta. Tanks and armoured cars - moving into the city. The Indonesian army attempting to restore order - out of chaos.

U. N.

At the U.N. today, the sharpest verbal dart was thrown by - Formosa. The delegate from Nationalist China, speaking about - a seat for Red China, the demand that has been raised - by Albania and seconded - by the Soviet Union.

Chiang Kai Shek's delegate pointed to - the incongruous spectacle before the General Assembly. The Soviet Union has been calling the men in Peking - "maniacs, criminals, warmongers". Terming Albania - "the cringing cur of the Red Chinese lunatics."

So - what happens at the U.N.? Why the Soviet delegate supports the Albanian delegate - in demanding a seat for Mao Tse-tung. "Rather amusing"- said the delegate from Formosa.

KENNEDY

President Kennedy tomorrow will meet a delegation of Negro Leaders - to discuss the situation in Birmingham. High on the list - what the federal government can do to protect Civil Rights. Roy Wilkins of the N.A.A.C.P. is sure to mention - the two points he made today:- First - an end to Federal funds for Alabama, as long as court orders on integration are defied. Second - stronger presidential support for the Civil Rights bill.

After that conference, Mr. Kennedy will leave for New York - to spend the night. Then, on Friday - his speech before the General Assembly of the U.N. A major address on the problems - facing the international organisation.

On Friday afternoon, off for Newport, Rhode Island, a weekend with Mrs. Kennedy - and the children.

TAXES

The President's defense of his tax bill tonight expected to cover much of the ground we've seen before. But he defines his terms more sharply - for the benefit of Congress. Take the question of - economy by the Administration. Critics on Capitol Hill have said they would not vote for a tax cut along with a high level of federal spending. To which the President replies that he'll cut spending for the sake of a tax cut. Specifically with regard to - pump priming as an anti-recession measure.

The President's point - is this: he still thinks that lowering individual and corporation taxes - will give our economy the boost it needs to move into high gear. He still wants that tax reduction - of eleven billion dollars.

HURRICANE

Port Acres, Texas, a suburb of Port Arthur - is under two feet of water tonight. Basements and living rooms flooded - in almost three thousand homes. The inhabitants, fleeing - to higher ground. Civil Defense officials consider it - "a state of extreme emergency".

Port Acres, hardest hit - of the towns along the Texas-Louisiana (segment) of the Gulf Coast, hit by hurricane "Cindy"

But the deluge is already beginning to ease up. And the weather bureau in New Orleans predicts a gradual return to normal during the next day or two.

SPACE

At Cape Canaveral an "Asset" - that is also something of a liability. "Asset" - the name of our flying laboratory. It looks like - a slightly rotund arrowhead, and flies piggy-back - on a Thor rocket.

Our scientists have built six "Assets" - for a series of tests on the best shape for spaceships.

The first "Asset" - a success. Thundering forty miles into the sky - before climbing over the "top" of its flight arc. And falling back - into the Atlantic.

But the space shot was a failure in the sense - that the flying laboratory disappeared. Evidently it's lost - at the bottom of the Atlantic. Our "Asset," gone - along with its package of instruments.

TREE

You all know this line of poetry: "I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree". Now the tree that inspired the poet - will never inspire anyone again.

It was a famous oak - on the campus at Rutgers University. Sixty-eight feet tall - with branches more than one hundred feet across. Age of the tree - possibly three hundred years.

Joyce Kilmer sat under the Rutgers oak - when he was an undergraduate, and wrote his poem "Trees". Since Kilmer was killed during World War One - he never saw his oak again. If you've been at Rutgers you probably noticed that it was dead. Today - they chopped it down.

Now both have disappeared - into history and legend, Dick, Joyce Kilmer - and the oak that inspired "I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree".

MOON

A contract that has just been awarded by the Army Engineers for an American base on the moon. Westinghouse, getting almost half-a-million dollars - to develop a nuclear reactor for the base. The reactor would generate fuel - for spaceships.

There's the picture. Spaceships lined up at our lunar way-station - like Army trucks at a fuel depot. The astronauts, getting their tanks loaded - and then taking off for Mars or Venus.

Another chapter of Jules Verne on its way to becoming a reality.