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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At the Texas White House -- a presidential "okay" today, to new plans -- for a double-barreled American space spectacular. Calling for the cancelled flight of the Gemini-Six -- to be reactivated and combined with the scheduled flight of the Gemini-Seven in December -- if possible. This in an effort to get the American space program -- back on schedule.

The two spacecrafts-- to attempt a rendezvous in space, then to soar side by side -- for two days -- "like two cars on a super highway " with the Gemini-Six later returning to earth -- while Gemini-Seven carries on toward a fourteen day space endurance record.

Man's most ambitious venture yet -- into the black void of space. Chances of success. Says space chief, James Webb -- fifty-fifty.

UTAH

A team of government medical experts - was dispatched today to St. George, Utah. A small desert oasis - near the Nevada nuclear testing grounds. To determine whether a high incidence of glandular disturbance there - could have been caused by nuclear fall-out.

Some seventy children in the vicinity of St. George - newly found to have nodules, or lumps, on their thyroid glands. A possible indication of serious illness - perhaps even cancer.

Nuclear ~~falls~~ fall-out on St. George - ~~is~~ highest in the nation. And has been - for years.

CUBA

Castro Cuba today ordered a halt to that "freedom shuttle" -- across the hazardous Florida straits. That is the mass exodus of Cubans by small boat -- to end promptly at midnight -- which means only a temporary end to Castro's new "open door" policy -- paving the way for an airlift of Cuban refugees. For which the U.S. State Department reports that only minor, technical problems remain to be solved, before completion of an agreement -- providing for the orderly transfer of Cuban exiles. This perhaps before the end of the week.

VIET NAM

U.S. Marines launched search-and-destroy missions -- with a vengeance today, near the Da Nang and Chu Lai airfields -- in Viet Nam, where two coordinated Communist mortar and grenade attacks -- last night destroyed or damaged forty seven American aircraft.

Eighteen of Twenty-two damaged helicopters -- were quickly repaired to take part in the day-long hunt. But no luck. Apart from killed and wounded left behind -- not a trace of the Viet Cong.

CHINA

From Washington - a possible explanation today;
For Red China's decision to back off - from its recent
threatened attack against India.

U S officials reporting that the United States
warned China sternly - not to get involved in the Indian
war with Pakistan. The warning delivered through the
Chinese ~~Ambax~~ Ambassador ~~to~~ at Warsaw -- where Peking
and Washington maintain their only formal contact.

The same U S officials warning, however, against
any false sense of security - as a result of the incident.

Noting that ^{some new} ~~in the next~~ crisis ~~it~~ could make China more
rash and more dangerous than ever; ^{— in a desire to} ~~as a means of~~
regain~~ing~~ face.

INDONESIA

At Jakarta - the Indonesian army tonight announced the arrest-- of ninety-seven young Communists, who allegedly attacked an infantry battalion last week - in support of the attempted revolt against President Sukarno.

Another ninety-two Communists placed under arrest - in the torture and murder of six loyal generals.

Among them ^{se} - six women, who were allegedly paid off in rice - and, a dollar apiece.

SINGAPORE

Top security measures ~~placed~~ in effect today -
in and around Changi prison, ^{at} Singapore. ^{This} In preparation
for the mass execution of eighteen convicts - set for
tomorrow.

The condemned men - all described as members
of Singapore ~~extramurk~~ secret criminal societies. To be
hanged for the murder of an English warden - during a
prison riot in Nineteen Sixty-Three. Announced plans
calling for the use of three scaffolds - to complete the
job as quickly as possible.

BRITAIN FOLLOW SINGAPORE

By contrast - Britain today abolished capital punishment. The House of Commons finally approving without dissent - an anti-hanging bill first introduced nearly twenty years ago, ~~With~~ ^{with} ~~two~~ murderers presently under sentence of death - to get stiff sentences instead, ~~Probably~~ a minimum ~~of~~ ^{of} fifteen years.

Thus, the only two nations of western Europe that still condone the death penalty - are France and Spain. France - where they ^{still} use the guillotine. Spain - where they use the garrotte - to strangle the condemned.

RHODESIA

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson conferred again today at Salisbury -- with top officials of the Rhodesian government, In a continuing effort to head off a unilateral declaration of independence - by the white-ruled African Colony.

In London, however, hopes for success of the mission ^{are} fast dwindling. Informed cabinet sources reporting that Wilson is almost certain to return Saturday - with the Rhodesian situation as sticky as ever.

In the meantime, seven black Africans ^{were} arrested today - in the Rhodesian provincial city of Salisbury. The seven - followers of Nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo. Said to have returned recently from a training course in sabotage - in the Soviet Union. They ^{are} ~~are~~ charged - with spying.

JORDAN

First session of the new Jordanian parliament -
today at Amman. With a throne speech from King Hussein -
calling for a general mobilization of Jordan's military
forces, Along with a speed-up in construction of the
Mukhaiba Dam - part of the Arab plan to utilize waters
of the River Jordan.

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Jordan ready to take all "necessary military
measures" said the King, To meet any Israeli opps
opposition - to completion of the dam.

VATICAN

At the Vatican - Pope Paul today put his final blessing - to ~~five~~ more decrees of the Ecumenical council, including an historic declaration - that Jews are innocent of any collective guilt - for the death of Christ. In sum, said the Pope - the ~~five~~ ~~de~~ five decrees establishing "a new relation" - between the Roman Catholic Church and modern times.

CHURCHILL

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The town house where Sir Winston Churchill lived and died - was sold today at auction, ~~on~~ a bid - of two hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars.

Number twenty-eight, Hyde Park Gate - purchased by Dr. Samuel Leonard Simpson - a London department store store owner, who also gets ~~to~~ number twenty-seven next door - which Sir Winston used for his secretarial staff. The whole transaction - completed in four minutes.

Dr. Simpson - undecided as to whether he will ever live in the house. "Eventually" said he - "I hope it will become a shrine."

SCOTLAND

Red faces all around today over in Edinburgh, Scotland, following the conviction of Maurice Heggie -- on a charge of driving while under the influence -- more than a wee drop!

Why the embarrassment? Oh, Heggie's job -- is chairman of the Edinburgh Road Safety Committee; or was! Warren.

GOLF

This next for golf fans - from Adelaide, Australia. South Africa's Gary Player - today firing a blazing twenty-eight; On the front nine - of the first round of the Australian open. Closing with an eleven under par sixty two - for a four stroke lead over America's Jack Nicklaus.

Player's twenty-eight on the front nine - a new world record for tournament play - on a ~~par~~ par seventy-three course. His overall sixty-two -- matching the previous world mark.

This does seem to be a Gary Player Year, doesn't it?