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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Is the Soviet Union an Asian country? Khrushchev has been arguing -- that it is. The Soviet Premier, pointing to the map of his domain -- which extends across Central Asia and Siberia to the Pacific. Asking -- if all that isn't Asian territory, what is it?

To which Mao Tse Tung replies that it's Asian territory occupied by Europeans. That is by Russians, who have no business being in Asia, and wouldn't be there except for Russian colonial expansion under the Czars.

This difference of opinion between Moscow and Peking -- erupted during plans for an Afro-Asian conference in Geneva. With Khrushchev -- demanding a seat, and Mao -- threatening to boycott the conference if he got it.

The winner -- Mao. The Afro-Asian countries deciding not to send an invitation -- to the Kremlin. Their

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reason? They agree with Mao that the Soviet Union is actually a European nation practicing imperialism in Asia.

ADD SPACE

~~The space reports from Moscow and Washington~~
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IP ~~And then here is word from Geneva~~
~~can be worked into a single story - can date filed "Geneva"~~

~~We have word from the Swiss city~~ that a joint project
has been agreed upon. Soviet and American spacemen,
to develop - a weather satellite program. A system of
man-made moons - to send back meteorological information
from outer space.

~~At the same time there will be~~ ^{also} an exchange
of information, ~~With emphasis on~~ - biology and medicine.
The physical reaction of cosmonauts and astronauts -
to their orbital flights.

SPACE

Oh yes, and that garden in the sky -- may become a reality. Soviet scientists are experimenting with food for their cosmonauts. Their specific problem -- how to put fresh vegetables on the space menu. And their answer is -- to grow them in pans made of fiber -- raise vegetables in space. Carrots, peas and beans -- actually thrusting their roots into the fiber, the fiber pans -- locked into the wall of the capsule. No earth -- required. No danger of the vegetable garden turning into a salad -- if the spaceship makes a sudden turn out there between the moon and the planets.

American scientists are also experimenting -- with food for astronauts, and -- with other space items; in fact -- thousands of them, so many that most of our industries will benefit from our space program. Government contracts for everything from rocket engines -- to headache pills that will work when the patient is weightless.


This effect of space exploration on the national

economy was described today -- by James Webb, head of the
Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ROCKET

America's "super rocket" will make its maiden flight - this summer. Titan-Three -- a modified form of ~~an~~ ^{the} intercontinental ballistic missile, ~~is~~ with power increased by two additional engines, ~~each~~ with a thrust of one million pounds.

Air Force Secretary Zuckert says the maiden flight of Titan-Two will be the first step - toward putting a manned space station into orbit around the earth.



SHAH

The interesting thing about the visit of the
Shah of Iran to the White House - is that he ^{had} met Lyndon
Johnson in Teheran two years ago, When L. B. J. was
Vice President of the United States. ^{Then} Representing
President Kennedy, ^{at which time he invited} ~~inviting~~ the Shah - to visit the
President in Washington.

Now - the Shah is here. Welcomed at the
White House - by President Lyndon Johnson.

VIET NAM

There were no fatalities among the most recent American casualties - in South Viet Nam. Three Army officers, wounded - when one of them stepped on a Communist/land mine. None - seriously.

Meanwhile, loyalist troops - are continuing their advance. Driving toward - the Cambodian border. Over-running - an enemy ammunition dump. Capturing, among other weapons - a number of five hundred pound bombs marked U.S. Air Force ^{that} The Reds had seized the American bombs after earlier victories. ~~Don't have to tell you that our people in South Viet Nam are happy to have the blackbusters back.~~

TAX

If you think that every conceivable method of taxation has already been discovered - consider the case of South Viet Nam. The government of Saigon has come up with a tax - that ^{sounds} ~~is new to me~~ A graduated tax - on tourism.

The principle - rather simple. The farther a Vietnamese tourist travels from his homeland - the more tax he pays. Here are some examples - translated into American money. Saigon to Bangkok - twenty-seven dollars. Saigon to Hong Kong -- thirty-four dollars. Saigon to New Delhi - fifty-five dollars. Saigon to San Francisco - sixty-eight dollars.

Graduated taxation - for tourists. ^{That is for} Vietnamese _^ tourists - ~~anyway~~ who travel.

WEDDING

That royal wedding in ~~Sw~~ Stockholm - had all of the usual trappings. Princess Desiree, marrying Baron Niklas Silvershoeld - amid the traditional splendor of European ~~to~~ royalty.

Place - historic Stockholm cathedral. Presiding - the Archbishop of Sweden. Attending - a throng of noble and aristocratic dignitaries - from all over Europe.

But - here's ^{is an unusual note:-} ~~the nicest touch of all~~ Right up front at this royal wedding - four blind children, representing the Stockholm institute for the blind - where Princess Desiree used to teach. ^{Altho'} The youngsters couldn't see ~~it~~ but they knew what was happening, as their royal teacher became - Baroness Silvershoeld.