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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

More riot, rebellion and insurrection -- ~~the~~ <sup>in</sup> Red China; with armed clashes reported all the way from Manchuria and Inner Mongolia in the North, to Anhwei Province in the East; with Tibet in the far West -- scene of the bloodiest fighting of all.

Few details -- as yet. However, Japanese correspondents in Peking -- say an estimated hundred and twenty persons have died in Tibet alone. Adding that anti-Mao forces seem to be multiplying rapidly -- and growing stronger by the day.

This latest -- from Moscow -- A report today that supporters of Chairman Mao -- may now control only five-- of the more than twenty provinces in all of China.

**NEW DELHI**

**News from India tells of a third death today - in the third day of voting in national elections. A young girl attempting to vote under an assumed name - in Madras, India's third largest city, when election officials discovered the attempted fraud - and expelled her from the polling station,**

**The girl promptly pouring kerosene on her clothes ~~and~~ setting herself afire. She died - a few hours later.**

**Apart from this - a big turnout is reported from throughout the vast subcontinent of Hindustan, with voter interest - apparently unequalled in recent years.**

**For instance, one man - claiming to be a hundred and twenty years old - walking miles across a desert; to reach a polling place - in the state of Rajasthan. Not far away - an expectant mother waiting in line to**

**vote - when she suddenly delivered a bouncing, baby boy.**

**Cradling the child in her arms - ~~now~~ she ~~has~~ finally**

**cast her ballot.**

## VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- the sixth major allied offensive of the week -- launched today by U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops. Operation Rio Grande -- near Quang Ngai -- claiming an estimated one hundred enemy lives in the first few hours of fighting. With Allied forces lucky, indeed -- suffering not a single casualty.

The new offensive -- coordinated with a series of five other major strikes; that have placed an estimated thirty-five thousand Allied troops -- on the firing line; as part of a grand strategy plan -- to hit the Viet Cong fast and hard on as many simultaneous fronts as possible.

With the air war keeping pace with ground action.

U.S. B-Fifty-Twos flying a record seven missions in a single day -- in support of American troops fighting near the Cambodian border. Adding still more death and destruction for the Viet Cong -- in one of their blackest weeks of the war.

## SALISBURY

**At Salisbury - a strong hint today that the breakway British Colony of Rhodesia - may soon become the Republic of Rhodesia. Rebel Premier Ian Smith saying that many Rhodesians are urging such a move - as a final act of independence from the British Commonwealth. This feeling based ~~on~~ <sup>says Ian Smith</sup> - on "hard common sense facts." Foremost of which - is said to be Queen Elizabeth's refusal to acknowledge Rhodesian independence.**

**As for himself - the Premier adding: "I must admit - I find it more and more difficult to continue acknowledging a Queen ~~who~~ who is not prepared to in return to acknowledge us."**

WARSAW

A brief item comes today -- from Warsaw. The Polish news agency Pap -- reporting plans for a special symphonic composition -- in memory of the late President Kennedy.

According to Pap -- Polish Composer Krzysztof

Penderecki will pen the music; on assignment from the late President's widow -- Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. The composition to be performed for the first time in New York -- we are told -- on November Twenty-Second next year; fifth anniversary of the Dallas tragedy.

## LANSING

Governor Romney of Michigan tried his best today -

- *as we are told -*

to apply the brakes to a building - Romney-for-President campaign; at least - in so far as the nation's press is concerned.

The Governor calling a special news conference at Lansing - to discourage public speculation about his possible candidacy; speculation which he said had made him the center of national focus - when he himself had yet to decide whether he would actually seek the presidency.

The result -- said Romney: "People ~~are~~ are acting as if I'm really in a national campaign." <sup>Then</sup> ~~he~~ he added: "I am not in a national campaign!" Period.



ADD LANSING

Be that as it may -- some thirty-or-forty newsmen from across the land -- are expected to follow Romney all or part of the way, on a six-state Republican fund-raising tour that starts tonight. They think he's running even if he doesn't.



## MOUNT MCKINLEY

After nearly a week of silence -- news today from Mount McKinley. From that seven-man-climbing team -- attempting the first winter conquest of America's tallest peak.

According to fragmentary radio contact -- from Alaska -- the climbers are now at the fourteen thousand foot level -- more than two thirds of the way to the top.

Flying rangers from Mount McKinley National Park -- further reporting visual contact with the climbers just above Kahiltna Glacier. Where they also spotted a great crevasse in the glacier itself -- that wasn't there a few days ago.

## NEW YORK

Famed industrial designer Raymond Loewy -- deliverer of a few choice remarks today in New York; on the shape and texture of things to come -- that is in the wonderful world of high fashion.

Loewy admitting -- he's no fashion expert.

Nevertheless, predicting, among other things, the eventual use of new man-made fabrics -- containing microscopic perforations; that respond instantly -- to changes in temperature. In effect, air-conditioned clothing -- cool in summer, warm in winter.

Another Loewy prediction -- evening gowns of sheer photosensitive yarn. Gowns that would cover the wearer modestly -- in bright light; only to turn into see-through gowns -- in the latest fashion -- when the lights are dimmed.

Warren, would you call that something to look forward to?

## ANTARCTIC

An unusual travel note today -- from the Antarctic -- just south of Patagonia -- telling of a rugged adventure for some twenty tourists -- most of them Americans; in the midst of a unique vacation cruise -- in Antarctic waters.

Their cruise ship -- La Pataia -- setting the tourists ashore for a scheduled brief visit to Teniente Camara; site of a lonely base -- operated by the Argentine Navy. While they were ashore a blizzard suddenly blew up -- trapping the party overnight in a single cabin.

Storm over -- the tourists were able to return today -- to their ship, happy that they have a tale of Antarctic adventure to tell.