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HONOLULU (assuming President arrives on schedule)

Good Evening, Everybody: President Johnson's great adventure in Asian diplomacy--now getting underway. The President to spend the night at Honolulu. On the first stop--of his Seventeen-day, Twenty-Five Thousand-mile Asian and Pacific tour. A trip that will take him to Manila--for that Asian summit conference on Viet Nam; and possibly--even to Viet Nam itself.

The President's remarks at Honolulu--perhaps setting the tone of his entire journey. "We do not believe in eternal enmity. We look forward to the day when the United States hopefully can achieve a peaceful accord with Red China." The President adding, however, that America will never sacrifice freedom--for peace.

Earlier--on his departure from Washington--the President calling his mission a "hopeful" one--but warning against over-optimism. There is "no magic wand" he said--that can "bring about any miracle."

SAIGON FOLLOW HONOLULU

That remark--underscoring news today from Saigon.

Telling of renewed political unrest--in that embattled land.

Dissident members of the South Vietnamese cabinet--said to be pressing for a showdown with Premier Ky; now--before the Manila conference. Accusing Ky of favoritism toward northern-born Vietnamese--also of fostering undue military control of the nation.

The showdown--if it comes to pass--a move that could seriously weaken Ky's hand at Manila. And so, too--the hand of President Johnson.

WASHINGTON

Back in Washington--the Supreme Court refused today to hear a direct challenge--to the Electoral College system of electing U.S. Presidents. The court thereby rejecting an appeal --from Delaware and Eleven other states; attempting to alter the present winner-take-all provision of the electoral vote--as it applies to each state.

Today's decision apparently based on a counter-argument--advanced by New York State; to the effect that the challenge in question--had nothing to do with the Constitutional right to vote; but rather raised an issue of political power--and so should be decided in the "political arena."

For all practical purposes--the issue thus left entirely to Congress.

CAPE TOWN

The accused assassin of South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd--on trial for his life today in Capetown. For the most part--Dmitrio Tsafendas staring straight ahead--no display of emotion. As defense counsel attempted to have him declared insane--and, therefore, unfit for trial.

Chief witness for the defense--Dr. Harold Cooper, a South African psychiatrist. He said that Tsafendas is clearly suffering--from schizophrenia. The defendant apparently obsessed with the idea--that he was "bewitched" by a monster tapeworm. This--rather than political reasons--the Doctor said--was why he killed the Prime Minister.

JAKARTA

Former Foreign Minister Subandrio of Indonesia--one-time chief lieutenant to President Sukarno--a mere shell of the man he used to be; as he pleaded for his life today--before a special military tribunal in Jakarta.

For three hours, Subandrio emotionally defending himself--against charges that he tried to hand the country over to the Communists. Contending that his actions as foreign minister--were only in the interest of Indonesia. And if he inadvertently helped the Communists--he said it was only a coincidence.

At the end--his voice quavering--tears streaming down his face--Subandrio thanking the court for hearing him out. "Before"--he stammered--"I was only slandered and treated like garbage." But this--he went on--"this makes me feel like a human being again."

A verdict in the case--may come tomorrow.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

As you no doubt know--Lowell Thomas is overseas tonight--
on the trail of high adventure. In the meantime--a report he
left us--on an old and colorful friend.

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Hello Dallas, Good Evening Everybody:

There is nothing quite like an exciting adventure book to make the time fly when you are flying. This time, on my way across the Atlantic, I brought a book about an old friend. It is just out. It's called TIGER FOR BREAKFAST. If you saw our tiger hunt High Adventure TV show you may remember that it was organized for us by a White Russian named Boris Lissanevich. Now, if there is any man on this planet who has had a more colorful life than Boris I have yet to meet him.

Most of the members of his family lost their lives in the Russian Revolution. Boris only escaping because he temporarily became a ballet dancer, and ballet dancers were given special privileges for the simple reason that the Bolshevik government provided entertainment for the people.

