

Good Evening Everybody:

When President Johnson met the diplomatic corps assigned to Washington today he summed up his remarks with one word. The word - "change".

Mr. Johnson, reminding his guests at the White House - that the world is being transforme from year to year.

New nations, new problems, new agreements, new discoveries - nothing seems stable anymore. That's why the President believes - that all governments should look for points of common interest. The things that don't change - like the desire for peace and prosperity.

These common principles, in Mr. Johnson's view - permit international cooperation. Stability - in the midst of change.

NATO

The arrival of Secretary of State Rusk in Paris - sets the stage for the first big international conference of the Johnson administration. The Foreign Ministers of the Atlantic Alliance, getting down to - six days of talks. All of the ^{major} ~~big~~ problems - to be given another look. The strength of Nato, the strategy for dealing with the Russians in West Berlin - and so on.

Word from Paris is that these talks will be dominated by - the crisis in the Common Market. De Gaulle's ultimatum that a continental farm policy be agreed on - before the end of this month. The alternative, according to the President of France - French secession from the Common Market.

FLEET

The reason for assigning a task force to the Indian Ocean - is to make the "American presence" felt in that part of the world. Felt - by Red China. A deterrent to Mao Tse-tung's aggression - in Southeast Asia.

The Navy says that the task force will be detached from - our Seventh Fleet. An aircraft carrier, and escort vessels - leaving Pacific waters for a cruise through the East Indies into the Bay of Bengal, Then around the Subcontinent of Hindustan - to the Arabian Sea.

"American presence" - in the Indian Ocean.

SOVIET

AID

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with ~~this measure.~~

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are concerned? But - that's not the way the Soviet
economic, technical and military assistance.
system works. Who would say "Aid" - to Comrade

Khrushchev?
And the Senate gave President Johnson - two
more legislative Christmas presents. One - vocational
education, ~~The~~ other - Manpower training. Congress
approving - Federal aid for both. Cost - over two and
one-half billion dollars.

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WEATHER

The coldest spot in the United States tonight -

Butte, Montana, twenty-eight below. Sub-zero readings

all along our northern tier of states and south - into

the Great Plains.

But the blizzards are over. Tonight - only

scattered flurries.

leaving - four dead. - senseless.

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into a crater - one hundred and fifty feet deep.

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LANDSLIDE

Here's a follow-up ~~to a story we had last~~ night, ~~The~~ story of the landslide at Tourelle - on Canada's Gaspé Peninsula. The river of mud - that cut Tourelle in half. ~~Crushing~~ nine houses - pushing six into the Tourelle River. ~~Knocking~~ down the concrete bridge - and tearing up a thousand feet of highway. Leaving - four dead. Dozens - homeless.

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M.P.

In London, satirical remarks are going around -
- about what happens to a Peer who gives up his title.
Case in point - Quintin Hogg, who used to be Lord
Hailsham, ~~who~~ dropped out of the titled aristocracy -
for a career in the House of Commons, ~~and~~ became
Minister of Science - in the Tory government.

Quintin Hogg went on trial - today. The charge
- assault and battery. A Liberal, filing suit - on
the ex-Lord Hailsham,
the grounds that the Minister of Science punched him
in the eye.

Well, one can imagine politician Quintin Hogg -
taking a punch at some one. But - staid Lord Hailsham?
Scion - of the aristocracy? Son of an Earl - and
Member of the Peerage?

From the House of Lords - a fitting comment, *Dick,*
Said one of their Lordships - "I say, Hailsham really
is a ruddy Commoner, isn't he?"

PLANE

It looks as if Captain Hank Mills of Seattle - is due for a decoration. Probably two of them - one American, and one Spanish.

Captain Mills was flying in formation near Zaragoza - when the pilot of a jet fighter had to bail out. The derelict plane began to lose altitude - in the direction of three Spanish villages. Quickly the American Army Captain zoomed down - on its tail. He maneuvered the wing of his plane under the wing of the jet - and guided it off at an angle, away from - the inhabited area. Then he let it go and watched - as it crashed into a desolate plain.

No casualties in those Spanish villages - because of the quick wittedness of Hank Mills of Seattle. I wonder how he did it?

And so long until Monday.