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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

That "Great Hurricane Inez" -- easily the year's most devastating storm. And now -- the most fierce, too.

Inez doubling back today -- on the heavily-populated Gold Coast of Florida. Pounding the mainland with torrential rain -- and winds up to Ninety miles an hour; blowing out windows in ocean front hotels; flooding Miami Beach's famed Collins Avenue -- under tons of surf and sand.

Right now -- Inez churning southwestward -- through the Florida Keys, apparently bent on paying a return trip to Castro Cuba -- which it has already hit twice.

Along the way -- the great storm claiming two more victims today. One -- a surfer from Fort Lauderdale -- who couldn't resist the high waves. Another surfer also swept out to sea -- but rescued, fortunately, by a Coast Guard cutter.

## VIETNAM

On the war front -- a giant squeeze-play is underway today -- along the central coast of South Vietnam. American and Vietnamese land, sea and air forces -- closing in -- on a mixed band of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regulars. The Communists fighting at last report with their backs to the South China Sea -- and apparently now way of escape.

This the final victorious phase -- of "Operation Irving" that began in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam -- some two weeks ago. The Viet Cong driven all the way from their mountain stronghold to open coastland; leaving behind a trail -- of more than Seven Hundred and Sixty dead.

The Viet Cong's famed guerilla tactics now not effective.

## VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome -- another papal plea today -- for peace in Viet Nam, ~~on~~ the first anniversary -- of the Pope's historic peace mission to the United Nations.

The Pope noting there has been little change in world conditions -- since then. that "peace is not impossible" -- Adding, however, that "never should we grow weary of considering this theme -- <sup>since</sup> ~~for~~ it concerns the fate of <sup>all</sup> mankind."

Once again -- Pope Paul urging the world's half-billion Catholics -- to pray "with one voice" for world peace -- during the month of October.

TEHERAN

That young American Peace Corpsman -- arrested by Soviet guards when he wandered across the Russian border with Iran last month -- has finally been released. Thomas Dawson of Annapolis, Maryland -- safely back in Teheran. American officials today reporting the youth ~~"in good health"~~ -- apparently none the worse for nearly four weeks in a Soviet jail.

In fact, young Dawson is said to be back at work -- with the Peace Corps. "Looking forward" -- we're told -- to his next leave in the United States. All in all -- a happy ending -- to a harrowing experience.

DACCA

The death toll in that cyclone and accompanying tidal wave last week -- off the coast of East Pakistan -- now set at a minimum of Five Thousand missing or dead. Reports from the city of Dacca telling of dozens of coastal villages -- and offshore islands as well -- still knee-deep in muddy water, <sup>with</sup> stunned survivors waiting helplessly for rescue ships ~~laden~~ with food, fuel and medical supplies.

<sup>In fact</sup> ~~more~~ the death toll <sup>is</sup> expected to rise -- with restoration of communications to some of the more remote island areas. The toll in a similar disaster last year -- you may recall -- a final count of more than Ten Thousand dead.

BEIRUT

Another series of natural disasters -- in the Middle East,

*with*

Reports from Beirut ~~today~~ telling of floods and earthquakes -- in

a thousand-mile arc from the Mediterranean to the Caspian Sea.

In western Lebanon -- bridges, highways and rail lines

washed out -- whole cities isolated -- by a major flood on the

*so famous of old,*  
Orontes River. In the Syrian desert -- heavy rains surging

through dry river beds; sweeping away -- at least six villages.

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In Northern Iran -- earth quakes combining with floods -- in a

*path of*  
broad death and destruction.

No official word yet -- on damage or loss of life.

Unofficially, however, many, many reported dead -- hundreds

injured -- and thousands left homeless.

NIGERIA

A strict dawn-to-duck curfew -- no exceptions -- was clamped today on ~~the~~ Northern ~~regions of~~ Nigeria. The country's new military strongman -- Lieut. Col. Yakubu Gowon -- ordering his troops to "shoot-on-sight" -- anything that moves in violation of the curfew. <sup>This in a</sup> desperate attempt to halt the bloody tribal ~~land~~ feud -- that has carried Nigeria to the brink of civil war.

The <sup>is</sup> show of force <sup>cancel</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>-- (announced only yesterday --</sup> an earlier Gowon plan ~~to~~ to send "evangelists" into the area <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ preaching peace and unity. The Colonel's change-of-heart -- predicated on reports of at least a Thousand dead; in recent fighting between the Hausa tribesmen of the North -- and the Ibos of the South.

JAKARTA

President Sukarno of Indonesia was permitted to return ~~in~~ today -- to his fortress-like castle in Jakarta. Thousands of militant anti-Communist students -- who earlier had attempted to storm the palace -- content today with merely denouncing Sukarno in slogans and pamphlets.

The students later summoned to a rally -- urging continued cooperation with the Army; despite the brutality -- of Sukarno's palace guard. The rally told that a split between the students and the military at this time' -- could be disastrous to the new <sup>perhaps</sup> regime; ~~killing efforts~~ -- to establish a "new order" in Indonesia.



CAIRO

Angry reaction today -- in the Cairo press, ~~to~~ that decision by the government of Tunisia -- to break off diplomatic relations with Egypt.

One newspaper branding President Bourgiba of Tunisia -- "a Twentieth Century Judas"; a man who had betrayed his own country-- as well as the entire Arab world. <sup>with those</sup> ~~the~~ sentiments reechoed -- in paper after paper.

Government officials stoutly maintaining, however, that Bourguiba "will never be able to sever the ties -- between the two peoples" of Tunisia and Egypt.

CHICAGO

By a vote of Two-to-One -- a Federal Court of Appeals in Chicago today upheld the Nineteen-Sixty-Four conviction -- of Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa. Also that of six other men -- accused with Hoffa of conspiring to siphon <sup>off</sup> ~~Twenty~~ <sup>1</sup> ~~Five~~ million dollars -- from the Teamsters <sup>Union</sup> pension fund.

Next stop -- the Supreme Court. If he loses there too -- Hoffa to face a Ten Thousand-dollar fine -- and five years in a Federal penitentiary.

LONDON

The man who was once called the mastermind behind Britian's "great train robbery" -- arraigned today in a London court.

Thomas "Buster" Edwards denying, however, that he had any part -- in the Seven-million -plus holdup.

Edwards asserting that his sole job -- ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> to clean up rubbish at the train gang's farm hideaway. A job that paid him little -- and later forced him into hiding for three years.

Why did he finally give himself up? "There are a dozen and one reasons why" -- said Buster. But the main reason -- he admitted -- his wife's constant nagging -- ~~telling him~~ <sup>time and time again</sup> ~~to~~ surrender.

~~The so-called~~ <sup>The</sup> "great criminal brain" ~~of Britian --~~ <sup>--by his own admission--</sup> ~~taxidermy~~  
-- just another henpecked husband, Hal!

PHILADELPHIA

Cartoonist Al Capp -- creator of Li'l Abner -- principal speaker today at a Philadelphia meeting -- of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Al Capp declaring: "We have taught our ~~kind~~ kids to demand American comforts -- American privileges -- to demand everything from America to make their lives easier." In short, we have taught them everything -- said he -- "except the one thing that gives all the others heart and meaning."

The crying need in American colleges -- said Al Capp -- a basic course in "love of country."