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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Another Russian space spectacular today -- as you have doubtless heard. An unmanned Soviet space ship scoring a bull s eye on Venus. First man-made object -- ever to reach another planet. Rivaling in importance the Russian first soft landing on the Moon - less than a month ago.

A top British scientist later charging that Russia -- has thereby endangered future studies of life on Venus, by contaminating its surface -- with Earth organisms.

No question however, about the marksmanship. Hitting Venus -- they say is the equivalent of firing a rifle bullet from a platform travelling at eighteen miles per second -- at a target some thirty-six million miles away -- travelling itself at twenty-two miles per second. Quite a feat.

VICTORY

A tremendous twin victory today for President Johnson - on Capitol Hill. The House first approving his request - for a four point eight billion dollars Military Authorization Bill. With most of the money - headed for Viet Nam. After which the Senate in effect, reaffirmed American determination - to repel Communist aggression in Southeast Asia by "all measures necessary."

In the House - only four dissenting votes. In the Senate - only five. And so ends for now at least - the so-called "great debate".

PRESIDENT FOLLOW VIET NAM

Here ~~at home~~ - President Johnson/called ^{today}
the crisis in Viet Nam - "a crime - perhaps the
greatest crime of man." Because - said he -
"so much courage and so much will and so many
dreams - must be carelessly flung on the fires
of war and ~~an~~ death." The more/so - because the
Viet Cong must realize by now - that they can
never win a total victory.

The only answer - said the President -
~~is~~ a negotiated peace; To "let war stand aside -
while the people of Viet Nam choose" their own
destiny.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- American marines today swept across a fortified peninsula -- near the North Vietnamese border; driving a nest of some four hundred elite Viet Cong into the South China Sea. American planes and artillery -- then zeroing in on the trapped Viet Cong, as North Vietnam boats moved in -- to try to pick up survivors.

In the end -- American troops killing a total of at least a hundred and fifteen in two days of heavy fighting; with many more -- believed lost to the sea.

GERMANY

After twenty years of waiting in the wings - Communist East Germany today formally requested membership in the United Nations. The application filed by East German Communist party ~~leader~~ leader Walter Ulbricht - in a letter to U N Secretary General U. Thant.

U-Thant's office later reporting the letter would be sent as soon as possible - to the President of the Security Council; ~~The~~ body that decides questions of membership - in the world organization. In any case - East Germany's chances of ~~admission~~ admission are seen as slim; ~~if as for nothing else.~~ -- ~~than an almost certain~~^a western veto ~~almost certain.~~

POUND

When British voters go to the polls late
~~the~~ this month - to determine the fate of their
government - they will also determine the fate of
the pound sterling. This according to an announce-
ment today -- by Britain's Chancellor of the
Exchequer. Sir James Callaghan stating that if
the Labor Party is returned to power - he will
immediately initiate a switch from the pound sterling
to the decimal system of currency ~~is~~ similar to
~~is~~ that now in effect in Australia. The change
to be completed -- by February of Nineteen Seventy
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FRANCE

After months of stalling - the French government today arrived at a figure of one billion dollars. As the price of a farm deal France will demand of its common market partners before agreeing to new trade terms with the United States.

The French demand presented by Foreign Minister Couve de Murville - at a Brussels meeting of Common Market Ministers. The billion dollars -- in the form of agricultural tariff concessions to be granted France; In return for French compliance with industrial tariff concessions. Designed to foster expanded trade between the United States and the Common Market as a whole.

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DAMASCUS

At Damascus - the new leftist rebel regime of Syria - today announced the formation of a nineteen man government, headed by thirty-eight year old Youssef Zayyen, a bone surgeon ~~an~~ turned politician who was also Premier for three months last year before he was purged from the ruling ^aBath Party. Zayyen, himself now pledged - as he put it - "to purge the ^aBath Party from ~~rightist~~ ^{rightist} thoughts once and for all.

HEALTH FOLLOW PRESIDENT

On the domestic front - the President today presented Congress with a special legislative package, ~~Br~~imming with health and education ~~pr~~ programs for everyone from hungry school children to alcoholics. ^{Goal} ~~Goal~~ - said the President - to give Americans "a new freedom" from pain and ignorance.

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Be that as it may - the outlook for Congressional debate - stormy. Critics noting ~~that the President's school aid proposals alone -~~ ^{it} ~~that~~ would cost two-point-three billion dollars over the next twelve months.

DALLAS

It seems that a fellow named Juan Chavez of Dallas -- was upset because someone tried to steal his car. So -- Senor Chavez decided to sleep in the car last night, -- guard it.

Plan perfect -- except that bandits happened along -- in the wee hours, spotted the carwatcher fast asleep and relieved him of -- his wallet, containing fifty-two dollars -- and his shoes.

Warren -- would you say "he shoulda stood in bed."

ELECTION

Two new election reform bills were presented to Congress today -- by southern Senators. Each heralded as -- "the best way to elect a president."

Sparkman of Alabama urging that the electoral vote of each state -- should conform with the division of popular votes in that state. Stennis of Mississippi urging division of electoral votes -- among voting districts to be established by state legislators. Both plans aimed at eliminating our present electoral system.