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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Crisis in Red China -- marked today by a frank announcement from Radio Peking; admitting that Chairman Mao's "cultural revolution" -- has failed to date to achieve its purpose to ^{purge} all his opponents. Even now -- "conspiracies for staging counter-revolution" are still afoot -- said Peking.

A second broadcast tonight -- from Radio Moscow, called that "cultural revolution" -- "a complete fiasco."

At least insofar as its stated goal to "seize the revolution and turn it to the benefit of the great masses."

This evident, said Moscow -- in latest orders from Chairman Mao, placing greater emphasis on material production -- imposing fewer sanctions against his political opponents -- and putting a leash on those fanatical Red Guards.

GENEVA

Vice President ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey -- off and running today on his West European trip. First stop -- Geneva, ~~where~~ -- among other things -- he was briefed on results of the latest Geneva disarmament talks.

The Vice President's grand tour -- to cover seven nations in two weeks with his task, reportedly, to try to convince our European allies -- to join in supporting a joint Soviet ~~and~~ American "ban the bomb" treaty.

Be that as it may -- Hubert Humphrey later telling reporters -- he is "not attempting to act as a negotiator." "My mission" -- said he -- "is one in which I come as a friend -- as a student -- as a partner."

NEW DELHI FOLLOW GENEVA

India advances to the threshold of the "Nuclear Club."

Foreign Minister Chagla announcing today at New Delhi --

that India now has the "nuclear capability" and know-how --

to produce an atom bomb. But will be used for "peaceful

purposes only."

VIETNAM

News from Vietnam tells today -- of the single-day loss of eight American helicopters. Seven while ferrying government troops into battle in the Mekong Delta.

However, five of these made it safely to earth. The men they carried -- joining in a battle that claimed the lives of more than a hundred and forty Viet Cong. South Vietnamese losses -- called "light."

Here at home there was an appeal today from a panel of Senate defense experts, urging the President to heed the advice of U.S. Commanders in the field -- and quote "strike more meaningful military targets in North Vietnam."

Also -- at the Pentagon disclosure of ~~1~~ one possible reason for Hanoi's continued refusal to talk peace. Capture of enemy documents is said to show that Viet Cong Commanders have been grossly exaggerating their successes in reports to the North; at the same ~~time~~⁹ time --

greatly underestimating their own losses.

This just in: A sixteen-man U. S. and South Vietnamese Patrol -- reportedly ambushed tonight near the big American Marine Base at Chu Lai. First reports -- indicating only two survivors.

MANILA

Another war in Vietnam -- the war against Bubonic plague -- subject of an international conference that began today at Manila; where delegates from the World Health Organization were drawing plans for escalation of their attack against the dread disease.

In the last fourteen months -- three hundred and fifty-one confirmed cases of the plague in Vietnam, with the present death toll -- set at twenty-six. Health officials saying, however, that the unofficial toll -- may be running about five times that reported to authorities. Also it is presenting a threat -- to all of Southeast Asia.

SUPREME COURT

The greatest merger in railroad history -- was temporarily sidetracked today by the U.S. Supreme Court. By a vote of five-to-four -- the high court blocking a combination of the New York Central and the Pennsylvania; pending further hearings before the Interstate Commerce Commission -- to insure protection for three smaller Eastern lines -- the Erie-Lackawanna, Delaware and Hudson, and The Boston and Maine; who fear they would soon be overwhelmed by the giant line -- threatened by the proposed merger.

FRANCE

The French Coast -- from Hendaye to Dunkirk -- a beachcombers' paradise today, with the sun and the moon joining forces in a colossal tug-of-war; to force a massive withdrawal of waters -- from Atlantic and Channel Coasts.

This is called the fabled -- "Tide of the Century."

And the first since January, Nineteen-Hundred. Dropping water levels by forty feet -- and baring -- uncovering -- the ocean floor for a distance of six miles from land.

Among the finds: The remains of a Stone Age cemetery -- off Le Havre; in Brittany -- the remains of a Gallic-Roman fortress; at nearby Saint Mathieu -- a number of cannon from a sunken galleon; and off Normandy -- the wreck of the cruiser Admiral Courbet, scuttled by Allied Forces in Nineteen-Forty-Four -- to serve as a breakwater during D-Day landings.

The exposed sea naturally was a gathering place for searchers and sightseers, until the waters turned at mid-

afternoon setting off a mad-scramble for safety; which wasn't necessary because the "Tide of the Century" returned slowly, to normal.

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LAND'S END

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the sixteen million settlement in the sinking of the
Italian liner Andrea Doria a decade ago.

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WHITE HOUSE

In Washington -- the White House grounds were mobbed today; by a happy crowd of nearly seventeen thousand children and their parents -- taking part in the annual White House Easter egg roll.

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North Vietnamese Radio. He insisted, however, there had been "no categorical rejection" of the offer. "It is my intention to pursue these ideas" -- said he.

President Johnson also expressing the hope -- that Hanoi will accept the peace proposal. Secretary of State Dean Rusk said there is no evidence -- public or private -- to indicate that it