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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Johnson today signed into law -- that Four-Point - Seven-Billion-Dollar cut in excise taxes. Which means lower prices on a wide range of consumer goods -- effective tonight at midnight.

In signing the tax cut -- the President added that he will study the effect of lower levies on automobile sales. With a view toward the possibility -- of a further general tax cut.

The President gave no specifics. Except to say that he hoped -- "to provide further tax relief to those in our nation who need it most -- those taxpayers who now live in the shadow of poverty."

UNITED NATIONS

In New York -- Britain today pledged ten million dollars in voluntary contributions -- to the United Nations. The British pledge -- said to be the start of a U.N. triple play, ~~Aimed~~ at solving the financial deadlock -- that has gripped the world body for almost a year.

We're told that step two calls for the United States -- to relax its past stand in the U.N. The U.S. contention that Russia, France and other nations -- must pay their peace-keeping debts -- or lose their vote. Step three -- if it all comes off -- said to be voluntary contributions by the United States and the Soviet Union, ~~Matching~~ those of Britain and others -- to wipe out the U.N.'s existing Hundred-Million-Dollar deficit.

CONGO

Another tale of terror -- reported today from the Congo. Rebel forces said to have slain all police -- in the village of Nioki -- about two hundred miles northeast of Leopoldville. Thirty Europeans -- men, women and children -- said to have been left unprotected by the attack, ~~When~~ last heard from -- ~~they~~ were holed up in a factory -- under rebel siege. Their fate -- as yet unknown.

VIET NAM

Communist North Viet Nam today joined Red China in rejecting out-of-hand -- that proposed British Commonwealth peace mission. Radio Hanoi calling the Commonwealth peace move -- "an intrigue approved by Washington." ~~Also~~ Aimed at carrying out -- "a peaceful negotiation swindle."

Meanwhile, ground fighting in the south -- centered today around that big air strip at Da Nang. U.S. Marines battling Communist guerrillas -- about ten miles west of Da Nang. While South Vietnamese Rangers battled a second force -- about ten miles to the south. ~~Also~~

ALGIERS

Rioting Algerians today battled police for the second straight day -- in downtown Algiers. Chanting students and veiled Moslem women -- joining in a forty-five-minute protest. Against the ouster -- of deposed President Ahmed Ben Bella. The rioters dispersed -- only when police began firing over their heads.

Colonel Houari Boumedienne -- the new Algerian strongman -- ^{said to be} maintaining strong police patrols tonight -- to guard against ^{any} further outbreak of violence. Even so -- the riots have already dealt a death blow -- to plans for that Afro-Asian summit meeting, ~~originally~~ set for next week -- in Algiers.

As for Ben Bella -- ~~he has been~~ charged by the new regime -- with high treason, ~~but~~ his whereabouts ^{now a} ~~still a~~ mystery.

KOREA

Another violent demonstration today in Seoul -- against ^{that} ~~the~~ proposed friendship treaty between South Korea and Japan. Some seven thousand rock-throwing students -- raging through downtown Seoul. Before they were brought under control by riot police -- using tear gas and billy clubs.

About six hundred students -- said to have been arrested during the demonstration. As a result -- eleven colleges and universities in Seoul -- immediately suspended all classes. Ostensibly for -- "summer vacations." Nevertheless, another massive student rally is set for tomorrow -- when the friendship pact is officially to be signed.

FLOOD

The rain-swollen Arkansas River -- today swept on through Kinsley, Kansas; causing widespread damage -- but no loss of life. Kinsley tonight a ghost town. All of its twenty-five hundred residents -- evacuated to higher ground.

Downstream -- at Great South Bend and at Larned, Kansas -- another twenty-five hundred residents forced to flee their homes today -- in the face of the raging torrent. Farther on -- farmers worked feverishly to harvest their wheat crops -- before the fields are swamped by water.

BROWN

Dallas Judge Joe B. Brown today announced his complete withdrawal -- from any future duty in connection with the case of Jack Ruby. No reason given -- for the decision. But Judge Brown has been under increasing criticism of late -- because he's writing a book about the Ruby case. For which he has already received an advance -- of five thousand dollars.

Ruby's next court appearance -- set for some time in July. When a decision will be made -- on whether or not he should be granted a sanity trial. That decision now apparently will fall -- to Judge Louis Holland of Montague, Texas. Who sat in briefly for Judge Brown -- at a preliminary hearing last month.

BILL

The House today approved a bill -- that would make assassination of the President a federal crime -- punishable by death. The bill -- recommended by the Warren Commission. Also to cover the vice president -- or the next federal official in line for the presidency. It goes now -- to the Senate.

BARUCH

Funeral arrangements were completed today in New York

-- for financier-philanthropist Bernard Baruch, For more than thirty years -- ~~an~~ adviser to Presidents, More recently renowned -- as a park bench philosopher. Bernard Baruch -- ~~dead of a heart attack~~ -- at the age of ninety-four.

Among the many tributes to his memory -- that of former President Eisenhower perhaps best sums it up. "He was" -- said Ike -- "a great friend of mine -- and his death will be a big loss to the nation."

In Moscow, the Young Communist League charged today -- that Russian artists are choking on SMOG. Not the Los Angeles kind of smog -- but rather a Russian artists' society; with initials that stand for the Russian equivalent of -- Boldness, Thought, Image and Depth.

The new society is said to be fed up -- with contemporary Russian culture. "National art is dead", says SMOG. It has become nothing but a cheap imitation." So SMOG has adopted as its idols -- Spanish painter Pablo Picasso -- Austrian writer Franz Kafka -- and Italian movie producer Federico Fellini.

But according to the Party line -- SMOG is merely a society of second-rate artists. The typical SMOG sculptor -- for example -- said to be the kind of man who specializes in doing busts of the wives of prominent officials. There are lots of these now -- says Moscow -- but the faces of the women all come out the same -- Dick -- a cross between the martyred Russian Saint Barbara -- and French film star Brigitte Bardot.

SUN

As you know -- today is the first day of summer.

Also -- the longest day of the year. So long, in fact, that in Fairbanks, Alaska -- the sun won't set until tomorrow night./

To commemorate the occasion -- the Alaska Goldpanners will meet the University of Southern California in a baseball game, set to start precisely at midnight -- in the land of the midnight sun. And to be played to its conclusion -- without the use of artificial light.

Fairbanks, Alaska -- on ~~the~~ one day ~~of the year~~ --
can hardly
when a mother ~~never~~ tells her youngsters to -- "come home before it gets dark."