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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Commander-in-Chief of America's armed forces -- shoulder-to-shoulder with American fighting men in Vietnam. President Johnson flying from the Philippines to Cam Ranh Bay -- as you have doubtless heard by now; carrying the thanks of "a grateful President and a grateful nation" -- to brave men who had been in combat with the enemy only hours before.

The President telling his troops: "I just couldn't come to this part of the world -- and not come to see you." Further, promising that those on the home front -- "will never let you down -- nor your fighting comrades -- nor the Fifteen Million people of Vietnam -- nor the Hundreds of Millions of Asians."

"One day" - the President concluded -- "the whole

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**world will know -- that what you have done here was worth
the price."**

**Before he flew back to Manila -- the President adding
a personal aside; to Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine
officers -- stationed at Cam Ranh Bay. "Come home" -
said he -- "with a coonskin on the wall."**

SOUTH CHINA SEA

The President's visit to Viet Nam -- an inspiring occasion. Shadowed, nevertheless, by a tragic fire early today -- aboard the U.S. aircraft carrier Oriskany.

The Oriskany -- on station in the South China sea - when the fire broke out in an aircraft equipment locker.

Fed by magnesium flares -- the blaze raging through Five decks -- before it was finally brought under control.

Latest reports telling of at least Forty Three dead - Sixteen injured; in the worst naval tragedy to date -- in the Vietnamese war.

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy -- another major U.S. triumph today -- in the race for the stars. American space scientists hurling a hydrogen-powered Centaur rocket -- into perfect orbit around the earth; shutting down its engines and then restarting them -- to kick a test payload toward a phantom target deep in space. A target a Quarter-of-a Million miles away -- exactly where the moon will be on January Twenty-Fourth.

The test proof positive -- that American space men have finally mastered the so-called -- orbital launching technique for hydrogen-powered space vehicles. Qualifying the mighty Centaur -- for future space probes to the moon, the Mars and beyond.

WASHINGTON

In Washington -- the Senate Ethics Committee today disclosed plans -- to hold a public inquiry next year; into the tangled financial affairs -- of Senator Thomas Dodd of Connecticut.

The committee announcement making no mention -- of charges that Dodd pocketed some two hundred thousand dollars in campaign contributions. Stating simply that "preliminary examination" of Dodd's activities -- in sometimes stormy committee hearings earlier this year -- "was complete enough to provide a basis" for a full inquiry.

CINCINNATI

That housewives' protest against high food prices -- still spreading. A suburban Detroit woman -- organizing a boycott against one of the city's leading supermarkets. A New York woman announcing plans for a so-called "girlcott" -- that would make tomorrow a -- quote -- "don't buy anything day" -- unquote.

Be that as it may -- a charge today from Cincinnati -- that housewives themselves are responsible for the rising cost of food. President-elect Byron Frederick of the Ohio State Grange -- asserting that women today demand "pretty packages, instant this and no-bake that." In other words -- said he -- "ready-to-serve" foods -- in containers fit for the table -- that can't help but boost prices.

Frederick observing that "often -- a decorative package costs more -- than the food" it contains.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

Another special report tonight from Lowell Thomas --
on the deadliest of the species. Lowell....

FEMME FATALE

Hello Dallas, Good Evening Everybody:

Now where would you expect to find the world's worst femme fatale? She's a fragile, spindly-legged, stealthy female, spreading disease and death far and wide.

News reports from Viet Nam tell of a strain of mosquito - proving more elusive - harder to conquer than the Viet Cong. India's deadliest insect - a form of anophales. Some seventy-five million in U.S. aid is going to India earmarked for a fight against this female villain.

The mosquitoes, as you perhaps know, - they live mostly on plant juices - that is, the male. The female needs blood - to mature her eggs. Hence her perpetual war against warm-blooded animals. With humans the primary target - their special allure to the mosquito apparently owing to a unique combination of warmth, moisture and carbon dioxide.

As a disease carrier - the National Geographic reports that the mosquito has no peer. A fact that has even changed the course of history - on more than one occasion. It was, for example, an invasion of malaria mosquitoes - in four hundred B. C. that played a key role in the decline of Greek civilization.

Then as now - the female mosquito - public enemy number one.

And on my present journey I hope to avoid this femme fatale.

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NEW YORK

A new job today for Bishop Fulton J. Sheen -- one of the best-known churchmen in the country. By order of Pope Paul -- Bishop Sheen relinquishing his post -- as auxiliary bishop of the N.Y. Archdiocese, and National Director of the Society For The Propagation Of The Faith. To become the new Bishop -- of the Diocese of Rochester, New York.

Bishop Sheen -- a familiar figure in millions of American homes -- in the Nineteen-Fifties; through his popular television program -- "Life is Worth Living."

Also a prolific writer on church doctrine -- and author of a twice-weekly newspaper column.

Of his new assignment-- Bishop Sheen commenting: "I'm a soldier -- and ~~the~~ ^{The} General has told me to go to Rochester -- and I'm very happy." The only difference -- he added: "I'll just be a little bit closer to the people -- than I was before."

CHICAGO FOLLOW WEST BERLIN

Here at home -- the National Safety Congress in session today at Chicago. The meeting highlighted by a suggestion -- that the age of automation -- is finally catching up with the drunken driver.

Case in point: A speech by Richard Goen -- of the Stanford Research Institute; urging development of "an automatic system of sensors and data processing equipment" -- capable of monitoring traffic and analyzing the driving patterns of individual motorists.

As envisioned by Goen -- "a nearby patrol car would be notified" -- whenever the computer identified "a pattern characteristic of drunk driving." With police hopefully apprehending the tipsy driver before he would do any harm.

Another reason Warren, for being reminded of what not to do if your driving.

TEL AVIV

Potential health benefits from strenuous exercise -- perhaps vastly overrated; according to word -- from Tel Aviv. A report from an American Heart specialist -- Dr. Ancel Keys of the University of Minnesota; who is studying heart disease -- around the world.

Dr. Keys reporting that Finland -- has the highest incidence of heart disease -- on the face of the globe. An amazing condition -- said he -- in a country "where physical activity is a national fetish."

Why so -- no one knows for sure -- said Dr. Keys. Adding that until they do -- the best known advice for avoiding a heart attack -- remains unchanged, to wit.

Avoid rich foods -- cut down on smoking -- and take regular outdoor exercise; in moderation -- of course.

Good nite.