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Good Evening Everybody:

President Johnson - like some of his

predecessors - decided to make a flight over the

disaster area, mainly along the Ohio area. Taking

with him Governors Rhodes of Ohio - Barron of West

Virginia - Welsh of Indiana - Kerner of Illinois - and

Breathitt of Kentucky.

Up and down the Ohio Valley, where the River has risen eighteen feet above flood stage.

That battle reported from South America sounds like a chapter from Conan Doyle's "The Land That Time Forgot".

Picture the headwaters of the Amazon River on the border between Peru and Brazil. One of the
wildest areas - in our planet, inhabited sparcely by
handsome naked Indians who live in a stone-age culture.

A Peruvian Army Patrol, on a mapping expedition - has been ambushed. Twenty men, trapped they say by thousands - probably a few hundred - Amazonian natives - armed with spears and poisoned arrows. The Indians, joined by - renegade white men, smugglers, who live by running - contraband, and don't want their jungle trails traced.

That seems to be the situation tonight.

Peruvian patrol - encircled. Fighting back with rifles and grenades at an enemy they can't see - an enemy with poisoned arrows. Listening to the weird cries of

the Indians of the Upper Amason jungle.

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When the British Prime Minister flew from

Plymouth to London, we are told that was the tipoff,

about events on Cyprus. A Prime Minister doesn't

stop electioneering - except when he has to deal with

a major crisis.

So the return of Sir Alec Douglas-Home to

the
number ten Downing Street - indicated his concern over/
embattled island in the Mediterranean.

Sir Alec made his decision - when he received a report from Ankara. The Turkish government, threatening to invade Cyprus - if the fighting continues.

Turkish troops, said to be going aboard transports - at Iskenderun, only a hundred miles - from Cyprus.

In Athens - an immediate reaction. The

Greek government, vowing full support - for the

Cypriot government of Archbishop Makarios. Which

surely means war with Turkey, if there is a Turkish

landing on Cyprus. All of which leaves the British

in the middle -- with little hope of a U.N. force arriving before Monday. So, the Prime Minister hurried back to London - to keep in touch with the Cyprus situation, as the Cypriot government is asking the U.N. Security Council - for an emergency meeting on Cyprus - and the Security Council is now in session.

The Greek Navy may be sailing into the Eastern

Mediterranean - with orders to attack the Turkish Navy, if - the Turks do attempt a landing on Cyprus - but it's only a rumor.

The latest from East Berlin - is that the

Soviets may be preparing another propaganda trial.

Defendants - the three American airmen who were shot down on Tuesday. Our government has sent Moscow a stiff note - terming the flight - routine, and demanding - the release of the crew. But the

Soviets continue to call them - "spies".

We don't even know - where they're being held. And now from East Berlin - a hint that Khrushchev may put the Americans on trial. A typical Soviet - show trial.

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The Soviet line in Geneva may suddenly become either hard or soft. Depending - on the ideological split with Red China.

So say the western Kremlinologists - at the Disarmament Conference. The point - is this. A Rumanian delegation to Peking - is on its way back to Bucharest. Carrying a report on -- Mao Tse-Tung's intentions with regard to Khrushchev. A report that Khrushchev wants to get from the Rumanians - before making his disarmament decision.

If Mao is conciliatory - Khrushchev may
placate him by taking a tough line with the West. But
if Mao is hostile - Khrushchev may ignore him in
favor of a deal with the West.

So - did Mao tell the Rumanians he's still anti-Khrushchev? If so will the atmosphere become friendlier in Geneva?

It's difficult to mention the Ruby trial without mentioning the date, Friday the thirteenth.
Ruby's jury hasn't yet received his case on this
allegedly ominous day. But we hear Ruby feels sure
he'll be acquited.

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The Air Force put on a terrific display of rocket power - with two launchings on opposite sides of the continent.

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Minuteman, fifty-four feet tall, roaring out of its

underground silo- arching into the sky over the Atlantic.

Thundering down "Missile Alley" - between South

America and Africa. Landing in the target area, off

the Cape of Good Hope - five-thousand miles from

Cape Kennedy.

The rocket fired at Vandenberg Air Force Base a "Titan-Two", our mightiest missle, one-hundred and three feet tall - weighing one-hundred and fifty tons.

Capable of carrying - a three-ton nuclear warhead.

The warhead was simulated today - but the flight was real. Titan Two streaking west through the Pacific sky for five-thousand miles. Hitting its target - beyond Wake Island.

Put those two rocket flights together - and they stretch almost half way around the world. From South Africa - to the Far Pacific. And now from yours truly to Dick Noel!

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Place - Kruger National Park in South Africa. Every

year, at this time - the elephants of the park begin to

act up. Charging through the forest, chasing game

wardens, overturning cars - and so on.

It used to be called - spring fever. Until a botonist pointed out - that the park is full of marula bushes bearing berries that are - highly intoxicating.

And the elephants dote on Marula berries.

Last month a rogue elephant - was shot, and given a blood test. Results - positive. Enough alcohol - to make an elephant drunk. So now they think they know why the pachyderms of Kruger National Park in South Africa - are acting up. They are simply on their annual bender from too many - marula berries. Can you imagine an elephant-sized hangover?