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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Another Civil Rights march today in Selma, Alabama -- this one led by six Roman Catholic nuns. Some fifteen hundred white and Negro demonstrators in all -- marching on the County Courthouse -- focal point of the Negroes' voter registration drive. But turned back less than a block from where they started -- by a steel-helmeted column of state troopers, sheriff's possemen and city police.

Five hundred others attempted to reach the courthouse by a different route -- but also were turned back. The demonstrations banned by Selma Mayor Joe Smitherman -- on the grounds that Civil Rights workers were angered by the beating of three White ministers. To permit a march -- he said -- would be "unsafe."

One of those beaten ministers -- reported losing ground tonight in his fight for life. The Reverend James Reeb of

Boston -- in "poor" condition at a Birmingham hospital. His heart said to have stopped twice prior to surgery this morning to relieve pressure on the brain. Mr. Reeb clubbed to the ground by a gang of white toughs -- after eating in a Negro restaurant. Three of the suspected attackers arrested late today. -- (a fourth still being sought. All said to be associated -- in a Selma used car business.)

Meanwhile, still another freedom march at Montgomery -- fifty miles from Selma. More than a thousand Negro demonstrators -- most of them students at Tuskegee Institute -- marching to the foot of the white marble steps of the state capitol -- in support of the Selma movement. The marchers surrounded by a horde of city police, state troopers and mounted deputies. But as in Selma -- no violence.

Former President Eisenhower today launched a vigorous counter-attack--on President Johnson's program for a "Great Society."

Gen. Eisenhower charging the federal government with attempting to assume powers and responsibilities--that belong rightfully at the state and local level.

Ike scoffing at Administration proposals--to deal with such problems as training police, kindergarten attendance, automobile junkyards and apartment rents.

If these policies are to be carried out--said the former President, then the American concept of a limited federal government--"is about to vanish." And with it--the traditional freedoms, initiative and ingenuity.

SUKARNO

From Jakarta today -- news of a sharp turnabout in Indonesian policy. President Sukarno stating that he is ready now -- to talk peace with Malaysia. Offering to attend another "summit" meeting with Malaysia and the Philippines -- if it will help resolve his long-standing claim to Borneo. Adding that if a new United Nations survey shows the people of Borneo wish to remain in the Malaysian Federation-- "then I agree with Malaysia." That according to Sukarno.

SINGAPORE FOLLOW SUKARNO

But from Singapore -- in neighboring Malaysia -- a far different story. There -- a time bomb today ripping through a British-owned office building -- killing two women and unjuring a more than thirty others. The blast reverberating through the nearby State Palace -- believed set by terrorist agents -- from Indonesia.

As we know all of South East Asia is threatened by the Reds. And here is one more report I recently made on tape, on my way home.

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Someone is always asking me such questions as: "What do you consider the most interesting country in the world?" And, I usually reply: Tibet. Meaning Tibet as it was before it was overrun by the Chinese Reds." But, the most beautiful country in the world? That could be Burma -- with its fabulous cities, Rangoon, Mandalay, Moulmein, etc.; its great rivers, the Irrawaddy, the Salween, the Chindwin, and so on; its many races of colorful people, all in their different exotic costumes, the Shans, the Karins, the Chins, the Kachins, the Nagas, and those who are just called Burmese; its jungles; its elephants piling teak or working in the forests; the high mountains; the western Himalayas of upper Burma; and perhaps above all, its thousands, its tens of thousands, in fact its scores of thousands of white pagodas, or golden pagodas. No wonder U Thant, the charming Secretary General of the United Nations, is proud of his country!

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always looked upon the Burmese as the happiest of people, for they live in a land that is the next thing to paradise.

A friend of mine, a Burmese, has just succeeded in getting away from Rangoon. It took him six months to get a travel permit. That's how tough it is. He says that Burma has been pretty much taken over by the Communists. He tells me you even find the Army running the stores in Rangoon, soldiers in control of important shops, hotels, and so on. He did add that once you get away from the cities, the people of the jungle and the mountains, are in open revolt. Everywhere, marauding bands, dacoits. So that much of Burman is in a state of paralysis.

Even if Mr. U Thant did not have an ulcer as a result of the strain of trying to solve the U.N.'s financial problems, he could get one just reading reports from his own beautiful country.

VIET NAM

And here's the latest: —

The intervention of U.S. jet bombers in Viet Nam -- was credited today with averting a major military disaster. The Communist Viet Cong attempting to cut off Highway Nineteen in Binh Dinh Province -- key supply route to the inland city of Pleiku. The Reds seeking to isolate the second Vietnamese Army Corps -- as the French were cut off in the same area -- in the same way -- in Nineteen Fifty-Four.

But ~~the~~ U.S. jets blasting ^{ed} Communist positions along Highway Nineteen -- dropping thousands of bombs on Viet Cong strongholds in Binh Dinh, ~~and now~~ reported ^{ly} ~~to have~~ ^{ing} turned the tide of battle. ~~As of~~ Tonight -- Highway Nineteen open again -- with traffic and supplies flowing freely.

BABY

Last week I reported the birth of an Italian infant -- weighing nineteen pounds, five ounces. Tonight -- news of another unusual birth from Chicago -- a youngster three-and-a-half-feet tall.

The new arrival -- a baby camel. The first of its species born at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo -- in more than twenty-five years.

The papa camel named Henry -- the mother Cashmere. Their daughter's name -- to be chosen by a vote of school children, Dick. Any suggestions? Daughter of Cashmere -- why not Shalimar?

DUTCH

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands today announced the engagement of her daughter -- Princess Margriet -- to the son of a prominent Dutch businessman. The young man -- Peter Van Vollenhove -- to become the first commoner -- ever to marry into the ancient House of Orange.

But more important to the Dutch -- he is a Dutchman -- and not a foreigner. You may recall -- the nation thrown into a turmoil last year -- when Margriet's sister Irene -- married a French pretender to the Spanish throne. By contrast -- Premier Victor Marijnen today praising Margriet's choice; -- and hailing Van Vollenhove as -- "a son of our people."