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Good Evening Everybody:

President Kennedy must have felt special satisfaction today, when he awarded the National Geographic Society's Hubbard Medal for exploration - to the American Everest expedition. The President presented the Gold Medal to the group's leader - Norman Dyhrenfurth - in the White House Rose Garden. Copies were given to the remaining seventeen Americans in the expedition, also to one British Ex-Army officer, one Nepal Army officer - and five Sherpas. The five Sherpas - Tibetans who live in Nepal - represent a team of thirty-seven guides employed by the expedition.

Several 'firsts' were achieved by the climbers - last May. It was the first ascent of Everest - by an American. The first dual assault - by two teams. The first ascent of the West Ridge -

hitherto considered unclimbable. And the first
traverse - of any major Himalayan Peak. All in
all - quite a record.

The last man to receive the Hubbard medal -
John Glenn, first American in space. Now, the
Americans who conquered Everest.

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RAILS

Zero hour for the administration - will be one minute after high noon on Thursday. Meaning - that unless President Kennedy can settle the dispute between the railroads and the unions - the nation's railroads will go on strike at that hour. Zero hour.

The President meets with both sides tomorrow - in an effort to reach some ~~km~~ kind of last minute agreement.

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INTEGRATION

This has been another day of pros and cons - in the struggle for integration.

In Jackson, Mississippi, Byron De La Beckwith, forty-two year old fertilizer salesman charged - with the murder of Medgar Evers. Today he pleaded - not guilty.

Meanwhile, in Washington D.C. assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall was telling a Senate committee that persuasion alone cannot solve the problem of racial discrimination in business. Persuasion is not enough, said Marshall, in areas where "feelings of racial supremacy are so ingrained - that voluntary action is impossible".

In Orlando, Florida, Mayor Robert Carr announced the desegregation of - fifty-six hotels, motels and restaurants, as a result of the work of - an advisory committee.

And in Cambridge, Maryland, a desegregation demonstration in front of a luncheonette - almost

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caused more violence, just after the two hundred national guardsmen brought in on June Fourteenth to prevent trouble - had moved out, on the orders of Governor Millard Tawes, who says they cannot remain there indefinitely.

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CHINESE

There's an eloquent silence - coming out of the "House of Welcomes" in the Lenin Hills tonight. Are those ideological discussions between the two Communist giants - deadlocked as everyone expected they would be? The Chinese Reds and the Russian Reds - how are they making out? We can only guess.

KHRUSHCHEV FOLLOW CHINESE

As for Khrushchev, he hasn't given them any greeting at all. In fact, he isn't even in Moscow. The boss of the Kremlin, off in Kiev in the Ukraine - talking with a Western statesman. Paul Henri Spaak, Foreign Minister of Belgium - one time head of Nato.

Khrushchev and Spaak are covering what Moscow calls "urgent international problems", with emphasis on - a possible nuclear test ban.

CUBA

The point about the new regulations banning financial dealings with Cuba is not that they will hit Castro hard - right away, but that they will gradually choke off his use of American banking facilities - around the world, and prevent him from transferring funds to Latin American countries, for use by subversives. The key regulation :- Castro now barred from using Cuban assets in American banks.

ARGENTINA

In Argentina's presidential election returns today, Mr. Arturo Illia, head of the so called People's Radical Party - maintains his sizeable lead. The People's Radical party is actually composed of Argentine moderates.

The blank ballot campaign run by backers of exiled Dictator Juan Peron - seems doomed to failure. This drop in support for Peron, comes in spite of unemployment - stalled economy and recurrent government crises. Some believe the Peronists now will merge with other parties.

VIET_NAM

The city of Saigon is tense tonight - following the suicide of South Viet Nam's greatest writer Nguyen Tuong Tam, poet and philosopher - who has been called the Victor Hugo of Southeast Asia, because of his ability to illustrate philosophical ideas through the daily lives of his characters - in the manner of Victor Hugo.

The suicide - political. A protest against the government - of President Diem. Just as in the case of the Buddhist monk - who burned himself to death. The age-old oriental method of protest - suicide. Still effective - in South Viet Nam.

ZEPPELIN

A celebration that took place in Friedrichshafen, Germany, today, will bring back memories - for many of us.

Today - the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Count Ferdinand Von Zeppelin. Graf Zeppelin - father of the giant airships floated by gas that made their debut as long ago as Nineteen hundred - and operated on the Transatlantic run between the wars. They actually combined air travel - with all the luxury of great liners.

Then the "Hindenburg" pride of Germany's fleet - which exploded near Lakehurst, New Jersey, in Nineteen thirty-seven? Killing thirty-six people. That was a blow - from which the Zeppelins never quite recovered. If they had had helium they might still be on that Transatlantic run.

At the celebration in Germany today, old Zeppelin fans were prophesying that the Zeppelin - is about to make a comeback. They say the Zeppelin -

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combining comfort with speed - could also transport huge loads of freight. Loads too heavy for planes to handle. The things that still have to be transported by ship. Dick, are the Zeppelins coming back?

TEDDY ROOSEVELT

Secretary of the Interior Udall called Theodore Roosevelt the "Conservation President" and credited T.R. with saving this country's natural resources for the people. Saving them from - irresponsible exploitation. The Interior Secretary today accepted a gift to the United States. T.R.'s famous Sagamore Hill home at Oyster Bay - Long Island. Also his birthplace in New York City. Both to become - National shrines. With them a check for five hundred thousand dollars to maintain them.

Commemorating the Rough Rider, the man with the big stick, the apostle of the "strenuous life" - Teddy Roosevelt, the story of whose African Safaris is retold in a new book written by his grandson, Kermit.