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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Unusual news today -- from the vast subcontinent of Hindustan. The U.S. Agriculture Department reporting that massive food aid -- has apparently "turned the tide" in India's current famine threat. Food aid -- mostly from America; coupled with additional help from thirty-three other countries -- from several private organizations -- and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

What about next year? U.S. officials report "a good start" on the current Monsoon season; which normally accounts for about eighty percent -- of India's total annual rainfall. If the monsoon rains continue they will break the year-long Indian drought.

VIET NAM

From Saigon - news today of still another maximum air effort against North Viet Nam. A total of eighty-eight missions -- aimed at wiping out the Communists ~~prisoners~~ few remaining oil facilities.

On the debit side - this from the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjung. A report from Hanoi that some sixty American pilots shot down over North Viet Nam -- will be tried shortly as war criminals.

Mean~~while~~^{while} Communist guerrillas today downed a big U S army helicopter - ~~it~~ in a swampy jungle area at the southern tip of Viet Nam. The dead including ~~to~~ nine Vietnamese - and four Americans.

PENTAGON FOLLOW VIET NAM

Here at home - ~~starting~~ ^{quite a} display of confidence today at The Pentagon. Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara reporting that the North Vietnamese - have shown no sign of a "lack of will" - as he put it - to continue the fight in South Viet Nam. Nevertheless, he ordered an immediate cutback of one billion dollars - in U. S. aircraft and munitions production.

~~Robert~~ McNamara declaring that the cutback - will not affect in the least U. S. fighting capacity in Viet Nam. Sole purpose - said he - is to avoid piling up wasteful post-war inventories.

POLL FOLLOW PENTAGON

Another favorable sign in results of the latest

Louis Harris poll - copyrighted by the Washington Post.

Fifty-four percent of the American public - said to support

President Johnson's handling of the war - ~~for~~ following

his recent decision to bomb the Hanoi and Haiphong areas;

as compared with a previous ~~low of~~ forty-two percent

who approved. ~~The President's war policy.~~

The poll bearing out the President's own remarks

- at a news conference last week. When he said he'd been

told that eighty-five percent of the American public -

agreed specifically with his bombing decision.

ISRAEL

At Jerusalem in the State of Israel - elaborate ground-breaking ceremonies today - for the Harry S. Truman Center for the advancement of peace. Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol - the principal speaker. - Calling the planned center impressive testimony - to the ex-President's "will for peace." A will he demonstrated - said Eshkol - by announcing swift recognition of Israel in Nineteen Forty-eight.

Unable to attend himself - Mr. Truman was represented by David Noyes - an old friend and adviser. Noyes asserting: "Mr. Truman came here in Nineteen Forty - Eight - and never left." ~~"And what's more" - said Noyes - "is never going to leave."~~

EXECUTIONS FOLLOW ISRAEL

Reverse side of the coin in Syria -- three executed today at Damascus. All Arabs -- convicted of spying for Israel.

One -- a Palestinian refugee -- who was hanged in the Damascus' main square. The other two -- native Syrians; who met death before a firing squad -- on the outskirts of the city.

SERGEANT

Fresh from Viet Nam = a veteran sergeant was elevated today to the highest enlisted rank in the U S Army. William Wooldridge -- whose last stateside address was Junction City, Kansas -- named "Sergeant Major of the Army." ~~The~~ ^{He was} ~~first~~ ~~man~~ ever to hold that rank. ~~He was~~ ~~selected~~ selected from a list of candidates - totaling nearly five thousand senior non-commissioned officers.

As Sergeant major of the army - ~~Wot~~ Wooldridge will serve as top non-commissioned consultant to Army Chief of Staff General Harold Johnson. Which will make him - in effect - Commander-in-Chief of all enlisted men.

POLLUTION

The story of a novel experiment in water purification -- comes today from Ashtabula Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie. That once glorious lake now virtually closed to swimmers -- because of mounting pollution.

The idea: To purify Ashtabula's entire lakefront -- with chlorine. City officials anchoring a number of nylon mesh bags -- along public swimming areas; each filled with chlorine briquettes -- that will dissolve slowly in the water.

The purifier -- harmless to humans and fish. But enough -- it's hoped -- to make it possible for Ashtabulans to swim in Lake Erie.

First step -- in a billion dollar program -- to clean up one of the Great Lakes.

WEATHER

Here in the East -- another day of stifling heat -- indeed much of the nation -- sweltering a continuing heat wave. Temperatures of a hundred and over all the way from the deep south to the northern plains. With the mercury hitting a hundred and five in St. Louis -- a hundred and seven in Huron, South Dakota.

The weather and resulting use of air conditioners -- adding up to a series of massive power failures today clear across Nebraska. Lasting anywhere from forty-five minutes -- to several hours at a time. As a result -- a number of cities including the State Capital of Lincoln, losing their water supply during the heat of the day.

Plans for the first direct air link between the Soviet union and North America - were announced today at Ottawa, Russia and Canada - agreeing to a new air treaty. Providing for two flights each week between Moscow and Montreal - one by the Soviet airline Aeroflot and the other by Air Canada. Inaugural flight - set for next fall.

Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson - calling the agreement "a practical expression of the cooperation between our two countries." ^{Said} ~~First Deputy~~ First Deputy Chairman Dmitri Polyansky - who signed for Russia: "A reindeer is good, ~~said he~~ and so is a ship - but a plane is faster."

TOKYO

A Russian blue print for manned flight to the Moon -- was published today in Tokyo. Visiting Soviet Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov -- telling reporters that Russia will try next to land on unmanned space vehicle on the moon; try to land it and bring it back -- before risking a man in an attempt.

Komarov says they now know how to get a man to the moon; but the question is -- Warren -- how to get him back -- safely.

AUSTRALIA

From Sydney, Australia -- the story today of a jealous husband; sentenced to a month in jail -- for threatening the life of his young wife; a pretty girl -- who apparently enjoys flirting -- a bit.

According to the Aussie police -- he tied her to a chair -- carried the chair to an open fireplace -- and tossed a handful of live bullets into the flames. The bullets going off one by one -- ricocheting throughout the house.

A new style Russian roulette -- down-under-style.