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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At the manned space center in Houston Texas, -- a replay today of dramatic tapes taken from the ill-fated Gemini Eight. Presenting a word picture by Astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott -- of their nightmare in space; fighting to control a spacecraft suddenly gone wild -- and admittedly as they put it: "just barely able" to hold their own.

The tapes, in short, detailing a tremendous example of calm courage -- in the face of impending disaster, but absolutely no clue -- we re told -- as to why the first union of two objects in space -- should end up in a cliff hanger.

## AGENA FOLLOW SPACE

Meanwhile, round and round she goes -- that Agena target satellite, that played so mysterious a role -- in the abortive flight of the Gemini Eight.

Indeed, the Agena was propelled today into a new and higher orbit, designed to keep it aloft -- for another several months; long enough perhaps to permit a possible inspection by another team of astronauts -- sometime later this year.

Space officials saying: "There is an experimental package still mounted on the Agena." Adding -- "it might be a useful activity -- to recover it."

## NATO

United States and all its Nato allies except France -- in hurried conference today at Paris, in an effort to reach speedy agreement -- on a joint NATO declaration. Pledging their loyalty to the alliance -- whatever DeGaulle's attempts to scuttle it.

While in another part of Paris -- this from Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin: Russia now ready -- said he -- to ~~conclude~~ <sup>conclude</sup> a treaty of alliance or non-aggression with France; at any time such a treaty is acceptable to DeGaulle.

## JAKARTA

A new wave of anti-government student demonstrations -- today in Jakarta, in the wake of Sukarno's surprise claim -- that ~~his~~ he is still the dictatorial ruler of Indonesia.

Roving bands of rioters -- occupying the homes of six government ministers; forming human road blocks -- on major roads to Sukarno's palace. Seizing three leftist government officials -- who they said would be turned over to the military.

A thousand rumors -- adding fuel to the fire. One of them -- a report that the students have given Sukarno Forty-Eight hours either to form an anti-communist cabinet -- or face <sup>Y</sup>amassive public <sup>Y</sup>uprising.

## VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- a near clash between American warplanes and two mystery jets, high in the skies -- over North Vietnam. The Communist aircraft -- closing to within two miles of an American formation before they turned tail without firing a shot. On the ground -- renewed fighting today in that dread zone D for Death -- just North of Saigon.

Used as a staging area for Viet Cong guerilla raids -- since World War Two: A ten-day sweep of the area by American and Australian forces -- already having claimed nearly three hundred enemy lives.

## PEACE FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home -- the windup today in Washington to an interfaith conference on peace; with some Two Hundred Protestant and Catholic leaders -- unanimously urging the President to seek an Easter cease fire in Vietnam, to begin on April Eighth -- Good Friday -- and to continue for three days through Easter Sunday.

In a later vote -- the delegates three to one in favor of a second resolution calling for an immediate end to all American bombing raids -- in both North and South Vietnam.

## GHANA

Still another bizarre twist today -- to that recent military coup in Ghana. The new military regime at Accra -- reporting discovery of a long-time political prisoner said to be the confessed trigger man -- in the assassination of Togo President Sylvanus Olympio three years ago.

The prisoner -- a thirty-four year old Ghanaian named Jacob Fulani, who said he killed Olympio -- on direct orders from Ghana's ousted President Kwame Nkrumah, in order to pave the way -- for an Nkrumah-financed Leftist revolution in Togo. Fulani adding that Nkrumah later threw him in jail -- to keep him from talking.

## INDIA

Indian police throughout the Punjab -- were under direct government orders today "to crush" any renewed violence. Prime Minister Madam Ghandi sanctioning the use of "all necessary force" -- to prevent a recurrence of ~~the~~ Hindu rioting; rioting -- said he -- that "has shocked me as it has shocked the entire nation."

At last report -- the violence had left at least thirteen dead - more than three hundred injured -- and more than two thousand under arrest as a direct result of a government decision -- to establish a separate Sikh State in the northern Punjab.



## POLAND

On at least one important issue -- an apparent compromise today between church and state in Communist Poland. This expected to clear the way for a joint celebration -- of Poland's Millennium as a sovereign state and Christian nation.

The partial armistice declared in side-by-side articles - - in Poland's Communist Party newspaper. One -- an official explanation from Polish Catholic Bishops of their invitation to German Bishops to participate in the Millennium. The other -- a party statement disagreeing with the church position -- but accepting the explanation.

Nevertheless, the deep division between church and state -- remains relatively unchanged. For one thing -- Pope Paul himself still barred from visiting Poland--- to take part in the celebration.

## CASTRO

Major Efigenio Ameijeiras -- a charter member of the Castro revolutionary band -- in deep trouble today in Havana. The major fired from his job as Armed Forces Minister of Cuba. Stripped of his rank -- expelled from a position of leadership in the Cuban Communist Party; and ordered to stand trial -- for alleged "activities contrary to revolutionary morals."

Radio Havana further noting that Ameijeiras -- was a "close friend" of Ex-Major Rolando Cubelas, who was sentenced ~~to~~ last week to thirty years in prison, for an alleged plot-- against the life of Fidel Castro.

## CLAY

From Louisville, Kentucky -- news today that Cassius Clay has applied for a draft deferment on religious grounds. The world heavyweight champion -- citing his membership in the Black Muslims. How did he make out?

Request rejected -- by Clay's local draft board, so he remains One-A -- pending a hearing before the selective service appeal board in Louisville.

LIZ

Looking for a job? Then this next may be just for you.

A classified ad that appeared today in a Rome newspaper --  
to wit: "Wanted -- Italian girl -- English speaking --  
five feet two, closely resembling Elizabeth Taylor."

While the ad could have been placed by a lovesick  
Liz Taylor fan - - it wasn't. The job offered is that of  
a stand-in for the famed film star -- during Rome shooting  
of "The Taming of the Shrew." Interesting applicants --  
Warren -- to apply direct -- via Benito, Roma.

## IRISH

Once agin it was a great day today for the Irish.

If they happened to live anywhere in America -- between New York and Chicago -- all points South -- and some parts of the West.

Oh there was a Sixteen inch snow fall in the Northern Rockies; a tornado alert -- for sections of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri; gale winds -- in Iowa, Nebraska, and in Colorado. Temperatures--in New England sub-zero and finally -- bone-chilling cold along the West Coast. A great day? Sure and the 17th of March is always a great day.