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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

This the sixth and most hectic day of New York's paralyzing transit tie-up. With labor and management negotiators -- apparently at a complete impasse. So far apart that there was no point in another joint meeting today. Also -- a day-long rain -- contributed to the worst ~~traffic~~ ^{traffic} jam in the city's history. With a growing fear that Friday -- pay day for many -- might be even worse.

Meanwhile, there is increasing pressure on President Johnson -- to intervene. But the President is said to be unwilling unless and until he receives a personal request from Mayor Lindsay.

HOOVER

In Washington -- a charge today that Communists have played an active and ever-increasing role -- in recent demonstrations against U S policy in Viet Nam. This from Director J. Edgar Hoover -- in his annual report on the F. B. I.

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J. Edgar asserting that the Communists had a hand last year -- in demonstrations "of practically every type imaginable." But especially in those sponsored by pacifists and student groups -- in protest against the war in Viet Nam. ~~He~~ Because -- said he -- the Communists are "always eager to engage in any activity -- which will bring embarrassment to the United States."

J. Edgar further noting that Communist Party headquarters has supplied slogans to all districts, to be used in future protests against U S policy in Viet Nam. Proof -- said he -- that the Communists are willing to spend large sums of money -- "to hinder United States progress toward peace."

KLAN FOLLOW HOOVER

Also in Washington, House Investigators voted today to seek contempt of Congress citations against Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton of the Ku Klux Klan, along with six other clan leaders -- who ~~has~~ have similarly defied the House Committee on Un-American activities. If convicted -- each of the clansmen ^{will be} subject to a year in jail and a thousand dollar fine.

AFRICA

A tiny Central African republic called appropriately enough, The Central African Republic -- today formally severed diplomatic relations with Communist China. The second African nation to do so -- this week.

The reason -- same as that given by Dahomey -- when it broke with the King on Monday. Alleged Communist Chinese interference -- in Africa's internal affairs.

At the same time, a report from Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic -- that neighboring Upper Volta may soon follow suit.

IKE

Former President Eisenhower released from Walter Reed Army Hospital today -- with a clean bill of health. This following an overnight stay -- for what doctors called "a routine checkup."

Now, briefly to the farm at Gettysburg -- to pack for Palm Springs, California -- there to stay until early spring. I hope he takes Don Herold's new book "Adventure with Golf" with him. That's just the book to give to our most famous golfer.

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JOURNEY

A sentimental journey today to Christ Church, New Zealand -- for Peter Scott of Britain. At age fifty-six -- finally following in the footsteps of his father -- Robert Falcon Scott -- the famous ant-arctic explorer. To make a television documentary -- for the BBC.

The elder Scott -- as you no doubt recall -- a victim of cold and starvation on his tragic return journey from the South Pole in Nineteen Twelve, when his son -- Peter -- was little more than a babe in arms.

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LENNON

A musical note next -- from London, where a ~~fant~~ fellow named Lennon -- made the British pop music charts today for the first time. And he was no Beatle.

Freddie Lennon, the man -- fifty-three years old estranged father of Beatle John Lennon. His first record -- a ballad called "That's My Life." Climbing fast on the British Hit Parade.

Papa Beatle's comment: "I'd love to knock John -- his Beatle son -- from the top of the charts." "But first" -- he went on "I'd like to make enough money to buy a new set of teeth." And then added: "I lost mine opening bottles."

ALASKA

The other night I said I would sum up a bit on Alaska.

So here goes:

If you go North now -- and Alaska is just as thrilling in winter and so different from what it is in summer -- Spring in Alaska is spectacular too! If you go North you will find that nearly all of the earthquake reconstruction work has been completed -- except on the edge of that cliff where many homes were lost. For some time now -- and it's still going on -- Alaska has been having the biggest building boom in all Alaskan history. Last week's big fire at Sitka -- the old capitol -- the one that destroyed the historic old Russian church -- this, alas, will increase that boom.

Aside from that, nearly every time you turn around in Anchorage, the metropolis of our huge northern state, you run into an oil man. Out in Cook Inlet, below the sea floor of that arm of the Pacific Ocean, they have located a big new field. Also there's a report that Japanese oil companies are about to drill on the west side of the Alaska Peninsula; and, veteran airman Merrill Wein,

with whom I have flown over much of this vast ~~xxx~~ state, Merrill says a field is about to be developed on the Arctic Coast.

As for aviation - as you have heard, Alaska is the most air-~~xxx~~ minded part of our planet. More ~~xxx~~ pilots in proportion to population than anywhere.

It's been a big year for the fishing people, too. And, the King Crab industry is booming.

As for travel, Alaska now can take care of many more visitors than ever before. In Central Alaska there's the handsome new Fairbanks Inn. In Anchorage, the Westward, largest hotel in the North, has a big new wing. Wally Hickel has at last realized his dream, a stunning new hotel overlooking Cook inlet, named for that fabulous explorer, Captain James Cook. Almost any city would be proud of these two, the Westward, and the new Captain Cook.

Already Alaskans are planning a big celebration for two years hence. That will be the centennial year - just a hundred years since Lincoln's

Secretary of State, Seward, bought Alaska for us
from the Czar. Seven Million, two hundred thousand
for a ~~vast~~ region one-fifth the size of all the rest
of the U.S.A. A mere ~~xx~~ seven million ^{bucks} for an empire
worth billions.

So, wouldn't you like to come North this
spring and take a look at this magnificent land that
belongs to you? Or make your trip right now ^{this Winter, or Spring, or Summer,}

^{When} you'll feel like an Alaskan the moment you step off
the plane!