

Latest from Vietnam tells tonight of heavy fighting all along the D.M.Z. With Communist forces apparently launching the second wave - of their continuing "go-for-broke" offensive. Once again - modern Soviet-made tanks said to be heading the attack - in the embattled Lang Vei-Khe Sank area. The fighting further threatening to engulf wide areas - of all three of South Vietnam's northernmost provinces.

The cost of this all-or-nothing offensive - reflected grimly in casualty figures announced in Saigon; showing the past week was the bloodiest of the war for both sides.

On the political front - from Hanoi: A warning that "peace talks will begin" - only when the United States has "proved it has really stopped unconditionally - the bombing and all other acts of war" against North Vietnam. U.S. response - according to word from Washington: An order for renewed air strikes against Hanoi and Haiphong - as soon as there is the first break in present monsoon weather.

PANMUNJOM

From Panmunjom - a report that North Korea will soon return - at least the dead and injured from the U.S.S. Pueblo. But still nothing definite - as to the fate of the rest of the ship's crew. Indeed, the White House today stressing that forward movement is painfully slow - and no solution as yet in sight.

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AID

The crumbling situation in Korea - was reflected today in the President's annual foreign aid request to Congress.

Beginning with a bid for an emergency appropriation - totaling One Hundred Million dollars. The money to be used by South Korea - to strengthen its armed forces with new planes, boats and anti-aircraft weapons; to defend itself against threatened attack - from the Communist North.

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STOCK MARKET

The New York Stock Market today suffered its worst loss of the year - the Dow-Jones Industrial average fell almost ten points in fairly active trading.

And life in the big city remains complicated by the week-old strike of garbage collectors. Governor Rockefeller this evening appointed a five-man mediation board and gave it a midnight deadline to submit proposals for settlement of the dispute.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

At Grenoble, France - it was all Peggy Fleming today at the Winter Olympics. The Colorado coed - taking a commanding lead in compulsory figures; all but sewing up America's first gold medal - in the women's figure skating event.

Apart from skating though - a sudden time-out in Olympic competition. Wind, fog and heavy snows - forcing postponement of the men's downhill ski race. Lowell Thomas taking advantage of the lull - with another special report, on Grenoble - Sixty-Eight. Lowell...

Hi there Dallas, and good evening everybody.

I haven't yet figured out where all the visitors are staying here at Grenoble. They're certainly not in the city of Grenoble itself. For here, there are said to be only Two Thousand Three Hundred beds available in hotels and pensions and homes. Obviously, like our own group, the rest of the people - tens of thousands - scores of thousands of them are scattered over Savoy, all the way from Geneva and the Swiss border to Thirty or more kilometers south of Grenoble - all the way Aix Les Bains on the road to Switzerland, south to Valence. At any rate, they're scattered over several hundred square miles. We - a group of use - were assigned a brand new hotel in Grenoble. Ah - but it wasn't quite ready when we arrived. So, we were sent up the road. Up the road that takes you to Aix Les Bains - and on to Switzerland. And there we found ourselves at last in Le Grand Hotel au duc de Savoy - at the foot of the Alps. The Haut Savoy. It's a spectacular region - surrounded by dizzy Alps. But the people here for the winter Olympics - they're

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scattered far and wide - several hundred square miles.

So long.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE

Thank you, Lowell. And now -- from Le Grande Hotel

Au Duc De ~~Savoi~~ ^{Savoi--} it's back to the news.

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WASHINGTON-CHICAGO

Presidential politics - former Governor Wallace of Alabama - stepping front and center today as a third party candidate. Even as Senator Robert Kennedy of New York was launching his strongest attack yet - on President Johnson's war policy in Vietnam.

Wallace's formal announcement - in Washington; where he said he would direct his campaign - to "the man in the street." In his own words - "the typical American of all races" - who "is tired of riots, of crime running rampant." Wallace also calling for more reliance on military advice - to end the war in Vietnam.

Kennedy in Chicago said "it is time for the truth" on Vietnam - time to drop what he called the "mask of official illusion." Communist attacks on cities and towns across South Vietnam - proof - said Robert Kennedy - that a military victory in Vietnam is "probably beyond our grasp;" that a political compromise - is the only path to peace.

A word from Warren Moran..

PHILADELPHIA

Symptomatic perhaps of the age in which we live - the current "non" phenomenon. In fiction - we have the "non-hero". In politics - it's the "non-candidate." In Russia - the "non-person." And now - in Philadelphia - it's the "non-school."

This last - a revolutionary new kind of high school - scheduled to open next year. As explained by the board of education - the school will save taxpayers about Nineteen-Million-Dollars - requiring no new construction. Depending instead on existing facilities - in and around Philadelphia's cultural center. Art classes to be held in the art museum - social studies in a nearby public library - mathematics in a neighboring insurance company - "phys ed" at the district "Y" and so on.

In short, the "non-school" designed to accomodate every eventuality - except maybe the "non-student."

Dallas Townsend saying Good night.