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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: Surface calm at Punta Del Este -- shattered today by Ecuador's President Otto Arosemena, in the second day of formal talks -- at that hemispheric "summit meeting."

Arosemena calling U.S. aid to Latin American -- too little and perhaps too late to cure the social woes that breed communism. Further accusing the United States -- of choosing to defend democracy in far-away Vietnam; and thus slighting its obligations -- here in our own hemisphere.

The word is that Arosemena has refused to sign the final summit declaration. He said he would do so "only if the results of this conference -- in some way satisfy the aspirations of my people."

The final speech -- left to President Johnson, who promised to ask Congress for a "substantial contribution" to spur development of a Latin American Common Market.

LEAD--2

The next ten years -- "a decade of urgency" -- said the President; a decade when the hemisphere must move swiftly -- to achieve social and economic gains. "The clock is ticking" said he -- "the time is now -- the responsibility ^{is} ~~is~~ ours."

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Late today the delegates agreed to a formal communique; pledging creation of a Latin-American common market within fifteen years -- along with vigorous effort to revitalize the alliance for progress.

True to his promise -- Arosemana refused to sign the document. Protesting what he called -- "its insufficiency."

RED CHINA

Earlier from Red China there was word that Premier Chou En-Lai had for the first time, thrown his entire support behind Chairman Mao; demanding that President Li Shao-Chi be "crushed" -- along with all other Mao opponents.

The Chou statement appearing on wall posters in Peking -- and also monitored by Japanese Radio. Up to now Chou's remarks had been generally conciliatory -- urging moderation in the party purge.

Be that as it may -- Liu apparently is still far from finished. Reports reaching Hong Kong saying that many Chinese army leaders -- remain loyal to the President. But how loyal -- and how far they will go to back him remains to be seen.

ADD RED CHINA

This just in: The Hong Kong Star -- a right-wing

tabloid -- today reporting that Liu is out as President.

With his replacement -- said to be Chou En-Lai. So far

on this no confirmation.

RHONEDORF

All through the day and well into night - crowds of mourners gathered today in front of a modest house - in the village of Rhonedorf, West Germany. This the "death watch" for the man they call - "Der Alta" -- the old one. Former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer - at ninety-one slowly failing from a severe attack of bronchitis and the flu.

The life and times of Konrad Adenauer - an amazing saga of will and determination. He was a city councilman in Cologne - as early as Nineteen-oh-five. Later becoming Mayor - and twice running for Chancellor of Germany; until he was banned from office by the Nazis - jailed for ~~ax~~ a brief time - and then set out to pasture - while Hitler followed his dream of world conquest.

When The dream turned into a night-mare -- Adenauer was ~~xxxx~~ re-named Mayor of Cologne by ^{the} American occupation forces, Only to be fired for alleged incompetence -- by the British who later took control of the city.

In retrospect - it was the best thing that ever happened to him. *It left him* free to concentrate on national politics and Adenauer quickly bulled his way to the top - becoming Chancellor of West Germany in Nineteen Forty-Eight - at the age of seventy-three - when most men have long since retired.

The rest is history. The rebirth of post-war Germany -- its close and enduring ties with the West - its full return from disgrace and ruin - all this a credit to Konrad Adenauer.

His driving strength in a grim determination - that Germany must never again be allowed to run away from its true friends. These - said he - the United States, Britain and France.

HOUSE

~~SEE~~ In Washington -- the House voted unanimously today - to create a new ethics committee. A committee, hopefully, to restore public confidence -- in the sagging image of Congress.

The panel's first job - to draw up an official code of ethics; in time for approval by the full house ~~and~~ before the end of the year. The committee then, presumably, to judge members - accused of violating the code.

In debate preceding the vote - Congressman Pepper of Florida citing a recent poll, ^{and} showing that six out of ten Americans - believe all congressmen are guilty of ~~wild~~ misconduct. "You and I know this isn't true" - said Pepper. Adding, however, that the average citizen - will take a great deal of ~~walk~~ convincing.

KOREA

Renewed tension - fast building tonight in Korea,
in the wake of a two hour machine gun and artillery duel
~~was~~ across the demilitarized zone that ~~sex~~ separates
north and south.

This one of the biggest battles along the D M Z --
since the Korean armistice in Nineteen Fifty-Three. ~~Re~~
Prompting another propaganda barrage - from the north. ~~The~~
Communist radio calling the clash - "one more sinister
military provocation" by the United States; part of an
alleged American plot -- "to ignite a new war in Korea."

QUANG TRI

Halfway round the world - the Viet Cong target for today - again the city of Quang Tri, ~~the~~^g provincial capital -- ~~about~~ seventy-five miles north of Da Nang.

Enemy mortars blasting the heart of the city - including a U.S. military compound. While Viet Cong saboteurs - were blowing up two bridges on the outskirts, ~~of town,~~ closing temporarily vital highway One - main U.S. supply route to Quang Tri and surrounding villages.

This the second attack on Quang Tri - in less than a week. At the same time - the Viet Cong also blowing up two more bridges on Highway One; one to the North - the other to the South - of ~~the~~^l big American base at Da Nang.

ERTO

This next from the Village of Erto -- in the mountains of Northern Italy -- in the shadow of the great Vajont Dam, where more than two thousand were killed just three years ago, when spring floods caused a giant landslide into the Vajont Reservoir -- spilling millions of tons of water over the dam.

Since then -- the reservoir has been emptied -- to avoid a repeat of the tragedy. Even so -- the village of Erto is once again on the brink of eternity. Heavy spring rains have caused erosion of the dam itself, to the point where public officials have ordered Erto "off limits" at night -- lest the dam crumble and kill thousands more.

The Mayor of Erto admitting he may have been overly alarmistic" -- in view of expert opinion that the dam will not go. But after last time -- said he -- "the people here no longer believe the experts."

TIMRA

Good news for invalids -- from Timra, Sweden. That is Dr. Per Udden of the Timra Medical Center is here to demonstrate his revolutionary new wheelhair; a motorized chair -- called the "permobile", powered by an ordinary auto battery -- and said to be able to climb stairs. Dr. Udden says a few models -- have been built, and may be made available eventually to the public -- through car rental agencies.

PHILADELPHIA

From Philadelphia -- the story today of a strange and terrible accident; threatening the life -- of a seventeen-year-old jaungster.

Two boys were putting up an Oriental display in a Philadelphia High School -- when they started to fool around, as boys will, one finally pulling a Japanese Samurai sword from its sheath -- and brandishing it over his head. Young Mike Lyons happened to walk by -- and caught the blade full in the neck.

The blow -- severing his jugular vein; but it's hoped that emergency medical aid -- may have saved Mike's life. At last report, he was still in critical condition -- but holding his own.

HEMPSTEAD FOLLOW WASHINGTON

From Hempstead, England.

Principal character -- one Peter Wood -- Vice Chairman of the local Accident Prevention Committee; who was walking along the street -- when his eye was attracted by a girl in a mini-skirt; whereupon he walked straight into a shop awning -- badly banging his head.

As a result of the accident -- Mr. Wood quickly called a meeting of the Accident Prevention Committee -- demanding that something be done about all this. Whereupon the committee demanded that skirts be made longer? Oh no! Only that shop awnings -- be raised higher.