Today, Boris lives in one of the most exotic

places on earth, Kathmandu, capital of the Himalayan country of ~~xx~~ Nepal, helping the King solve some of his problems. Boris Lissanevich was too busy to help us much when we were filming the Coronation in Nepal. He was running part of the Coronation for the King but later Boris went with us to a part of India famous for tigers, to Cooch-Behar, in Assam, on the Bhutan-border.

One of the pictures in the book shows three hundred and seventy six elephants lined up giving a salute. It's written by Michel Peissel and it takes its title **TIGER FOR BREAKFAST** from our expedition, when Boris announced one morning that we were actually going to have tiger for breakfast.

I could talk indefinitely about Boris Lissanevich and his adventures. But, that might take away some of the fun of reading this book.

Solong,

WALTHAM FOLLOW THOMAS TAPE

Speaking of books and authors--as Lowell just was--this next from Waltham, Massachusetts. An amazing post-script to the literary career of James J. Fahey--author and garbageman.

Fahey--you'll recall--an Eighty-Five-dollar-a-week garbage man' who hit the best-seller list a couple of years ago--with an autobiographical account of World War Two; a book entitled-- "The Pacific War Years."

Fahey earned a small fortune from the book--but now it turns out he's still a garbage man--and still broke. All of his royalties having gone to a Catholic mission--in the city of Metupatti in southern Hindustan.

Fahey disclosing that he started sending medical supplies to the church--Twelve years ago. And when he became rich and famous--decided to build a new cathedral for the mission; as a shrine--to the late President Kennedy.

If all goes well--the church will be completed by May Twenty-Ninth of next year; which would have been--the late

President's Fiftieth birthday.

Fahey hopeful that the Prime Minister of India, members of the Kennedy family--will take part in the dedication ceremonies.

But he may have a little difficulty--getting there himself.

The literary garbage man explaining: "I'll have to bum a ride. All the money I've got--went to the church."

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at least five, wounding at least fifty--in an effort to control
the situation. In the end--army troops needed to restore order.

JAMMU CITY FOLLOW NEW DELHI

Also in India--a series of pitched battles today in northern Jammu City. This in Kashmir Province--near the Indian border with Pakistan.

Thousands of Indian students--observing what they called a "black day;" in sympathy with students of neighboring states --protesting alleged "police excesses." As part of the observance--the students setting fire to a government art museum--burning cars--and creating havoc in general wherever they went.

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LONDON

Another majestic symbol of the British aristocracy--under seige by the working classes. Britain's Amalgamated Engineering Union laying claim to Cliveden--one of the great ancestral homes of England.

The Cliveden estate--on the Thames, twenty-five miles from London--pioneered by Kings and Queens. Later to become the home--of some of the most influential men in British political history. More recently, gathering place for the famed "Cliveden Set"--that revolved about American-born Lady Astor. And finally--plush setting for the Profumo affair.

Now-- as a result of the recent death of the second Viscount Astor--Cliveden is again available for lease. And because of the tremendous upkeep involved--the Amalgamated Engineering Union seems to be the only interested bidder. If successful, the Engineers plan to operate the Estate--in conjunction with the United Auto Workers of America--turning the famed Cliveden--into an Anglo-American trade union educational center.

BALTIMORE

From Baltimore--the story today of venerable Charley Wolf. A Ninety-Nine-year-old Navajo Indian chief--who refuses to say --die.

It seems that Charlie--who had been visiting relatives--was en route home to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, over the weekend; when someone jostled him--in the Baltimore bus station.

As befitting his noble heritage--the aged chief jostling right back. When police arrived a few minutes later--Charley asserting: "I'm an American Indian and nobody's going to push me anywhere--because this is my land."

Charley Wolf--promptly charged with disorderly conduct. But thanks to an understanding judge--case dismissed. "When I'm Ninety-Nine"--said the judge--"I hope I, too may be charged with disorderly conduct."

Good night,