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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A unique proposal today from Senator Dirksen. The Illinois Republican suggesting that in the future national elections should be held not on Tuesdays -- but on Sundays, as they are in most of Europe. In fact, the Senate Minority Leader today introducing a bill to that effect -- urging the adoption of the first Sunday in November as the official election day.

Dirksen conceding that some groups -- might object to a Sunday voting date; but arguing that the change would mean a "tremendous increase" -- in the number of persons who would be able to vote.

"Never On Sunday?" To Sen. Dirksen, that song is irrelevant.

WARREN

Lasting peace can be achieved only through a rule of law--said Chief Justice Warren today to an international Peace Conference in New York--attended by nearly two thousand intellectuals from fourteen different countries.

Justice Warren noting that domestic law has made great progress since ancient times-but not so international law. Adding that if we really want peace on earth-if we believe that order is achieved through law-then we should make world peace through law our major preoccupation."

"This is not merely the job of governments" said the Chief Justice. "It is the job of the religions of the world--and of every moral force that can be brought to bear."

ALABAMA

The F B I today launched a full scale investigation - into the latest outbreak of racial violence in Marion, Alabama. A short while later, Alabama Governor ~~George~~ Wallace offered his promise of a ~~an~~ parallel investigation by state and local authorities.

In the meantime, Marion's city police today arrested a white resident of that city - in the attack on ABC newsman Richard Valeriani. Identified only as Sam Dozier - the Marion man was booked on a charge of ~~an~~ assault and battery.

Valeriani was the most severely beaten - of a group of newsmen attacked by a white mob last night in Marion. He is confined tonight to Good Samaritan Hospital - in nearby Selma, Alabama.

Jimmy Lee Jackson - a negro shot ~~on the~~ in the stomach in an unrelated incident last night in Marion - remains in critical condition tonight, at the same hospital.

TRAWLER

Foreign intrigue on the high seas - that story today from the crew of an American fishing trawler out of Newport, Rhode Island. Here's the story, as told by skipper John Francis.

The American trawler Ruth and Ann disabled off Montauk Point, New York - its radio also conking out. The Ruth and Ann surrounded by nineteen Russian fishing boats - but the Russians refusing to call for help. Instead, a Russian boarding party offering to rescue Francis and his crew, - but only if he signed over complete ownership of the trawler - and all its equipment.

In the end, Francis and his men forced to rig up a temporary sail - and riding the wind to safety. The U S coast Guard today completing the task of towing the Ruth and Ann - back to home port.

VIET NAM

The reaction to the turmoil in Viet Nam - one of extreme caution tonight in Washington. The attempted coup - a sudden and potentially serious blow to U S aims in the Far East.

As a result, the administration carefully refraining from any commitment - to either side. Refusing to back any of the rival military leaders - contending for power.

Washington's silence based in large measure - on the nature of the struggle. With no clear-cut indication yet as to which side will end up on top, - or what government - if any - may be left for us to deal with.

In Viet Nam itself - rebel troops and marines apparently ^{are} in firm control of key points in Saigon.

But South Vietnam's shaken strong man - Lieutenant General Nguyen Khanh - tonight ^{was} calling on loyal paratroopers to launch a counter coup. Vietnam's seventh political

convulsion in sixteen months, further muddying the troubled waters of the Far East.

MITCHELL

That young cave explorer - who died in the New York
cavern called "Schroeder's Pants" -- will remain
there forever. All efforts to recover the body of young
James Mitchell - finally abandoned.

The body now lodged under tons of limestone
and shale -- dislodged by would be rescuers. Two ~~experts~~
experts narrowly escaping death - in the unexpected
rockfall.

The youth's parents resigned at last - to the
fact that recovery efforts ~~are~~ too dangerous to continue.
The New York cavern - to serve as young Mitchell's
permanent grave.

And authorities proceeding with plans to
dynamite its entrance - to prevent any further ~~trg~~ tragedy.

QUAKE

A small section of southern California was jolted today by a sharp earthquake -- but a short one. The tremor centered in Fontana, ~~California~~, -- not far from Pasadena -- registering three point five on the Richter scale. Strong enough to be felt -- but not strong enough to cause any serious damage.

SICILY FOLLOW QUAKE

Three similar brief but sharp tremors -

touched off a near panic today in the Sicilian villages

of Santalfo and Milo on the slopes of Mt. ^{Etna.} ~~Etna~~ There

were no reports of casualties, nor any damage to

speak of. But the villages surrounding the volcano -

~~take no chances~~ fearful of another eruption - ^{and} taking

no chances.

JUNGLE

A paperwork jungle-that's the term used by a congressional sub-committee today - to describe the increasing volume of government paperwork.

According to the report- the government now produces two and a quarter billion forms a year--for public use. That's equivalent to twelve forms a piece- for every man, woman and child in the country. Total cost of producing and processing these forms-twenty-seven billion dollars!

Not surprisingly-says the report-the Internal Revenue Service is the biggest culprit in this paperwork jungle; with four hundred million forms annually-all by itself, Dick.

AVALANCHE

Storm tossed medical teams - have finally reached that shattered mining camp in British Columbia. The one near the Alaskan panhandle - where some twenty miners were buried alive yesterday - ~~an~~ under tons of ice and snow.

A break in a raging blizzard - enabled American helicopters to fly in doctors and ~~men~~ medical supplies.

The first to reach more than a hundred surviving miners - huddled in the only two buildings still standing. The most seriously injured quickly ferried to a U S Coast Guard cutter - standing by in the Chichamin River.

A Canadian rescue unit ~~on~~ enroute to the site overland ~~it~~ so far held up by the howling ~~in~~ winds and raging snow.