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Good Evening Everybody:

Those Peruvian soldiers hacking their way through the Green Hell of the Amazon are reminiscent of the Spanish Conquistadors. The handful of tough adventurers led by Pizarro, who conquered the Inca Empire.

They too fought the jungle and the mountains and the highly civilized Indians. Then, one of their great exploits came with Orellana's incredible voyage down the Amazon from jungle on the East slope of the Andes, to the Atlantic.

These Peruvian soldiers have been on a similar adventure. That is, they were mapping the border between Peru and Brazil - when hundreds of Amazonian Indians ambushed them. Stone-age aborigines

armed with primitive weapons.

The siege lasted - eight days. The Peruvians trying to avoid the silent swish of spears and poison arrows. Trying to fight off an unseen enemy with rifles and grenades.

At night they had the roar of jaguars to cheer them up, venomous snakes - crawled into their foxholes. they began to run out of - food and ammunition.

They were at the end of their tether - when a relief patrol reached them. By which time, they had six casualties - tow dead. The survivors now on their way back to Lima tonight - with a story to add to the legends of the Green Hell of the Amazon.

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WEATHER

Tremendous gales along the Texas Gulf Coast. Hitting with the force - of tornadoes. Uprooting trees, knocking over telephone poles, breaking hundreds of windows - tearing loose masses of shingles. At orange, Texas - three ships broke their moorings, and drifted out into the Gulf. At Nederland, Texas - eight trailers blown over.

In the Rocky Mountains -- more snow. Three inches - at Denver, eight more inches here in the Wasatch. Livestock warnings are out - on the Great Plains.

The farmers of Kansas and Nebraska - advised to get their herds in. So they'll not be trapped in the snow, and freeze. In California, the usual rite, always on March 19 they start counting the swallows of Capistrano.

SALINGER

The White House News Secretary - resigns.

Pierre Salinger, stepping out of - The Johnson Administration. Reason - he says he wants to run for the Senate. Pierre Salinger - a California Democrat, now on his way back - to where he came from.

President of the United States.

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JOHNSON

Around Washington tonight - the talk concerns

"Class of Thirty-six". Meaning - the lawmakers who arrived on Capital Hill in nineteen thirty-six.

Magnuson of Washington, Sparkman of Alabama - and so on. Also, Johnson of Texas. Lyndon Johnson - who did better than his colleagues in Congress, becoming President of the United States.

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The foreign aid program will have to make do with less money - than ever before in its history. Even if Congress lets the Presidential request - stand. Which - is unlikely.

President Johnson is asking for - three-billion, four-hundred million. A billion less - than the Kennedy request of a year ago. The President arguing that many nations - are back on their feet, and don't need as much American aid - as before. White House spokesmen are now preparing to defend the Foreign Aid Bill - as it stands.

AMERICANS

Secretary of State Rusk used the strongest language yet - when he spoke to the Soviet Ambassador about the three American airmen held incommunicado by the Russians - although their plane was shot down more than a week ago. Today, Dean Rusk insisted that the Russians know the plane wandered off-course. Not - on a spy mission. Secretary Rusk told Ambassador Dobrynin - that the three had better be released promptly. Or Moscow is going to find us rather chilly - in the near future.

NEW GUINEA

The following story is datelined - Sukarn-Pura, New Guinea. Don't bother trying to find Sukarn-Pura - on the map. It isn't on the map - yet.

But the city has been there - for quite awhile. The name, when I was there, was Hollandia - plenty of our fighting men remember it. After the Indonesian takeover - the name was changed to Kotabaru. But President Sukarno - still not satisfied, decided to change it again, name it - for himself. "The City of Sukarno" - Sukarn-Pura, New Guinea.

SATELLITE

The failure of our latest space shot is disappointing - for many reasons. Not the least of which is the fact that - the Delta Rocket had run up a string of twenty-two straight successes. Number twenty-three seemed routine - when they fired it at Cape Kennedy. But the third stage cut off too soon. Not enough push - to place the satellite in orbit. The first failure for the Delta Rocket - in almost four years.

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FLIERS

I wonder if Joan Smith and Jerrie Mock - are going to meet during their travels. Will the two ladies have a chance to wave at each other - from their cockpits? Over - the Indian Ocean? Or - the South Pacific? Their journeys will take them that far. In fact, around the globe. Joan and Jerrie, out to see which becomes - the first woman to circle our planet in a plane. Do it - solo.

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TUNNEL

You can drive from Switzerland to Italy tonight - by way of the Great Saint Bernard. No, I'm not referring to the Great Saint Bernard Pass - over the Alps. The historic trail used by Europeans - since Roman times. The Pass with the famous - Hospice of Saint Bernard. The monks and their dogs who have been there - since the middle ages. Who entertained Napoleon - when he led his Army across the Alps in eighteen hundred.

You just don't have to go over the Alps anymore. They've just opened - the Great Saint Bernard Tunnel. And tonight, Italian and Swiss motorists are driving through - on the first paved road ever to pierce Europe's historic mountain chain.

Distance - just under four miles. One-hundred miles less than the route - on the surface. A driver's dream, the Great Saint Bernard Tunnel - under the Alps.