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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

From the White House -- a far-reaching plan today -- for elimination of loopholes in existing election laws. A plan designed -- said the President -- to let more people influence election campaigns; and, at the same time -- to block the "possibility that great wealth -- can be used to achieve undue political influence."

As presented to Congress -- the proposal would encourage greater public participation in politics -- by means of a tax deduction of up to one hundred dollars on campaign contributions. It would also require members of Congress to report all gifts over a hundred dollars -- received by themselves, their wives or their children also to report additional income for personal services. And it would require all candidates and "all committees supporting them"

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to report not only the source of their funds but how the funds were spent.

The outlook for congressional approval for this is said to be good.

TAXES FOLLOW ELECTIONS

The question of a possible tax increase - another topic under discussion today at the White House. The President reporting that fiscal measures already taken - will remove some thirteen billion dollars from the national economy this year. Possibly enough - said he - to "cool off" the threat of inflation.

Next question: Does that mean - no need for a tax increase? The President's answer - a definite maybe. As he put it - "we don't want to go too far, too fast."

AFRICANS FOLLOW TAXES

The President finally ending a busy day -
with a speech to African diplomats ^{to} marking the third
anniversary - of the Organization of African Union.

The President declaring Americans ■ can
no more support racial discrimination in countries abroad -
than they can at home. This ~~principle~~ - said he ^{is} the
foundation of "our policy today toward Rhodesia."

FREDDIE

The whereabouts of the Kabaka of Bunganda -- shrouded in mystery tonight. Uganda officials at Kampala disclosing that he was not captured by federal forces -- as first reported -- when they stormed his state palace Tuesday night. But that he slipped away -- during the heavy government shelling.

Where is he now? One report has him in the bush commanding rebellious tribesmen -- who are said to have cut off Kampala temporarily.

This following riots and civil strife that may have claimed as many as six hundred lives.

VIET NAM

As for the political unrest in South Viet Nam, as you may have heard -- a mob of Vietnamese students storming and burning the U.S. Information Service Library -- in rebel-dominated Hue; while local police and firemen -- stood idly by.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge issuing a statement -- that this does not represent the true feelings of the Vietnamese people. Saigon officials adding an official apology -- for what they called "uncontrolled elements."

STRIKE

In London -- Britain's Labor government today established a special court of inquiry -- to study working conditions of merchant seamen. Hopefully -- first step toward a settlement -- to the nation's eleven-day-old maritime strike.

The court's specific objectives; to determine terms and conditions -- of current service by seamen; and to study relations -- between shipowners, officers and seamen; also finally to determine immediate causes -- of the present dispute.

GUYANA

The honorable Forbes Burnham was sworn in today at Georgetown -- as the first Prime Minister of Independent Guyana. Burnham promptly calling for extension of universal suffrage and proportional representation -- in all government throughout the country. Further pledging "regional cooperation between Guyana -- its neighbors -- and the nations of the Caribbean."

COUGHLIN

A famous voice from the past -- heard once again today in Royal Oak, Michigan. Father Coughlin -- controversial "radio priest" of the Nineteen Thirties -- breaking a church-enforced silence of nearly twenty years. At seventy-four -- holding perhaps his final news conference.

But if the voice was the same -- the words were not. The former "Lion of the radio waves" -- apparently fully tamed. Where once he enthralled a radio audience of some thirty or forty million -- with weekly attacks on President Roosevelt; where once he backed a new Conservative Party -- along with Huey Long and Gerald L.K. Smith, Father Coughlin today stressed the importance -- of simply obedience; obedience to church, and to ^{L.A.S.}secular authority too, including that of President Johnson.

"There always ^were troubles and there always will be troubles" -- said Father Coughlin -- "but it is up to our leaders to make the decisions." A changed man, indeed.

CARTOONISTS

About eighty of the nation's top artists - on hand today at Kansas City, Missouri - for the annual three-day convention - of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists. Highlight of the meeting - to be the presentation tomorrow of a plaque to former President Truman; ^{together} ~~Along~~ with a citation for his "long years of service to his country - and, his long suffering as a subject of the cartoonists."

Appropriately enough - a speech to follow by another favorite subject of cartoonists - down through the years. None other - than Richard Nixon.

LONGEVITY

A new study of longevity comes today -- from Dr. William Reichel in New York. With a table for the maximum expectable lifetime of man and beast -- here on earth.

The giant tortoise way out in front with a potential life span -- of about a hundred and seventy-six years. Among birds -- the parrot tops -- at fifty-four years. Among invertebrates -- the lobster -- fifty years. Are you having one for dinner tonight?

Among mammals -- our own category -- man by far the longest lived, capable of living to a maximum age of a hundred and fifteen -- said Dr. Reichel. Have you any friends nearly that old? I have one, the famous Bishop Herbert Welch, former President of Ohio Wesleyan. He's one hundred and three and still going strong. Surely he'll make it to one hundred and fifteen! The horse -- maximum -- fifty years; the dog -- thirty-four, and the cat--thirty. At the opposite end of the scale -- the shrew -- with a potential life span

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of only a year and a half.

How about it, Stew? Did you, ever say yoo hoo to a shrew?

RETIREMENT

Speaking of longevity -- as we were a minute ago -- this next from the eminent Dr. Wilder Penfield in Washington; in a discussion of those so-called -- "Golden Years" of retirement.

The good doctor warning that all too often -- the chief role of the retired man -- "consists of mowing the lawn."

With an occasional bonus; "when the husband is well-behaved -- and his wife lets him wash the dishes."

The result -- tragic and inevitable -- said the learned Dr. Penfield: Is that "rest -- with nothing else -- leads to rust."