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(Dallas Townsend substituting)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A grim story of horror and death -- comes today from the Far East. Latest episode in that long and bitter battle -- near the no-man's-land between North and South Viet Nam.

A company of U.S. Marines -- falling into a bloody jungle ambush. Crack North Vietnamese troops -- cutting the Marines to shreds; before the Americans -- were finally able to battle their way out of the trap.

The scene that followed -- according to one who was there -- "darn near like a massacre." Corporal Raymond Powell of Kansas City, Missouri -- reporting that the Communists moved methodically through the ranks of the Marine wounded. Shooting in the head -- anyone who moved.

Badly wounded himself -- the Corporal escaped execution -- only by feigning death.

ESCAPE FOLLOW VIETNAM

More of the same in this next -- from Saigon. A post-script to the story of that daring U.S. Navy airman -- first American to escape from a North Vietnamese prison -- who reached the safety of American lines last Saturday.

Details of the escape -- as well as the name of the airmen -- still a closely-guarded secret. American sources disclosing however, that the flyer was virtually incoherent -- in a bad state of shock -- when he was finally spotted by an American helicopter.

The reason being the fate of a fellow prisoner -- who tried to escape with him. Captured within sight of the hiding American airman -- the second prisoner was then and there beheaded -- by Communist guards.

ACCIDENT

A shattered doll by the side of the road -- a torn sweater -- a blood-stained notebook. All these -- mute testimony to one of the worst traffic accidents -- in the history of modern Europe.

A Belgian bus cruising along the Autobahn -- not far from Linberg, Germany; crowded with Belgian boys and girls -- returning from a months vacation in the Austrian Alps. When suddenly it plunged through the railing of a bridge -- flipping in the air as it hurtled fifty feet to the ground below. Roof of the vehicle crushed flat -- by the force of the impact.

Twenty-eight of the children -- killed almost instantly. Also five adults -- in charge of the trip. With several of the survivors so badly hurt -- they're not expected to live.

One of the few boys still able to talk -- telling police there was a "big bang -- and the bus went upside down." After that -- said he -- "all I could feel was pain -- and fear."

SAFETY

In Washington -- the House Commerce Committee today unanimously approved -- a tough new auto safety bill tougher by far -- than the one earlier approved by the Senate Commerce Committee.

The House measure -- as now written -- calling for Federal Safety standards -- on both new and used cars sold to the American public. Such standards to apply to new vehicles -- including trucks -- by the fall of 'Sixty-Eight to used cars as well -- two years thereafter.

INDONESIA

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AMBASSADOR

Former Harvard professor Edwin Reischauer -- has resigned as U.S. Ambassador to Japan. The announcement today in Tokyo -- quickly confirmed by the White House. A Kennedy appointee -- Reischauer will return to Harvard to resume teaching.

His successor -- to be veteran career diplomat U. Alexis Johnson, an expert on the Far East -- currently serving as Deputy Undersecretary of State. The White House calling Johnson -- "more closely connected to U.S. relations with Japan -- than any other career diplomat."

CHURCHES

A series of wide-ranging resolutions approved today by the World Council of Churches -- in closing sessions at Geneva. One of them -- sure to cause a furor. The resolution condemning U.S. escalation of the war in Viet Nam -- because it allegedly aggravates ill-feeling between the races.

At that -- the resolution was a watered-down version -- of one originally presented for adoption. Church delegates rejecting an accusation -- that America is willing to press the war -- only because the Vietnamese are Asians.

On other issues -- the church council blaming Britain -- for failing to guarantee the rights of blacks in Rhodesia; asserting that "Christians may become involved in violence" -- but only as an "ultimate recourse"; and contending finally that nuclear war -- "is against God's will."

SYRIA

Syria today became the fourth Arab nation -- to announce a boycott of that upcoming Arab Summit Meeting at Algiers. The decision disclosed by Syrian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Makhos -- in a speech broadcast by Radio Damascus. Makhos asserting: "We do not believe in meeting with Arab reactionaries -- we do not believe in meeting with those kings -- who do not differentiate between their own people and state treasures."

Egypt, Iraq and Yemen -- all in the Nasser orbit -- had earlier announced similar plans to boycott the meeting.

CALIFORNIA

Plans for the creation of an earthquake monitoring system -- were announced today by the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena. The system to consist of seven seismographs -- linked together in and around Southern California. So designed to determine instantly -- the focal point of any earthquake in that area.

Dr. Clarence Allen reporting that the network will be used primarily -- as a research tool to study earthquakes. But also as a safety device -- in view of the increasing number of public works projects -- especially dams -- now in Southern California. With the system in operation -- said Dr. Allen -- "crews can be dispatched quickly to the epicenter of any quake; to make inspections -- and evaluate safety problems."

BEATLES

From Cleveland -- a story today indicating that "Beatlemania" -- is far from dead. Some Four Thousand ~~XXXX~~ squealing teen-agers turning out over the weekend -- to visit a trailer parked in suburban North Madison. A trailer where the Beatles will shave, bathe and dress next month -- during a brief stopover on the shore of Lake Erie.

As trailers go -- it's quite a sight. Including -- among other things -- velvet-lined doors, carpet-covered walls and a zebra-skin couch. Best of all -- the girls who dropped in could later boast of attending an open house -- at the Beatle's place, even if the Beatles weren't there.

Warren -- some people might even prefer it that way.

FASHIONS FOLLOW BEATLES

Here's the latest from Paris for "go-go" girls.

Designers Esterel and Louis Feraud -- who specialize in young fashions -- today unveiling their "go-goingest" designs to date. Skirts so short -- they were buttoned to the tops of stockings. Jersey dresses -- that were really long sweaters. And flowing gowns -- that ended at about the same point as an old-fashioned swimsuit.

In addition -- a series of convertible creations. A turtle-neck dress -- with removable collar for plunging neckline. Coat and dress combinations -- with wide hemlines -- also removable.

These convertible styles -- just the thing, we're told; for the woman who can't decide -- whether she's coming or go-going.

Good night.