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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

History in the making tonight -- high over the North Atlantic; two giant U.S. Air Force helicopters -- attempting to become the first such aircraft ever to fly the Atlantic non-stop.

The two helicopters -- of the type known as "Jolly Green Giants" in Vietnam. Following roughly the same flight plan -- as that of Charles Lindbergh. Planning to refuel three times -- in all -- on their way across. And hoping to arrive at that Paris air show -- around five tomorrow morning, New York Time.

Seventy-eight year old Igor Sikorsky -- who pioneered the helicopter -- is already over there ready to greet the products of his genius.

MIDDLE EAST

Latest from the Middle East - a war of threatening words. Israeli sources in Jerusalem saying today - the United States will soon send a warship to challenge that Arab blockade of the Gulf of Akaba. Arab sources in Cairo - ~~ss~~ saying the Arab world will launch a three-prong blitzkrieg to smash Israel; within ~~an~~ hours - of any outbreak of hostilities.

More ~~amx~~ maneuvering - in the Mediterranean.

With a Soviet warship - passing today through the Dardanelles. The first of ten Russian vessels - intended to beef up Soviet naval strength in the trouble zone.

While at the same time - the U S aircraft carrier Intrepid was passing through the Suez Canal, enroute to the Far East - conveniently - via the Red Sea.

Nevertheless, a note of optimism today - at the United Nations. With growing support for a U.S. resolution ~~urging~~ urging all sides to forego warlike action; - to work instead for peace and compromise.

VIETNAM

As for the War in Vietnam ^{it was} marked today by another massive U S air strike ~~ga~~ against the Communist North. American jets threading their way through wave after wave of enemy flak and anti-aircraft missiles, ^{to} to smash two vital oil depots - within four miles of downtown Haiphong.

The raid putting ~~us~~ to rest earlier reports from Washington - that the North Vietnamese ~~heart~~ heartland was temporarily "off limits" to American bombers. This supposedly part of a new effort - to bring Hanoi to the conference table.

Whether related or not - the ~~no~~ new raid ^{did} ~~also~~ follow ^{ed} a fresh enemy assault - on U S positions near the D. M. Z.

HOOVER

From F B I Director J. Edgar Hoover - a bitter blast today at certain civil rights leaders. ~~Specifically~~ ~~those~~ he accused ^S of all but inviting racial violence this summer.

Their main fault - said ^{YA} J. Edgar -- in pinpointing "certain cities where riots and violence may occur." This said he -- "like an open invitation to hotheads and rabble rousers in those areas - to ~~move~~ move into action on cue;" putting them "on notice - that they are expected to riot."

The only answer - said the F B I chief - for local and state officials to "speak out" ~~to~~ "make it abundantly clear - that mobs, riots and senseless destruction will not be tolerated," this summer - or ever again.

THRESHER

Four years since the loss of the nuclear submarine Thresher -- the U.S. Navy has finally perfected plans for a new deep sea rescue vehicle. In fact, the first prototype of the underwater craft -- now under construction; according to word today -- from Assistant Navy Secretary Robert Frosch.

Specifics of the rescue vehicle -- still highly classified -- said Frosch. However, its stated purpose will be "to rescue men from disabled submarines on the ocean floor; at any depth down to the collapse depth -- of the most modern combatant submarine." Said rescue to be accomplished -- said Frosch -- by "mating" the rescue craft -- "to the hatch of the disabled submarine."

Plans also underway -- we are told -- for development of a deep sea search vehicle; hopefully, capable of recovering small objects from the ocean floor up to a depth of twenty thousand feet. What an adventure it will be to go down to the bottom of the sea in that!

MOSCOW

For the first time - an open secret officially acknowledged today in Moscow. With a Communist youth newspaper adding a preface of its own - to a reprint of an article from a French Communist newspaper. Both preface and main body of the item - highly critical of Stalin's daughter, Svetlana.

