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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: From Peking by way of Hong Kong -- news today of violent clashes in a number of major cities inside Red China. This, the latest development in a power struggle, presenting the Chinese Communists with their gravest internal crisis since they took over the country in Nineteen Forty-Nine.

According to diplomatic reports, dispatches from foreign newsmen and travelers arriving at Hong Kong -- full-scale rioting is going on in Shanghai and Nanking; plus tales of widespread disorder, torture and atrocities -- in Canton, Foochow, and Peking itself. Farmers, factory workers and civil servants battling youthful Red guards -- in a struggle that could well determine future leadership of Red China.

So far -- China's three million-man army -- reportedly steering clear <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ the fight . Backing neither chairman Mao Tse Tung nor his chief rival -- President Liu Shao-Chi.

LEAD--2

Nevertheless, the situation is believed to be heading for a showdown. Reports from various world capitals, tell of the sudden departure of Chinese diplomats -- heading back to their homeland.

Meanwhile, from London -- a report that Chairman Mao seems to have lost the support of most of his party hierarchy. But he still reportedly has widespread following -- among the Chinese masses.

The situation -- we're told -- is such that all-out civil war is a definite possibility.

HONG KONG

Former Republican Presidential candidate

Barry Goldwater - a visitor today to Hong Kong enroute

home - from his trip to Viet Nam. *In the role of prognosticator, he said* ~~There declaring that~~

~~the~~ Republicans have "less than a fifty-fifty chance - to

*— win the Presidency —*  
come to power" <sup>^</sup> in the next U S election.

Said Goldwater - "Everything depends on

what's happening in Viet Nam. If the war should end

favorably - there is little chance of toppling the Democrats."

Next question: What *if* the war is still on?

As far as politics are concerned - it probably wouldn't

make much difference - said Goldwater, ~~Adding that~~

"a great majority of Americans' - clearly support the

President's handling of the war, ~~And~~ will "continue

to support the President" - said he - "as long as he

handles the war in a way we feel will win."

SAIGON

A dominant theme of Communist propaganda -

at present is a

~~the~~ charge that American fighting men are killing innocent men, women and children in Viet Nam. Which means that the ~~fk~~ following item - will never appear in the Communist press.

~~The~~ story <sup>^</sup> from Saigon, Telling of a Viet

Cong attack - on a force of government rangers. The Viet

Cong <sup>^</sup> using women and children as shields - as they advanced

on the ranger position. With government officers telling

their men to hold their fire - as long as possible. Until

there was no choice - but to shoot or be shot.

When the attackers had been driven off -

when the smoke had cleared - there remained the bodies

of ten small children - in addition to twenty-five women

and children <sup>^</sup> who were wounded in the battle. .

<sup>^</sup> Some ~~of them~~ - obviously victims of

government guns, ~~but~~ others - shot down by the Viet Cong -

when they attempted to flee in terror.

VIET NAM

On the war front - another combined <sup>Viet Cong</sup> ~~Communist~~  
effort today in South Viet Nam; <sup>This one</sup> aimed at blocking vital  
shipping lanes - to and from Saigon.

First ~~step~~ - a dawn attack on the U S Dredge  
Jamaica Bay; <sup>a one</sup> hundred and seventy foot ~~to~~ vessel - said  
to be the fourth biggest dredge in the ~~entire~~ world. Viet  
Cong frogmen slipping aboard the craft - eliminating its  
crew of four - and sinking it with mines attached to the  
hull. Partially blocking a channel of the Mekong River -  
about thirty-five miles southwest of Saigon.

■ Viet Cong terrorists, ashore, later  
attacking two governments minesweepers and a British  
tanker - in a channel of the Saigon River. U. S. spokesmen  
reporting heavy casualties aboard the minesweepers - along  
with two dead on the ~~British~~ British ship.

LANSING

Here at home - Governor Romney of Michigan took newsmen to task today - for what he called - "rather superficial" reporting of his activities on the national scene.

The Governor's comment - in response to a question ~~was~~ as to why he had failed to announce a weekend trip to New York City. Romney replying: "I told you fellows straight out several weeks ago, - that I'm not going to tell you about every appointment or every trip I make." The reason - he went on: "There are too many political anthropologists - who proceed to place a political interpretation on things they don't justify." ~~And this~~ <sup>Which he</sup> ~~said~~ <sup>termed</sup> ~~is~~ "superficial reporting."

Romney next asked the derivation of ~~that~~ <sup>his</sup> term - "political anthropologist." That - said he - is a ~~type~~ reporter who takes one phrase - and builds a story around it; "just as an anthropologist can take a jaw bone - and build a skeleton."

WASHINGTON

Harlem Congressman Adam Clayton Powell - as jaunty and apparently as confident as ever today; when he walked into the Capitol Building in Washington - enroute to a showdown meeting of the House Democratic caucus.

Powell dismissing the seriousness of the confrontation - with a reference to Daniel in the Lion's Den. ~~xxxx~~ Telling reporters: "Don't forget. Daniel came out without a scratch." His parting words: "Keep the faith, Baby."

Then, An hour later - Powell emerged from the meeting a shaken man, Stripped of his chairmanship - of the House Education and Labor Committee, Because <sup>the</sup> of criminal contempt charges against him in New York - ~~and~~, because of alleged irregularities in his congressional finances. Said Powell: "I think it's a lynching," <sup>northern style."</sup>

Even so - the worst for Powell may be yet to come, When the full House votes ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow - on a motion to bar him <sup>from</sup> his seat in the Ninetieth Congress.

ATLANTA FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Reverse side of the coin - at Atlanta, Georgia. Where negro Julian Bond was seated today -- as a member of the Georgia State Legislature, A body that had barred him twice ~~xx~~ before -- because of controversial remarks about the war in Viet Nam.

<sup>was</sup>  
Bond administered the oath of office ~~+~~ by a local judge who had fought his case to the Supreme Court. Otherwise - little fuss or fanfare -- and only one apparent objection. That -- from State Representative James "Sloppy" Floyd of Rural Trion, who walked out - in ~~front~~ protest.



## MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East -- renewed fighting today in at least three separate places -- on that tense Israeli and Syrian frontier. One engagement -- said to be a tank clash at Tewfic -- near the Sea of Galilee -- with both sides -- saying the other started it. As to who won -- Israel claims to have destroyed two Syrian tanks and damaged another; while Syria claims one Israeli tank -- blown to smithereens.

The tank encounter followed by two separate skirmishes -- near the settlement of Haon, where Israeli and Syrian patrols opened up on each other-- with small arms and automatic weapons. So far no report on casualties.

## HAGUE

For a welcome change -- national acclaim in the Netherlands, for lovely Princess Margaret -- and her commoner fiance, Pieter Van Vollehoven; acclaim typified by hundreds of cheering children -- who welcomed the couple today on a trip to the Hague; where they will be married Thursday -- in civil and religious ceremonies.

This in marked contrast -- to public reaction over the weddings of Margret's two older sisters; weddings marred by religious demonstrations and even anarchistic riots.

Princess Irene -- first to set off a furor, when she changed her religion and renounced her right to the Dutch throne -- to marry Prince Charles Hughes de Bourbon Parma in Rome. Crown Princess Beatrix causing even more of a too do -- by her marriage to former German soldier Claus Von Amsberg.

Margret -- on the other hand -- first Princess of the Royal House of Orange to marry a native Dutchman -- since

the line began a hundred and fifty years ago, and

her <sup>choice</sup> ~~choice~~ has delighted the nation.

changing them, thereby and further tax evasion.

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BAKER

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