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Good Evening Everybody:

Lyndon Johnson backs the Kennedy joint-moon project. The proposed cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union. President Johnson - repeats the offer, announced today by Adlai Stevenson at the United Nations.

Will it happen - American astronauts and Soviet Cosmonauts? It's now up to Khrushchev.

JOHNSON

Also, President Johnson today tackled that tough problem - integration. Conferring with Whitney Young of the National Urban League - about negro unemployment. The negro leader urging the President to initiate a public works program to ease the situation.

help for . . . The President also conferred with Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges - on the budget, the budget for Nineteen sixty five he must submit to Congress in eight weeks. Secretary Hodges promises to hold spending down as much as possible.

MRS KENNEDY

Jacqueline Kennedy received some three hundred thousand letters, and 26 thousand telegrams within a week of the President's assassination.

Today a bill moved quickly through the House to provide the former First Lady with free mail, office help for six months, and an office for the same length of time.

The lawmakers also agreed to special secret service protection for Mrs. Kennedy and the children.

TIPPIT FOLLOW KENNEDY

As for the family of the Dallas policeman - who was killed by Lee Oswald, more than eighty thousand dollars so far has poured into the Dallas police department - with sacks of mail - addressed to Mrs. Tippit.

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OPPENHEIMER

There is irony in this year's award of the Enrico Fermi Prize. The winner was a colleague of Fermi - at the time of the first nuclear reaction exactly twenty-one years ago today. Later, he was administrator of the laboratory at Los Alamos, New Mexico -- where the atomic bomb was developed. Later still he was dubbed a security risk by a special board of inquiry - and dropped as consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission.

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SINO-SOVIET

The split in the ranks of the two Communist giants grows more and more complicated.

Red China, say the experts is now demanding that Khrushchev and the Kremlin make a compromise with the Chinese line of no-compromise, before they, that is , the Chinese, will compromise with Moscow. Mao Tse Tung demands - a tough line with the West. Khrushchev said to be flatly refusing.

VENEZUELA

In Venezuela tonight it appears virtually certain that President Romulo Betancourt's line of government - will be continued.

Raul Leoni - picked by the President as his successor - seems to be rolling up a massive victory with more than half of the vote already counted, he has a lead over his rivals of more than two hundred thousand votes. Most of them from Caracas, which the Government lost in the last election when it swept the interior.

More than ninety per cent of the voters turned out, in spite of the pro-Castro terrorists who have been trying to make them stay home. There was one death and six were wounded - including one American Newspaperman, in Caracas. Snipers fired on lines of voters - and attacked police stations. In the interior of the country voting was orderly for the most part. But about four hundred ballots were set on

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fire in one town - by Communist guerrillas. However, the townspeople will vote again.

All in all, Castro's followers have no reason to congratulate themselves -- on the Venezuelan elections.

Only this morning the world rejoiced with a wedding in the West. The match between the Maharaja's son - and a Sarah Lawrence College student - Hope Cook of New York. Thousands attended the colorful Himalayan celebration of their marriage, a strange combination of age-old eastern customs - with a few western notes. South-seers and astrologers - selecting the date of the marriage.

Today the former Maharaja's husband is the Maharaja. He reigned with absolute power and she - the American girl, is the queen. The Maharaja had been ill for some time and again appeared last night.

SIKKIM

There is mourning tonight in Sikkim - that tiny, mysterious land in the far-off Himalayas, surrounded by some of the tallest mountains in the world. Mourning for the death of the seventy-one year old Maharaja - who died today in Calcutta.

Only this spring the world rejoiced with Sikkim in the unexpected, romantic match between the Maharaja's son - and a Sarah Lawrence College student - Hope Cook of New York. Thousands attended the colorful Himalayan celebration of their marriage, a strange combination of age-old eastern customs - with a few western notes. Sooth-sayers and astrologers - selecting the date of the marriage.

Today the former debutante's husband is the Maharaja - a deified monarch with absolute power. And she, the American girl, is the queen, the Maharanee. The late Maharaja had been ill for some time, and again occurred that odd adjustment between East and West.

The monarch's sooth-sayers selecting the hour at which Dr. William Foley of New York - who had flown out to treat the Maharaja - should be permitted to see him.

We don't know if the sooth-sayers - managed to diagnose their ruler's condition. But Dr. Foley did. Modern medical techniques had told him - before he even saw his patient - that the Maharaja was suffering from incurable cancer.

Now the astrologers are turning their art once more - to a sad task. That of calculating the best time to take the Maharaja back to Sikkim -- for a royal state funeral.

When we were on our way to Tibet 14 years ago, Lowell Jr. and I spent a night in a mountain cabin, with the new ruler of Sikkim. We found him to be a hospitable, attractive young man -- wise beyond his years. The wisdom of the Himalayas - and of the West.

L. T.

I'm broadcasting from a New York hospital tonight - next door to the George Washington Bridge. Actually, they have me in the same room where I visited Arthur Godfrey some years ago at a critical moment in his colorful life. I've never forgotten Arthur's marvelous spirit, the night before his big adventure. What a magnificent comeback he has made. It's enough to inspire anyone who happens to be assigned to that same room.

In my case I am just in for that routine check up we all should have every year or so.

Tomorrow if they give me a little time off I think I'll wander around the hospital and see if I can uncover anything interesting. I'm sure I will. In fact, Dick, I'm sure you could write an interesting book just about what happens in a great metropolitan hospital in any one day.

AUSTRIA

The Austrian government is saying tonight that those divers who have been combing the bottom of Lake Toplitz for the last six weeks - found just what they were expected to find. Instead of any hidden treasure dumped there by the Nazis after World War Two, up came bags and bags of counterfeit English bank notes. The whole lot not worth tu-pence. But they cost the Austrian government ninety thousand dollars to thus put an end to rumors of treasure, and stop people who have been rising their lives diving in that lake, because they thought all that treasure was there.