The Soviets, - for their part - referring to Svetlana as "the defector alliluyéva" -- her mother's maiden name. Saying she is concluding her memoirs - "somewhere in the United States." Asserting further that "agents of the U S special services - have taken a hand in what is to be a new bestseller."

The French article carrying on with a charge that Svetlana - is "helping operations aimed against her country." The article ~~and~~ adding: "She is pressed by dollars - and surrounded by gorillas. She cannot stay alone - even for a single minute. She is as unhappy - as a prisoner."

All this - obviously an attempt to discredit

Stalin's daughter
~~settling~~
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in advance of anything derogatory she might

have to say -- in her forthcoming book.

DIPLOMAT

Two Hungarian diplomats have defected to the United States in recent weeks, says a State Department spokesman. The second defector Erno Bernat -- third secretary to the Hungarian Embassy in Washington, who with his wife, three sons, and mother-in-law, was granted political asylum -- April Twenty-First.

Earlier this month the State Department disclosed the defection of Janos Radvanyi, Hungary's top diplomat in Washington; and supposedly the first Communist emissary in this country -- ever to defect to the United States.

Are the two cases related? No one will say.

WATER

Elsewhere in Washington -- a final session today of the International Water for Peace Conference. With U S Secretary of State Dean Rusk - the closing speaker--

Contending that dangers of war could be sharply reduced - if the nations of the world would begin to work together on water; developing water resources - for the good of all mankind.

Though he made no mention of the current Middle East crisis - Dean Rusk clearly had it in mind. Asserting that friend and foe alike - working to find solutions to common problems - would make allies of us all." And thus - said he -- "lay a steadying hand - on the more turbulent aspects of the world scene."

HONG KONG FOLLOW WATER

More on the sam subject -- from Hong Kong . Where the British today disclosed -- they have petitioned Red China for more water. Badly needed -- they say -- to relieve a critical shortage.

Under normal circumstances -- Hong Kong is cut off from Chinese water during July, August and September. Relying on its reserves -- to carry through until Fall. However, the British are now saying -- they will need an estimated two billion gallons during July alone. And more to follow -- or the Crown Colony will run dry before the summer is out.

China's answer? No reply as yet. In the meantime, the British are putting a total ban on use of water in Hong Kong -- from eight hours to sixteen hours a day.

RENO

Some ninety years after it all began -- final vindication today for the scapegoat of Custer's last stand. The name and record of Major Marcus Reno -- cleared at last of any wrong-doing.

Major Reno was originally exonerated -- immediately following that famous battle at the Little Big Horn. However, just the charge that he alone was responsible for the massacre -- for failing to come to the aid of Custer -- that charge haunted him through the years; finally ending in his discharge from the Army -- for alleged "personal misbehavior" followed soon after by his death -- in total disgrace.

All that changed now -- thanks to an appeal from a great-grand nephew of the famous Indian fighter. Charles Reno -- a New York bartender who mustered the necessary evidence to win a rehearing of the case. The Army now altering its records -- to show that Reno was honorably

in the ranks as a Major -- on April One, Eighteen-Eighty.

Charles Reno immediately announcing -- one last goal;

To have the body of Major Reno reburied -- at Custer
National Cemetery in Montana.

INDIANAPOLIS

Part two of the Indianapolis five hundred -- a thriller all the way -- as you may have heard by now. With Parnelli Jones -- way out in front; just ten miles from what seemed a certain victory -- in the first turbine car ever to compete at Indianapolis. When suddenly -- a broken gear box forced him out of the race.

A. J. Foyt -- the only other driver in contention at the time. As it turned out -- the only one of thirty-two starters to finish the race. Threading his way daringly through a last-lap pile up to win his third Indy Five Hundred.

And no fluke either. The speedy Texan racking up a record average speed -- of better than one hundred and fifty-one miles an hour. Another Indianapolis thriller Warren and so long until tomorrow.