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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Those talks between American trouble-shooter Ellsworth Bunker and Indonesian President Sukarno -- something less than a rousing success so far. The two men meeting for an hour yesterday -- scheduled for another meeting on Sunday.

In-between -- this today from the semi-official Indonesian Herald. American and Indonesian relations have sunk to a "rock bottom low" -- said the Herald -- because of U.S. "hostility" toward Sukarno.

## PEACE

*French President DeGaulle and British Prime Minister Harold Wilson met in Paris today - for talks aimed at breaking the ice in Anglo-French relations. It was the first such meeting between French and British chiefs of state - since Nineteen Sixty-Three- when DeGaulle vetoed English membership in the Common Market.*

*The talks- preliminary in nature - but DeGaulle later voicing his pleasure at the direct contact. Because - as he put it - every time Britain and France fall out - it causes "great inconvenience". And every time they become friends again - it brings "great advantages."*

*Wilson's comment - perhaps more to the point. If Britain and France are to achieve their joint destiny - said Wilson - "they must cooperate with each other - and with their neighbors."*

## BERLIN

*Also in Germany - Communist border guards today harassed Berlin-bound traffic - for the first time in six months. Traffic piled up on the Autobahn for miles - with East German police staging slow and painstaking inspections - of all trucks carrying supplies to the isolated city.*

*The slowdown lasting seven hours in all.*

*Apparently in reprisal for West Germany's plan - to convene its parliament in West Berlin next week - despite Communist objections. However, West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt declaring that the Communist "chicanery" - his word - will not block the city's efforts to tighten its ties with the West.*

## BEIRUT

*From Beirut today - reports of a secret Arab commando organization - waging a war of sabotage against the State of Israel. The organization called "Al-Asifa" - Arabic for storm troops. Al-Asifa said to have staged at least nine raids deep into Israeli territory - since the first of the year. Said to have blown up an Israeli ammunition dump - killing or wounding at least twenty Israeli soldiers - in its latest raid last month.*

*The Arab commando outfit - supposedly based in Beirut, ~~But~~ made up of small bands of Palestinian refugees - living just across the border from Israel - in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Gaza.*

*Their raids - up to now - little more than a "nuisance" to the Israelis. As for the Arab nations neighboring Israel - they have so far disavowed any connection with Al-Asifa. Indeed, some are believed to have tried to curtail its activities - lest the secret Al-Asifa - set off another full-scale war in the Middle East.*

FALL

Major General John ~~K.~~ Hester - reported "holding his own" tonight after brain surgery - but his condition still "very serious". General Hester - Commander of the main Branch of the U. S. Air Arm in Europe - injured in a parachute jump today - near Marnheim, Germany. The second American parachute General injured in the past two days - when both main and spare parachutes failed to function properly.

The other - Army Brigadier General Joseph  
— Joe Stillwell - Vinegar Joe the 2nd, —  
W. Stillwell - seriously injured in a fall ~~xxxx~~ yesterday at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. General Stilwell - the son of General "Vinegar Joe" Stillwell of World War Two fame. <sup>He is</sup> Also in serious condition tonight - but reported "resting comfortably."

## TIBET

What may be the first History of Tibet ever written by a Tibetan, for general worldwide distribution, has just been completed by one of the Dalai Lama's Cabinet Ministers. Tsepon Shakabpa was chief <sup>financial</sup> advisor to the Dalai Lama's government, both at Lhasa and in exile, ~~on financial affairs.~~ He led the first Tibetan mission that ever came to America. He <sup>also</sup> headed the Tibetan group that attempted to negotiate with the Chinese at the time of the Red invasion.

Tsepon Shakabpa has just completed a year's residence at Yale University where there is an important collection of Tibetan books and records. The Tsepon -- that is his title -- has had the cooperation of Yale; and the Yale University Press announces that it will publish his book.

The book ~~has been~~ written at the special request of the Dalai Lama, <sup>a young man</sup> who down through these tragic years has grown in stature as a wise and able leader of his people.

VIET NAM

On the international front--some reassuring words today from Maxwell Taylor--the U.S. Ambassador to Viet Nam. Taylor asserting that the chances of Russian or Red Chinese intervention in Viet Nam--are at this time "very slight."

This part of a briefing for House and Senate Leaders--following a White House meeting with President Johnson and the National Security Council.

KING

A call for a nationwide economic boycott against the State of Alabama--voiced today by Dr. Martin Luther King. Details of the plan disclosed by Dr. King in Baltimore--following three days of conferences within the Civil Rights movement.

The proposed boycott to take effect in three states--as deemed necessary by Civil Rights leaders.

According to Dr. King, the three-part program--aimed at fulfilling "the basic requirements of human rights, for all citizens in Alabama."

## HUMOR

A bit of <sup>dry</sup> donnybrook today in Dublin -- in the midst of a heated political campaign. The furor touched off by an April Fool's Day editorial in *The Irish Times* - an editorial that piqued the Irish of Premier Sean LeMass.

The article voicing its objections - to LeMass's alleged campaign strategy. The Premier said to have promised that if he wins the elections next week - he will introduce Ireland to prohibition. LeMass even ~~was~~ quoted as saying that "if I make it - the boozer will have to go abroad in the future - he won't get it here."

To <sup>dry</sup> *The Times* - it was obviously all great fun.

But the dry humor - failed to tickle LeMass. In a blistering statement - he charged that <sup>Irish</sup> *The Times* was infiltrated with what he called - "Crypto Reds" -- bent on creating a "prohibition scare." Adding that for the first time in Irish history - <sup>Irish</sup> *The Times* had adopted "the communistic tactic - of attributing to political opponents - statements which they never made."

~~But~~ <sup>Dick</sup> from The Times - <sup>any</sup> ~~no~~ apology? Just this

<sup>Dick,</sup> comment today, "We think" - said <sup>Dick</sup> The Times, a bit

sadly perhaps - "that Mr. LeMass has temporarily lost  
his sense of humor."

## FROGS

*This next dispatch comes from -- Frogville, Oklahoma. Governor Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma - in an urgent appeal to the citizens of Frogville. Asking them, please, to try and find an Oklahoma frog - capable of competing in the annual frog-jumping contest - next month at Calaveras County, California.*

*Governor Bellmon adding that he hoped to avoid the embarrassment to Oklahoma -- resulting from Last year's contest. Noting that the State had no entry at all in Nineteen Sixty Four. Why not? Here's the Governor's explanation, Dickie*

*"Our Oklahoma frogs were such good jumpers " - said he - "that no one was able to catch one."*