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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Red China is reported tonight -- on the verge of severing all ties with the Soviet Union. So says -- Radio Peking. Sighting numerous instances over the past two weeks -- in which the Russians supposedly "violated diplomatic relations" between the two countries. Adding that the Chinese people now "have made all preparations"-- for a full scale break.

As if to prove the point -- thousands of Chinese demonstrators screaming today at the Russian Embassy in Peking. Making the fourteenth straight day of such demonstrations -- the biggest ever -- said Peking. The mob reportedly chanting: "Whoever opposes Mao Tse Tung -- will be destroyed."

MOSCOW

Meanwhile, a thousand Russians today staged their own biggest demonstration yet -- outside the Chinese Embassy in Moscow. Their biggest -- but mildest -- to date.

Instead of pounding on doors -- as before -- <sup>9</sup>the Russians merely handing out protest petitions. Even Russian loud speakers --(berating the Chinese)-- toned down from the day before. The Soviet Union apparently trying to make sure that if China calls it quits -- China alone must bear the full responsibility.

## VIETNAM

Officially -- the second day of that scheduled four day truce -- just getting underway today in Vietnam.

Unofficially -- no holiday for death. Allied officials reporting at least twenty-five truce violations -- in the first few hours of the cease fire. Violations that left at least twenty dead -- and countless injured.

The worst incident in Cholon -- a district in Saigon. One of several bandits hurling a hand grenade into a crowd of Vietnamese police and civilians -- during a robbery attempt at a Chinese lumber yard. The blast -- killing nine. The bandits -- identified as, quote "fund raisers" for the Viet Cong.

At that, the truce generally quieter than those of Christmas and New Years. } Perhaps -- a hopeful sign.

## PROPAGANDA

Coincident with the peace lull in Vietnam -- such as it is -- the greatest allied propaganda push of the war is in full operation today. A massive campaign designed to convince the Viet Cong guerilla -- that he should start the lunar New Year right -- by defecting.

As part of the process -- a hundred thousand sets of a new poer game are being dropped in suspected Viet Cong sanctuaries. The name of the game -- "defection". Starting place -- is with the Viet Cong. But with each shake of the dice -- the player draws closer to the government side; unless he falls into a penalty box -- like maybe the "Ho Chi Minh trail" or "Monsoon campaign." Which sends him right back to the guerillas -- away from his family and the good life in anti-Communist areas.

Winning the enemy over -- a long and costly job, to be sure. And yet forty thousand of the Viet Cong have defected in the past four years -- which means a potential

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saving of ten thousand allied lives.

An American officer explaining that for every four Viet Cong who join our side -- "we can assume that one more friendly soldier will live." "And leaflets" -- he adds -- "are a lot cheaper than lives."

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## VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome -- an appeal today from Pope Paul. Urging President Johnson and the leaders of South Vietnam -- to extend the current four day truce into a full scale Armistice. And so -- pave the way for peace talks. The Pope asserting; "we dare to ask that nothing be overlooked -- toward the end of finding a just and honorable solution to the conflict."

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KOSYGIN

In London -- another anti-American polemic today -- from visiting Soviet Premier Kosygin. Shocking his British audience -- some two hundred specially invited guests -- who had come expecting to hear a talk on trade.

Instead, Kosygin pulled a prepared speech from his pocket -- and launched a bitter attack on U.S. policy in Vietnam. The Premier saying there can be no peace in that embattled land -- until, said he, until "the United States gives the people of Vietnam -- the right themselves to resolve their own affairs."

For starters then -- Kosygin urging immediate and "unconditional cessation -- of American bombing and other acts of aggression" -- as he put it.

**PRESIDENT**

On the domestic front -- still another special message today to Congress. President Johnson urging enactment of a broad new program -- for the benefit of disadvantaged young people. Beginning with expansion of the existing head start operation -- and carrying on through a new attack on juvenile delinquency.



## CHARLESTON

A related item comes tonight -- from Charleston, West Virginia. In remarks attributed to Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- before a meeting of the West Virginia AFL-CIO legislative conference.

The Vice President -- reporting a discovery -- contrary to common belief -- to the effect that poor people choose honest work almost every time -- in preference to idleness on relief. The proof -- said he -- in the fact that every self-help opportunity program offered by the government has had "more people lining up at the door than there are places inside."

Be that as it may -- the controversy may be all academic -- as far as Hoffa himself is concerned. For unless he wins another stay -- he will soon be in prison on his conviction for jury tampering.

HOFFA

Elsewhere in Washington -- teamster President Jimmy Hoffa went to the bargaining table today; to begin negotiations -- on a new national freight contract. But when he got there -- the table was bare; forcing suspension of contract talks -- even before they started.

The reason -- a boycott by Trucking Employers, Incorporated; a trade organization representing employers by more than half -- of the half Million teamsters involved. TEI -- as it's known -- insisting on separate bargaining rights. Which caused a commotion later outside -- when Hoffa spotted a TEI representative. The teamster chieftain shouting: "You're not going to break up my blankety blank life stream -- of a national bargaining contract."

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## McARTHUR

Veteran American diplomat Douglas McArthur the Second -- soon to get a new job. The White House today announcing his pending appointment -- as the next U.S. Ambassador to Austria.

The nephew and namesake of the great General McArthur -- one of America's few foreign officers with the career rank of Ambassador -- McArthur succeeds James Riddleberger who has served in Vienna -- for over four years now.

McArthur's successor -- as Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional relations -- will be another career diplomat; William McComber, Jr. -- former U.S. Ambassador to Jordan.

**ATLANTA**

**William James -- a forty two years old White  
carpenter -- convicted of murder today; in the slaying  
of a Negro teenager -- that touched off four days of  
rioting last fall in Atlanta, Georgia. James immediately  
sentenced -- to life in prison.**

RIO

From Rio De Janeiro -- a final tally today on  
"Carnival 67." Brazilian counterpart to our own Mardi Gras.

In all -- fourteen murders and twenty other violent  
deaths -- occurring during the pre lenten celebration.

In other words -- it was "comparatively tame" -- says police.

In fact -- they add -- "the least troublesome carnival  
-- in a decade or more."

## BEATLES

Good news for Beatle fans -- in this next from London.

An announcement today putting to rest fears that the Beatles are ready to split-up -- each to pursue his own separate career.

Electrical and Musical Industries, Limited, disclosing that the Beatles have just renewed their recording contract -- for another nine years. Which means for Beatle fans -- at least another decade -- in the best years of their lives, would you say?

## BLIZZARD

Here in the East -- no rest for the weary. Yesterday's paralyzing snowstorm -- giving way today to bone chilling cold; making the job of digging out -- just that much harder.

Temperatures falling to twenty-eight below -- at Glens Falls, New York; twenty-seven below -- up at Greenville, Maine. And down to seven above -- a new record -- at Roanoke, Virginia.

The outlook for tomorrow not much help. The weather man predicting more cold -- and maybe more snow, to boot.

## FORT LAUDERDALE

In the chilly, choppy Gulf Stream off Fort Lauderdale, Florida -- a new under water record today for a plucky American sailor. Thirty two year old Robert Croft -- an instructor in the Navy's submarine escape school at Groton, Connecticut -- completing a "free dive" to a distance of two hundred and twelve point seven feet.

The new mark breaking a two hundred foot record -- originally set in Nineteen thirteen; with Croft, who wore neither face mask, breathing equipment, or swim fins -- completing his descent and return -- in just two minutes and six seconds.

How did he celebrate? With a whoop and a holler -- followed by a series of push ups on the deck of his diving boat with a fellow crewman sitting on his back. Quite a fellow -- that Bob Croft.