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Good Evening Everybody:

Our airmen shot down over East Germany - still being held - incommunicado. No one allowed to visit them, or see the wreckage of their RB-66. Meanwhile Moscow is broadcasting that it was a spy plane - which is flatly denied in Washington. The flight just routine, straying off-course along the main air corridor to West Berlin.

We are anxious to find out from the airmen themselves - just what did happen. When will that be?

The State Department took the issue - to Moscow's top man in Washington, and is demanding that the three airmen - be liberated.

SOVIETS FOLLOW PLANE

In Bonn, it's being pointed out - that most border violations are from East to West. Soviet planes - violating Western airspace. Take the figures for the two years of - Nineteen-sixty-one to Nineteen-sixty-three. Seventy-seven Allied aircraft - strayed from their flight plan. But ninety-five Communist aircraft - did the same thing.

The big difference - being that our commanders don't order Soviet planes shot down. We assume a plane - has simply gone off course, and give the pilot a chance to rectify his mistake. But the Russians open up - with their anti-aircraft guns.

IDEOLOGY

British Kremlinologists are stating categorically - that the Communist conference in Peking was a failure. Evidence - the joint communique signed by the Rumanians and the Chinese Reds. Merely a few words - to say that views were exchanged in a friendly atmosphere. Just that - nothing more.

In short, the Rumanian delegation did not persuade Mao Tse-Tung - to give up his vendetta with Khrushchev. The ideological split in the Red bloc - wider than ever tonight.

MCNAMARA

Secretary of Defense - McNamara - is on his way home tonight to report - to President Johnson.

At Saigon airport he repeated what he said at every stop in South Vietnam - that America stands behind the regime of General Khanh, and will give him the tools he needs to beat the Red Guerrillas.

Apparently he believes General Khanh's strategy is right, that South Vietnam can win its fight for freedom - with American help. The situation not so bad.

KENNEDY

The attorney general is calling off - his
backers in Wisconsin. Robert Kennedy, moving to
squelch once and for all the rumor - that he is on bad
terms with President Johnson. Telling the
Wisconsinites to stop - the Kennedy-for-vice-president
drive. He says again - that the President should
decide the second spot on the Democratic ticket

HOFFA

The boss of the Teamster's Union - insists that he is not guilty. Jimmy Hoffa, saying so to the judge in Chattanooga - as he was sentenced to eight years in jail. Convicted of - trying to bribe a jury. Missouri Hoffa again protested his innocence. But Judge Frank Wilson went right ahead and sentenced him. Next will come an appeal to a higher court.

Torrential rains lifting flood levels - to record heights. In Kentucky - the Ohio flooding breached that Louisville restraining wall. - And at Dan Morleyville, West Virginia - which has no flood wall - the water in the main street is ten feet deep.

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But the weather won't relent - that most

WEATHER

Enough Americans are homeless tonight - to make quite a city. Some - fifty-thousand. The Major Villains - rivers from Pennsylvania to Illinois. The Susquehanna, the Ohio, the Mississippi - all the way to Missouri's Black River. Not to mention hundreds of smaller streams spreading devastation to smaller towns and villages.

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rivers are beginning to subside, and the hope is that there won't be another cloudburst.

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Explorer Eighteen, sending back information all along its orbit - that is, it circles the earth, and the planet produces radiation - as if circling the sun, an area where a spacecraft could find itself bobbing around - like a cork in the water of an ocean liner.

SPACE

A radiation zone spreading out from the earth like the wake of a ship. So says our Explorer

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Explorer Eighteen, sending back information - all along its orbit - giving the first indication that our planet produces radiation - as it circles the sun, an area where a space ship could find itself bobbing around - like a rowboat in the wake of an ocean liner.

harmony in a Mayfair hotel

BAND

**Music critics of London - some of them - are
applauding the "Joy Strings" tonight. The octet of
guitar-strummers - who had the Blue Angel Night Club
jumping, wowing them with everything - from the
classics to rock and roll, from Annie Laurie to the
Yellow Rose of Texas.**

**But the real story is that the "Joy Strings"
are members of the Salvation Army. They started
playing - on street corners. And became so popular -
that the "Blue Angel" offered them an engagement.
Hence, that odd spectacle in London. Eight musicians
in Salvation Army costumes - Dick - beating out
harmony in a Mayfair hotspot.**

LOTTERY

The governor of New Hampshire may win one-hundred thousand dollars - for the three bucks he spent today. Governor John King, buying the first ticket - in his state's lottery. The lottery okayed by the voters of the Granite State - by an overwhelming majority. The first race will be run - in September. By which time some ten-million dollars worth of tickets - will have been sold. Top prize - one-hundred thousand dollars. America's first legal lottery of the Twentieth Century in conservative Hampshire.

River has risen eighteen feet above flood stage.