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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A sudden burst of speed -- today in Congress. Both House and Senate quickly approving by voice vote -- the Administration's four-point-eight billion-dollar military authorization bill. Previously tied up for two weeks -- by the policy debate on Vietnam.

The Senate also approving the Presidents proposal -- for four hundred and fifteen million dollars in economic aid to Southeast Asia. A bill that had already cleared the House -- and now awaits only final approval of a minor Senate change.

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EATON

William O. Eaton -- one of three Ku Klux Klansman charged in the civil rights slaying of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo -- dead today at Bessemer, Alabama. At forty-two -- the victim of an apparent heart attack.

Although he was never officially tried for murder -- Eaton was free on bond at his death. Pending appeal of a ten-year sentence -- for having violated Mrs. Liuzzo's civil rights.

CALCUTTA

Another series of hunger riots today -- in and around Calcutta. In the midst of a leftist twenty-four hour general strike -- against government food policy.

Police forced to open fire -- when demonstrators stormed a pair of suburban auto plants. At least ten of the rioters -- left dead. Also one policeman -- beaten to death by the mob.

Another demonstrator shot to death -- at nearby Asansole. Before the Army was called in -- to help restore law and order.

AMSTERDAM

Romance and riot -- hand-in-glove today at Amsterdam. At the tumultuous wedding of Princess Beatrix -- heir-apparent to the Dutch throne. To Claus Von Amsberg -- a former member of the Hitler Youth movement.

The bridal procession forced to wade through smoke bombs -- en route to the church. Club-wielding police then battling some two thousand demonstrators -- while the ceremony itself was in progress. The tension mounting -- amid rumors of a planned attempt against the lives of the couple -- until they were safely back at the palace.

Be that as it may -- the newlyweds were hailed later by a large cheering crowd -- at their first public appearance as man and wife. After which they left on a honeymoon -- their destination a closely guarded secret.

PHILIP

Britain's Prince Philip today bade a fond farewell to Miami -- after raising a quarter-million dollars for charity. Hopping into his own twin-engine turbo jet aircraft -- for the flight to Houston, Texas. Second stop -- on a two-week fund-raising tour of the United States and Canada.

While back in London -- his wife today officially dissolved Parliament. Queen Elizabeth -- by royal proclamation -- technically clearing the way for Britain's second general election in eighteen months.

CHINA

Dr. John Fairbank of Harvard University -- the man in the witness chair today. At resumption of hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee -- into American policy toward Red China.

Dr. Fairbank contending that "we need to encourage international contact with China -- on many fronts." Because -- said he -- isolation has helped to perpetrate many of China's age-old frustrations. And thus -- has only increased Chinese aggressiveness.

At the same time -- he cautioned against getting too excited -- "over Peking's vast blueprint" for world Communist revolution. "Eventually" -- said Dr. Fairbank -- "we may expect the Chinese -- to mellow down a bit."

SPACE

American space chief James Webb struck back today -- at Congressional hints of a possible cutback in the American space program. In the process -- perhaps stepping on the boss's toe.

Webb declaring that President Johnson's proposed five billion-dollar space budget for nineteen-sixty-seven -- is already an austerity budget. A half-billion less -- than ~~that~~ the space agency originally requested. So tight that it could wreck American hopes of putting a man on the moon -- by Nineteen-Seventy.

As for possible complacency -- he warned that Russia is on the verge of some very spectacular space accomplishments including the possibility of manned lunar landing-- in the not-too-distant future. Almost certainly -- well ahead of the United States.

MOTT

The Kremlin today ruled officially that American tourist Newcomb Mott -- committed suicide. While en route to a Soviet labor camp -- under an eighteen-month sentence for illegal entry into Russia.

The verdict presented to the American Embassy in Moscow -- following a two-month investigation. The ruling accompanied by twenty-six pages of evidence -- which were immediately forwarded to Washington.

U.S. officials refusing comment -- pending arrival of the document. Probably -- sometime Monday.

WEATHER

A touch of spring today -- across much of the country. As a mass of warm air -- swept northward from the Gulf of Mexico. Raising temperatures as high as the seventies -- well into Kansas. Also melting a good deal of that big snow -- that fell last week over South Dakota and Minnesota. The warm weather now moving slowly eastward -- to dispel the last taste of winter -- we hope.

DOCTORS

The time-honored neighborhood doctor -- as well as the local specialist -- came under fire today from organized labor. At House hearings on a money bill -- to help build and equip clinics for the group practice of medicine.

A spokesman for the AFL-CIO -- asserting that general practitioners need increasingly expensive equipment, -- to recognize and treat a wide variety of ailments. Further that specialization by a single doctor -- is both costly and wasteful.

Failure to encourage group practice -- said the labor leader -- would be to continue to encourage "solo individual practice." Which -- he contended -- "is not only inefficient -- but of relatively poor quality as well.

FISHER

Here at home -- a footnote today to that lost battle in Vietnam. Relating to the personal courage of Air Force Major Bernard Fisher -- who landed on the raging battlefield to rescue a fallen comrade.

Major Fisher is remembered at Homestead, Florida -- where he was stationed for two years -- as a man who frequently went skin-diving. A fellow office recalling that -- "he used to like to ride sharks." So his feat of daring in Vietnam -- "was right in character."

VIETNAM

After weeks of American triumph in Vietnam -- a grim setback today -- as you have probably heard by now. The Communists overwhelming a U.S. Special Forces camp near the Laotian border -- by sheer force of numbers. Killing about four hundred Montagnard tribesmen -- and most of their American advisers. Thereby clearing a major obstacle -- on the main Communist supply route from Laos.

Four Americans and sixteen tribesmen -- the last defenders. All of them wounded -- all finally evacuated by helicopter -- after two days of heroic resistance.

Meanwhile, in Saigon, Premier Ky today engineered the ouster -- of one of South Vietnam's top generals. Lieut. General Nguyen Chanh Thi -- who was charged with running his military district like a personal kingdom. The move applauded by American officials -- in that it laid to rest rumors of another impending coup.