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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Flying South from Mont Tremblant far up in Quebec, I had the good luck to land at LaGuardia just ahead of the big storm here in the East -- otherwise, I'd still be in the Laurentians. Some storm! Flying from Canada, in The Montreal Star I read a dramatic story about the glamorous new Prime Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau. You may recall that he was Justice Minister in the previous government, = the Lester Pearson Cabinet. Along with Pearson he campaigned for a new bi-lingual federation. The idea being for French Canadians to be assured that all Canada would be their home - not just Quebec and some other areas where most of them live.

Now, young Pierre Trudeau is the Prime

Minister, as you know and he says he's fed up because parts of Canada are dragging their feet over this bi-lingual matter.

According to the Montreal Star he says if the bi-lingual plan is ~~is~~ dropped the people of Quebec will quickly turn to Separatism and he'll resign and go looking for a new job, perhaps in Washington or Europe. As the ~~Star~~ Star put it, "he'll just take his bat and ball to another country."

OTTAWA

From Ottawa - Canada's Foreign Minister Mitchell Sharp - announced today a move to exchange diplomats with Red China.

The government of Sweden - serving as intermediary between the two countries - said Sharp. Adding that he expects a reply from Peking "before long" - as he put it.

What about Canada's current relationship with Nationalist China? That - he didn't say.

WEST BERLIN

Elsewhere in the news - U S Britain and
France - united as one today for the first time in
a long long ^{while} ~~time~~ Rejecting as totally unjustified -
an East German plan for severely restricting ground
traffic in West Berlin. This - as ^{you} ~~you know~~ no doubt -
~~know~~ know an attempt to head off a special Berlin
meeting of the West Berlin assembly next month.

The West ~~and~~ Germans there to elect a new President -
and the Communists don't like it. However, the big
Three Western powers ^{were} noting precedence for the meeting
- in three previous sessions of the Assembly in West
Berlin.

MOSCOW-KEY BISCAIYNE FOLLOW WEST BERLIN

~~Moscow~~ More on the same - from Moscow ;
where the Kremlin charged today that President Nixon's
planned visit to West Berlin - would only complicate
an already dangerous ~~is~~ situation.

Here at home - a quick answer from the Florida
White House. Asserting that the President has no
intention of changing his travel plans. ^{Does this mean} Like the late
J. F. K. Richard Nixon ^{is} telling the Kremlin in effect:
"Icht bin ein Berliner."

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - time out for consultation. As you may have heard - South Vietnam's Vice President Ky - headed ~~to~~ back ~~for~~ for Saigon. Now - North Viet Nam's Le Duc Tho - likewise headed for home. Departing today for Hanoi - by way of Moscow and Peking. Raising hopes of perhaps a break in the present Paris deadlock. On the basis maybe of recent secret peace talks.

Meanwhile, the war goes on. In Vietnam itself allied troops searching out a ~~number of~~ number of enemy supply caches, including one barely a day's march ~~from~~ from Saigon. At the same time - U S B-fifty-tuos were attacking enemy tragets even closer to the capital. Concussion from the bomb - rattling windows in downtown Saigon.

NEW YORK

Here in the East - the ^{major headline tonight -} ~~big story today:~~

8 yrs since we had anything like it.

The big snow ~~of sixty-nine.~~ As you ~~must~~ have heard
In N.Y. city ~~by now - up to~~ ^{And in some areas 2 feet of it,} fifteen inches ~~of the white stuff,~~ With

winds of up to fifty miles an hour - making it seem
more like fifteen feet. The drifting snow ~~is~~ crippling
transportation - stranding thousands - all but paralyzing
the entire mid-Atlantic seacoast.

~~■~~ For the first time in history - the New York
Stock Exchange bowing to the elements - failing to ~~open~~
open today. The United Nations - ~~slowly~~ also
immobilized, another rarity. In some cases - even
snow ~~plows~~ failing to get through with ~~the~~ abandoned
trucks and cars making ~~the~~ the clean-up job ~~extremely~~
difficult - often well-nigh impossible. ~~■~~ And a
threat of more snow still to come.

GARMISCH PARKENKIRCHEN

After low these many years - Doctor Zhivago returns to Russia - after a fashion at least. The story from Moscow by way of Garmisch Parkenkirchen in the Bavarian Alps - where the European skating championships were held over the weekend. Russia's Serge Chetveroonun performing his ice routine - to the strains of Lara's Theme from the movie version of Doctor Zhivago. The entire performance - relayed back to Moscow by television. Dr. Zhivago - the book - long since banned in Russia. Also, the movie - of course. Turns out though - the Iron Curtain isn't sound proof. Countless Russians, recognizing the Zhivago theme almost instantly. As one young Muscovite put it. "I have never read the book - I have never seen the film. But somehow hearing the music - I know what it's all about."

How's the weather where you are, Warren? Outside my studio window here in the hills of Dutchess County, the drifts are from five to ten feet high. Spectacular!

For years - Social Scientist⁵ have been warning
about teen-age marriages, often ending in early divorce.
Now a sudden discovery that marriages of twenty years
or more - are breaking up at an alarming rate. This
according to Dr. Alfred Messer, of Emery University.
Reporting that these - old^{er} married couples - presently
~~■~~ account for twenty-five percent of all divorces.

Main reason - according to Dr. Messer: The
fact that the U S has become ~~■~~ a child oriented
~~■~~ society. When the children are grown, ^{off they go} ~~and gone~~ -
leaving the parents with nothing to hold them together.

Suggested solution - ~~■~~ says the doctor -
for husbands and wives - to start "dating" each other
again. ~~This "courtship" if successful - said he -~~
~~a perfect prelude to a "second honeymoon."~~