Good evening everybody.

The bill designed to save Lockheed Aircraft Corporation from bankruptcy has passed its first crucial test on the Senate floor. Members late today defeated a motion filed by Democrat William Proxmire of Wisconsin to send the measure back to committee for further hearings. The legislation would provide a Federal guarantee for a two Billion dollar emergency loan fund for the aid of major companies in financial trouble - Lockheed among them. Proxmire and other opponents still hope to head off final passage.

An identical bill was approved in the House Banking

Committee this afternoon - on a vote of twenty-three to

eleven. Committee chairman Wright Patman - favored the

Administration's original idea of a loan guarantee just for

Lockheed, and he calls today's bill "poorly perfected

legislation which has all the ear marks of a general slush

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fund for big business."

William F. Buckley Junior, editor of the National Review, admits that papers published in the magazine's current issue - purportedly secret government documents on Vietnam - are a hoax. Buckley made that statement to reporters in New York - after author-historian Daniel Boorstein said he had not written one of the documents attributed to him. Buckley said the material was made up out of whole cloth - to demonstrate; in his words, that the Pentagon and the CIA were not composed of incompetents. But he didn't explain what he meant by that. He doesn't think this affair. will damage the magazine's credibility.

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The shock waves from President Nixon's planned visit to Red China - continue to reverberate right around the globe.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted to repeat a Nineteen-Fifty-Five Formosa Resolution; one that authorized the President to use discretionary power - in order to defend Nationalist China from Communist attack.

Committee Chairman Fulbright saying: "This step is consistent with the Administration's position - of seeking a restoration of normal relations with China."

At the same time, authoritative U.S. sources saying it was mainly fear of Russia. - that prompted Peking to seek better relations with the U.S; but also a fear of resurgent militarism - in highly-industrialized Japan.

The annual meeting of the World Anti-Communist

League - is set to begin tomorrow in Manila with

Nationalist China expected to introduce a resolution 
urging President Nixon to cancel his China visit.

Still another view - from the Vatican weekly

L'Osservatore Della Domenica; which said that the leak
of those Pentagon papers - may have helped the President
to reach an understanding with Red China. This - says the
Vatican - because the Pentagon papers - "demonstrate that
the Nixon Administration - is the relatively innocent heir
of grave errors committed in the past in Southeast Asia - and
is determined to rememby them."

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At Cape Kennedy - a clean bill of health for the Apollo-Fifteen astronauts. Dr. Chuck Berry - who conducted the final physical - reporting that "everything is fine for launch; scheduled for Monday morning. The countdown proceeds normally.

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The last American infantrymen in South Vietnam's northernmost Quant Tri Province - were withdrawn today; leaving only a few U.S. artillery units - and one U.S. armored cavalry squadron - still standing guard along that D.M.Z.

The last big American ground force in South Vietnam's Central Highlands - was also ordered withdrawn today. Its nine hundred and twenty men - currently packing for home.

And what with South Vietnamese troops now bearing
the brunt of battle - a change of policy back in Saigon. With
a government spokesman saying that new rules governing
news coverage - will go into effect "very soon." And these
- he added - will restrict sharply the reporting of military
actions; to avoid premature disclosure - as has occurred in
the past - said he.

In the Middle East - a published report that Israeli

Prime Minister Golda Mier - will retire from office after

general elections in 'Seventy-Three. The story adding that

Mrs. Meir and Israeli elder stateman David Ben Gurion - have

agreed to support as her successor Israeli Defense Minister

Moshe Dayan. All of which - is stoutly denied. Observers

noting, however, that Mrs. Meir is now seventy-three.

Another border incident is reported today - from that vast subcontinent of Hindustan; where Indian artillery - is said to have shelled the East Pakistani border town of Comilla. This - according to the Pakistani government at Islamabad; which adds that "a number" of persons were killed - and many injured.

At the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission - the end of an era today; with the resignation of Glenn Seaborg - after ten years as chairman.

In a letter to the President - the sixty-year-old

Seaborg saying he now intends to return to a professorship

at the University of California at Berkeley. The President,

in turn, praising Seaborg's work - "as a world-famous

chemist, scholar and administrator." Adding that Seaborg

has "contributed in a unique and meaningful way - to a far

greater understanding and application of the miracles of the

atom."

As for Seaborg's successor - it's James Schlesinger
- a former director Strategic Studies at the Rand Institute
- Santa Monica.

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Next - Lowell Thomas; discussing tonight underseas

venture - by the son of the famed "Lone Eagle." Lowell...

Here's one - like father like son. With the young and eager Jon Lindbergh - charting a new and untravelled course all his own. This - as head of the Washington State Oceanographic Commission.

Only trouble - a recent slump in state revenues. With the State Legislature ordering a cut of twenty-five per cent - in appropriations for oceanographic research over the next two years. We hear young Lindbergh has decided to proceed full speed ahead - with coastal studies, fishing probes and diving experiments; thereby using up his available funds - at a rate that could literally put him out of business in a year

Jon Lindbergh explaining: "There's on sense in marking time - we'll give it all we've got - and then let the State decide whether we're worthwhite."

HOUSE OF LORDS

In the British House of Lords - the curtain rises for Lord Olivier - better known as actor Laurence Olivier; who delivered his first speech - as a peer of the realm. This connection with an effort to include actors - under the provisions of a new industrial relations bill. This effort failed.

Nevertheless, Lord Olivier's speech - drawing warm applause; in part, for the vigor of his argument - which might have been written by Shakespeare - also, his explanation of how he happened to be sitting there at all.

His Lordship, age sixty-four, saying that he had resisted the offer of peerage - "for a time" - as he thought this "was proper and to be expected" of an actor. But he finally yielded - said he - to "multi-repeated persuasion and seethingly passionate ardor;" enough - said he - "to make even the coyest maiden of sixty-four -wonder what on earth it is she thinks she has got to lose."

Dallas Townsend saying good night.