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Good Evening Everybody:

It is always an historic occasion - when the President of the United States addresses the General Assembly of the United Nations. When it's the first appearance of a new President - the excitement becomes almost tangible.

The President and the First Lady were greeted - by Secretary General U Thant. They spent a few minutes with the President of the Assembly - Carlos Sosa Rodriguez - and then entered the hall. The delegates rose to their feet in a burst of applause - as the President mounted the podium. After which they settled back to listen to the leader of the American people. And - the free world.

You probably know - what President Johnson

said. From his opening tribute to President Kennedy -
to his closing remarks about peace and the good life.

His most important statement, from the point of view
of the U.N. - was his pledge to support the U.N. That
pledge brought him a standing ovation - at the end - with
even the Cubans and Albanians joining in.

SECURITY FOLLOW JOHNSON

New Yorkers got a look at - the tightest security in their city's history. There were seven thousand men guarding President Johnson - as he drove through. They were spotted everywhere - from the airport to the U.N. building on the East River. Police cars - circulated through the streets. Police helicopters - circled overhead. The "instant cops" were ready - the fifty picked patrolmen who can handle any situation as it comes up. And it's clear that windows and roofs received special attention from the secret service - as the closed, bullet proof Presidential car passed by at forty miles an hour.

The same security measures remained in force - until President Johnson drove back to the airport and flew back to Washington.

In Paris, this was a day of plain speaking - by the American Secretary of Defense. Robert McNamara repeating emphatically - that American military forces will remain in Europe. But at the same time insisting that Europeans must shoulder a greater share of the common burden. In fact, he warned his colleagues that the American people would become "increasingly restless" - if compelled to foot the bill indefinitely.

As to military strategy - Secretary McNamara spoke of a "strategic pause" in case of a Soviet attack. Meaning - no immediate nuclear counter strike at Russian targets. Instead, we would resist with conventional weapons - until the magnitude of the aggression became clear. Resorting to ultimate weapons only if the Soviets showed that they wanted a full-scale atomic war.

But the final communique of this Nato conference - emphasizes the quest for peace rather

than the danger of war. All of the Allies, committing themselves to negotiations with Moscow - to remove international tensions. Or at least to keep them from blowing up - into a crisis.

RED CHINA

The latest rumor from Asia is that the Premier of Red China - may meet two of his bitterest critics. Chou En-lai, conferring with - Nehru and Khrushchev.

Chou's African and Asian tour - will bring him close to the Indian Prime Minister and the Soviet Dictator. He's in Cairo - just now. By February, he will have arrived in - Karachi, Pakistan. From there it would be a quick flight - to New Delhi. And a conference with Nehru - about the Himalayan border war between Red China and India.

As for Khrushchev, he's expected to be in India - at the same time. So he could ask the Premier from Peking to meet him on neutral ground - for a discussion of their ideological dispute. If this happens let's hope that some one slips a tape recorder - into the conference room. It might be amusing, if nothing else - to hear what Khrushchev and Chou En-Lai say to one another.

BERLIN

Some four hundred thousand West Berliners will see their close relatives this Christmas - for the first time in three years. Relatives who live - in East Berlin. And the Wall has divided them - since August of nineteen sixty-one. Now, the Communist regime is allowing West Berliners - to spend the Christmas holidays in East Berlin. But East Berliners aren't going anywhere - if Ulbricht can prevent it. The Communist Premier of East Germany knows that many of his subjects would never return - once they got past the Berlin wall. So passage through the Wall is a one-way street - from West Berlin to East Berlin.

BOLIVIA

The phrase "many moments of great tension" sounds like an understatement when it comes from LaPaz. After all, the hostages had no idea - what the Bolivian tin miners would do to them. And ten days of captivity - must have been rather harrowing.

At the end - Well, the end was something of an anti-climax. The four Americans simply walked past their guards into - a burst of cheers from the miners outside. They could have been - jailed again. But the miners kept the agreement - with the Bolivian government. And let the hostages - go back to La Paz.

The four Americans agree - that they were well treated. Not one of them, however - has expressed any regret that the captivity is over.

CHAMIZAL

The ratification by the Senate of the Chamizal bill - means that Mexico is going to get a slice of United States territory. At least, the El Paso portion has been considered American - although Mexico has claimed it for years.

The original treaty between Texas and Mexico made the Rio Grande the boundary. But - what if the river should shift its channel? That's what happened.

The Rio Grande - curving to the south. Leaving Chamizal on the north bank - instead of the south.

Mexico asserted - its right to this land.

Today the Senate - accepted the Mexican argument.

Voting to give Mexico El Chamizal in El Paso.

TIROS

The trouble with Tiros - is in the gyroscope.

The navigational mechanism that keeps the rocket - on course. A "bug" got into the gyroscope today - forcing postponement of tomorrow's space shot.

But the scientists at Cape Kennedy predict that the rocket will be ready again - by Friday. And that they'll launch the weather satellite - into orbit. Tiros, keeping an eye on earthly storms - from outer space.

MARRIAGE

Our romantic story tonight - is datelined
Moscow.

Larry Brayton of Fairbanks, Alaska - was
ordered to leave Russia when his visa expired. But
Larry wouldn't go home - without Rosita Shifman. And
he argued so strenuously - that Moscow officialdom
finally gave in. The ceremony was performed - in
Moscow's Palace of Marriages. After which the
newlyweds began to pack - for a trip to America.

The moral - of the story? How about -
"love laughs at Soviet bureaucrats".

Here's a fact of American life - that might surprise you. Namely - the number of places that need help against air pollution. President Johnson gives us the figure - six thousand. Ranging all the way from big cities - to small towns. The latter being mainly those with factories nearby.

That's what the President said - as he signed what is called "the clean air bill". Ninety-five million dollars - for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. First - research into the causes of this national menace. And it is - a very grave menace. Then - aid for the localities affected by it. Six thousand localities - that need cleaner air.