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Good Evening Everybody:

The way President Johnson feels about today's trip - can be summed up in one of his phrases. "It was pretty tight - but it was wonderful." Tight - meaning the vast crowds that gathered around the President wherever he went. Wonderful - because of the enthusiasm.

The President, on a tour of depressed areas in the Appalachians, eastern mountain areas that need economic help from the federal government, and where the people seldom see a President of the United States.

President Johnson flew from South Bend, Indiana, to Pittsburgh, and then on - to Huntington, West Virginia, with a roaring reception everywhere. Thousands, pouring out of houses and shops - to see the chief executive, and shake his hand - if possible. Which some

hundred managed to do.

Said Mr. Johnson: "there's nothing depressed about these people." And then he again spoke of his campaign to wipe out poverty.

BASES

The Secretary of Defense promised today that career employees will not be eliminated along with their jobs. They'll be offered jobs - elsewhere. The cost of moving, to be met by - Uncle Sam. /

He said this while describing his economy drive. Twenty-two bases and installations - to be eliminated. Affecting - more than ten thousand jobs. For example, the army arsenal - at Watertown, Massachusetts, where eighteen hundred jobs - will disappear. All men and women involved to be offered - other defense work.

The Pentagon hopes to save around sixty-eight million dollars - a year.

KHAHN

The recent Red victories in South Viet Nam are due to - the political changes in Saigon. Defense Secretary McNamara points out - that General Nguyen Khanh has not yet had time to form a strong government, is still wrestling with the turmoil surrounding his assumption of power.

However Sec. McNamara believes that General Khanh will soon have a stable regime and then will turn his attention to a more energetic prosecution of the war against the Red guerrillas.

VIET NAM

The man who may be our next military commander in South Viet Nam - almost lost that title today.

Because he almost lost - his life.

General Westmoreland, on a tour of - the battlefield. He was in a plane taking off from - a jungle air strip when suddenly a fusillade from rifles and machine guns opened up. The Red guerrillas blazing away at the plane. Four Americans aboard the plane - wounded. Also - two Vietnamese. The pilot - cut by splintered glass, but able to take off - and fly to the next air strip.

General Westmoreland - unscathed. A close call for the commander slated to take over - as the top American military man in South Viet Nam.

ZANZIBAR

The Federation of Tanganyika and Zanzibar - is adopting neutralism. That is President Karume of Zanzibar made this announcement after a conference with Tanganyika's President Nyerere; an announcement the free world is greeting with some relief, because it may mean an end to the island's drift to the left. An end to the fear that Zanzibar might become - the Cuba of East Africa. So it looks tonight.

CUBA

The note that has reached the U.N. from Havana - was expected. Our people were fully prepared - for this move by the bearded dictator, his demand that the U.N. - stop the U.2's. And in this Havana is being seconded by Moscow. At least, the Soviet News media are beating the drums - about so-called "American provocations." However, the Russians are not mentioning Khrushchev's promise of on-site inspection, or the fact that Castro's refusal to permit that inspection is responsible for these flights.

CIVIL RIGHTS

*The latest amendment to the Civil Rights Bill -
is bi-partisan. Introduced by the Democratic and
Republican leaders - in the Senate. Mansfield of Montana
- and Dirksen of Illinois.*

Subject - jury trials in Civil Rights cases.

*Many backers of the measure have opposed jury trials -
on the ground that juries are often biased. Many
southerners have defended them - as part of the democratic
process.*

*The Mansfield-Dirksen amendment - has something
for both sides. Providing for - jury trials, ~~but~~ only
if a Civil Rights violation carries a penalty of more than
a three hundred dollar fine, ~~or~~ - thirty days in Jail.*

A. E. C.

The next member of the Atomic Energy Commission - will be a lady. Doctor Mary Bunting - who has been okayed by the Congressional Committee. Leaving only the formality - of a floor vote.

Mary Bunting - a professional biologist, did her research at a number of colleges - including Yale. A member of the Society of American Bacteriologists, and - the New York Academy of Sciences.

Now the President of Radcliffe is Dr.

Mary Bunting - of the A. E. C.

PRESBYTERIANS

The new moderator of the Presbyterian Church in America - is a professional theologian. Doctor Felix Gear, professor of theology - at the Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. His special field - moral theology. The application of religious principles - to individuals and society.

The choice of Doctor Gear, reflecting the concern of the General Assembly - gathered in ~~Montreat~~, Montreat, North Carolina. Concern for - the social problems of our time. With emphasis on - Civil Rights. The four hundred delegates, representing four thousand churches - and one million of the faithful - put Civil Rights at the head of their agenda, And chose an expert in moral theology - as moderator of the Presbyterian Church in America. Doctor Felix Gear - of Decatur, Georgia.

STASSEN

The California primary can go ahead without Harold Stassen - because of a decision of the Supreme Court. The nation's highest tribunal, refusing to hear the appeal - of the perennial candidate for President. The Stassen argument was that the California Secretary of State wrongly barred him from the ballot on the ground that he didn't have enough signatures.

Stassen needed an assent from four justices - to get his appeal heard by the Supreme Court. He fell - one short. So he's out of - the California primary.

And so long unti! Monday.

SAUCER

When Luigi Pacifico staggered through his neapolitan door today - Signora Pacifico took one look, and said "so, drunk again!" Or - whatever the neapolitan equivalent is.

Whereupon Luigi produced - a flying saucer story. He says a big disc - flew down over the Bay of Naples. In it, windows - with men from Mars peering out. What did they look like? Luigi - a bit hazy about that, says one of the Martians - dropped a bottle over the side. Which, Luigi - fished out of the water, and sampled. Finding the taste - magnifico! said Luigi Pacifico. So he emptied the bottle.

As for Signora Pacifico of Naples, Dick, the Signora thinks it was Grappa, with Chianti for a chaser, and she punctuated her comment by bopping Luigi - in a way not so pacifico.