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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Panama incident is moving so fast -- one can hardly keep up with it. It all began -- last night. And by tonight has reached the United Nations and the Organization of American States. The Panamanian government called for emergency sessions -- and the United States agreed. The Panamanian charge is -- aggression. A charge denied by the Pentagon -- in advance.

On Capitol Hill -- a diversity of opinion. Senator Sparkman of Alabama thinks -- and many lawmakers agree with him that the Reds are responsible for the crisis. But Humphrey of Minnesota argues -- that the Americans in the Canal Zone are not blameless. Senator Humphrey believes some of our people are guilty of what he calls "jingoism."

President Johnson is moving with all the ~~power~~
~~and~~ prestige of his office - to deal with the first
international crisis of his administration.

The news from the ~~Panama~~ Canal Zone had
hardly arrived - before Mr. Johnson was on the phone.
Calling both President Chiari of Panama - and General
O'Meara, who had declared martial law. The two
Presidents agreed that one thing had to be done immediately
- stop the violence. After which, talks could start - to
settle the ~~the~~ whole explosive affair.

The American on the spot in the Canal Zone ~~is~~
General O'Meara^{and} President Johnson told the General
to restore order, And to keep the area quiet - while
the diplomats conferred.

The President Johnson then ordered Assistant
Secretary of State Thomas Mann to fly to Panama. ~~Thomas~~
Mann, a top figure at the State Department - and an
expert on Latin America.

PANAMA

Panama breaks diplomatic relations with the U.S. President Chiari called home the Panamanian Ambassador and is saying tonight that he will not return--until the treaties over control of the Canal have been revised or cancelled.

The first document to be cancelled was signed in nineteen three, when the United States agreed to pay Panama--ten million dollars, plus--a quarter of a million annually in rent that is now up to almost two million a year. What we have had in return has been jurisdiction over a zone five miles wide on each side of the Panama Canal--perpetual --jurisdiction over that.

Although we have increased our payments--and negotiated new terms, there never has been any thought--of abandoning the Canal Zone. Since both governments signed the papers establishing the present arrangement, it can be voided only by the consent of both. No--unilateral decision to tear up the treaties.

Tongith the Panama Canal Zone--is sealed off.

Residents of the area--ordered to remain in their homes.

Outsiders--ordered to leave. Military patrols--at on the streets.

As for the Canal itself--ships are moving between the Atlantic and the Pacific--right on schedule

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The clash between the students and the American army. And the shooting began. Snipers firing at soldiers. Soldiers firing back. The violence, continuing through the night--

CRISIS

The ironic thing about the Panamanian crisis is that we thought the trouble had been settled more than three years ago, when President Eisenhower ordered the Panamanian flag flown--beside the American flag; and began a strenuous effort to eradicate--the sources of tension. This effort was carried on--by President Kennedy. As a result, American aid has been flowing into Panama--under the terms of the Alliance for Progress--producing schools, roads, bridges, and so on.

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The clash between the students erupted into one between--Panamanian mobs and the American army. And--the shooting began. Snipers firing--at soldiers. Soldiers--firing back. The violence, continuing through the night--

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and sporadically during the day. The casualty list--growing hour by hour. The situation so chaotic--that no one knows the exact figures. But more than twenty have been killed. More than two hundred--injured. Americans in the Canal Zone say that all of the casualties occurred outside the zone itself. That the Panamanians crossed--the border. Not--the American army.

EISENHOWER

We were mentioning President Eisenhower a moment ago, and here's a question!--What is the difference between tennis elbow--and golfer's elbow. There isn't any. Both are--bursitis.

It's in the news because ~~max~~ former President Eisenhower--has golfer's elbow--bursitis. And his doctor has ordered him to play poker or left handed ping pong for a week.

GAMBLING

The following sounds like something from -- the Roaring Twenties. A police raid on a lavish joint -- in Cicero, Illinois. During prohibition there were frequent stories -- out of Cicero. Stories featuring the king of the Chicago underworld -- Al Capone.

Prohibition is gone. Also Al Capone. But illegal gambling -- is still with us. Hence -- today's police raid. At Cicero the law, using axes and crow bars -- to battle their way in, finding plush tables loaded with--dice, cards, policy slips and tickets for the races.

They also found -- hot coffee and pizza pie; but -- no big shots for the Black Maria. The gamblers had left by a side door -- while the police were coming in at the front. The gamblers knew -- the raid was coming.

Tonight as they say in Cicero -- "the lid is on."

SMOKING

Although the federal government report on smoking and health--won't be made public until tomorrow, tonight we have some firm predictions--about what the surgeon General and his colleagues will say; beginning with a categorical statement--that smoking is harmful to the health of the nation.

Dick, the word is that they will say that smoking definitely is linked to cancer, ulcers, bronchitis, and so on and so on.

SLEEP

*A Stanford Professor is experimenting with -
the most remarkable subject in the history of his
particular field. Namely - sleep.*

*Professor William Dement, studying the sleep
pattern of Randy Gardner - who stayed awake for eleven
days. Three students of Point Loma High in San Diego
- began their marathon in December. Bruce Macallister
and Joe Marciano - eventually dropped out. Or, I should
say - dozed off.*

*Randy Gardner kept his eyes open - for two
hundred and sixty four hours. The ~~an~~ longest that anyone
has ever stayed awake - for the benefit of science. Tonight
he's asleep - festooned with electrodes monitored by
the Stanford Professor. Asleep - for the first time in
~~skew~~ eleven days.*