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Good Evening Everybody:

The latest from Albania, must be causing shruders in the Kremlin. No, not the fact that the Premier of Red China - is getting an enthusiastic reception from the Albanian Comrades. Or even Radio Tirana's scathing abuse of Khrushchev. All this - was expected. Albania being Red China's curious European satellite, and Communism's most virulent critic of Soviet leadership.

No, what has the Russian's worried - is the non-Albanians who are in Tirana to confer with Chou En-lai. Namely, Stalinists from the Soviet Satellites - in East Europe. Hungarians, Rumanians and Czechs - who hope to see Khrushchev overthrown, and who tonight are discussing the ways and means of doing so - with the man who may be Khrushchev's most dangerous

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JOHNSON

As for the Public Works measure - President Johnson signed the Bill today - as he said "with reluctance". He thinks that the section on the Panama Canal - requiring that disposal of Canal property be approved on Capital Hill - the President considers that an infringement of executive authority by Congress and threatens to ignore it as unconstitutional.

Presidential hopefuls, in the news.

Nelson Rockefeller, in a headline that sounds non-political. He made the announcement that he and the new Mrs. Rockefeller, are expecting their first child. But everything is political -- where a potential Presidential candidate is concerned. And tonight pundits are trying to figure out -- whether the Rockefeller image has been enhanced by this.

And George Romney. His headline is political. The governor of Michigan hasn't declared -- his candidacy. But his announced series of speeches around the country, beginning next Tuesday -- inevitably strengthens his reputation as an important darkhorse at the Republican convention.

As for Senator Goldwater, he'll say "yes" or "no" on Friday. If the Arizona Conservative says "yes" -- he'll clash head-on with Governor Rockefeller with Romney, Nixon, Scranton and Lodge hoping to see them knock each other off.

SHOUP

The retirement of General David Shoup -- is stirring memories of World War Two. Remember how the Marines got ashore at Tarawa -- only to have the tide run out on them? Pinned down on the sand -- under the fire of Japanese guns, it looked as if the beach-head -- might be lost, till Dave Shoup took charge. He led an attack that broke the evening defense line. This feat was the turning point of the Battle of Tarawa. And it brought the commanding officer -- the Congressional Medal of Honor.

He went on to become Commandant of the Marine Corps. And retired today, taking with him one of the important battle records of American history. Shoup of Tarawa.

WEATHER

The weather prediction for the New Year's Day -- is summed up in the news from Louisiana. Snow in the Sugar Bowl. The Sugar Bowl in the news is way south - at New Orleans. Enough to affect tomorrow's football game? No. But snow is so rare on the Gulf Coast -- that today when it fell the local inhabitants rant outdoors to see it and feel it. Some had never before seen snow.

And snow fell in Georgia - farther north. Sleet and freezing rain in the Carolinas. And -- a cloudburst -- along the Florida coast.

But there also is a weather story -- from north of the Mason-Dixon Line. With emphasis on New England. At Johnsbury, near Stowe, Vermont, where there always is snow, the thermometer plunged to twenty-three below. Lebanon, New Hampshire -- twenty-one below. Same for Watertown, New York. And Lone Rock, Wisconsin.

The weatherman says without fear of contradiction that New Year's Day will be cold, with a good chance of snow, for most of North America.

As for me, tonight I am back in the snow country; flying direct from a tropical isle in mid-Pacific to Alta, Utah, where we had ideal snow conditions today -- at 10,000 ft. high in the Wasatch -- but with glorious sunshine that felt like springtime.

Actually I am broadcasting from a land mark in the Mormon capitol -- the Bee Hive House, where for six years Mary Ann Angel lived -- Brigadier X's first wife -- for six years. Then after she died this Bee Hive House was the home of his wife Lucy Ann Decker -- who lived here for 19 years. So, the ghost of Brigham Young, and many others, may be looking over my shoulder at this moment, as I switch to Art Harnes.

SHARKS

A dispatch from Durban, South Africa, tells an old, old story about that South-East corner of what used to be called the "Dark Continent". Tonight there are signs along that South African shore facing the Indian Ocean. On each sign a single word -- "Shark!" With an exclamation point -- after the word.

Bathers there are being attacked by the tigers of the sea. The latest, a medical student -- who was badly mangled yesterday. As a result the popular resort coast near Durban is out of bounds. I hope for all of you -- there will be no sharks and that it will be a Happy New Year. From KSL Salt Lake -- So long.