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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Duane Earl Pope -- described as a handsome Kansas farm boy and campus athlete -- accused of killing three men in a Nebraska bank holdup -- surrendered to police today in a Kansas City hotel. This only a few hours -- after he was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

The three victims -- all officers of the Farmers Bank in Big Springs, Nebraska, which Pope is said to have held up -- for a mere Sixteen Hundred Dollars. The crime committed just four days -- after he graduated from college. A fourth man -- also shot in the hold-up -- is now paralyzed from the waist down.

FLOOD

A flood wall fifteen feet ^{high -} ~~deep~~ -- today swept through the town of Sanderson, Texas. ^{with} First reports indicating at least ¹⁴ ~~thirteen~~ dead. The flash-flood -- set off by an eight-to-twelve-inch cloudburst. The rain water funneling through a nearby canyon -- that turned it into a raging torrent.

VIET NAM

Hard on the heels of the bloodiest battle of the war -- another sudden and unexpected change of government today in Viet Nam. Premier Phan Huy Quat -- resigning along with his entire cabinet, ^{and} urging South Vietnamese military leaders -- once again to resume the reins of government.

This they have now done, ~~On~~ the grounds that civilians -- can no longer control the situation. ^{They} The eighth change of government in South Viet Nam -- in less than two years.

In the fighting itself -- the town of Dong Xoai was finally secured today from Communist fire. With American paratroopers setting off into the jungle -- in search of a government battallion -- that was cut off in earlier fighting.

In all -- more than a thousand casualties ^{so far--} in the two days of fighting at Dong Xoai. Including

about five hundred South Vietnames -- killed, missing
or wounded. American losses -- ^{two} ~~three~~ known dead --
^{seventeen} ~~seventeen~~ missing -- and fifteen wounded.

Eight more dead -- in the crash of an American
transport plane today -- near Pleiku. Cause of the
crash -- undetermined.

EGYPT

President Johnson today authorized the first shipment of U.S. foreign aid to Egypt -- since last winter; when an Arab mob sacked and burned -- the John F. Kennedy Library in Cairo. Then U.S. and Egyptian relations -- hit an all-time low.

The new package -- thirty-seven million dollars worth of surplus commodities; still due Egypt -- under the current U.S. aid program -- that expires June Thirtieth. The commodities needed to alleviate -- a potentially critical food shortage in Egypt.

Egyptian officials have also requested continued aid -- beyond the June Thirtieth cut-off. But no decision yet -- on that. The question of future U.S. aid to Egypt is said to hinge on the stand Nasser takes at the next Afro-Asian Conference, in Algiers -- on June Twenty-Ninth.

CASTRO

Here's a weird item: -- Cuban Dictator Fidel Castro -- said today to be obsessed -- with a desire to destroy the United States. This charge is made by his ~~brother~~^{sister} -- Juanita Castro. She made it in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. And she added that prompt U.S. action -- such as that in Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic -- is the only answer to the challenge of Communism, in this hemisphere -- and throughout the world.

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SPACE

If there remained any doubt -- it was dispelled today by Astronauts Ed White and Jim McDivitte.

Space-walker White asserting that "man can control himself in space." That is, he can perform assigned tasks -- outside the protective shield of his space ship.

Command Pilot McDivitt adding that it would be possible -- even now -- for a man to spend Twelve to Fourteen Days in space. "I'd be willing to do it," said he. The one prerequisite -- according to both men -- plenty of food. Ed White noting that -- "the only time I felt discomfort -- was when I was hungry."

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CHAPLIN

Young Michael Chaplin -- the son of Movie Great Charlie Chaplin -- drew scathing comment from Paris critics today -- for his first, brief appearance on French television.

The program featured a film by the father -- then the son -- longhaired, unshaven, and dressed like a beatnik. A vocalist of sorts -- Michael sang a song called -- "I am what I am -- don't try to change me."

What he was -- according to one critic -- was "a debasing spectacle." Another said Michael is nothing like his father -- indeed, "nothing but a repulsive and toneless vagabond." Perhaps the kindest comment -- ~~that~~ from a lady critic, who said that if young Chaplin got a shave -- and fixed up his hair -- "he'd be the exact image -- of his Mother."

FLAT

For all the hoopla about space this week -- there was at least one dissenting voice today from Dover, England. That of one Samuel Shenton -- Secretary of the International Flat Earth Society. Shenton declaring that photos of the American space-walk -- with the earth as a backdrop -- merely prove "that the earth is shaped like a plate." And if you walk far enough -- you'll fall off.

Shenton adds that the sun is only thirty-two miles across -- and only about three thousand miles away. Beyond the sun, he says, there is a sort of "roof" -- over our whole solar system. With things like meteors and so on -- falling from it occasionally -- but little likelihood of anybody ever reaching it.

So Dick, ^{"Flat Earth" Shenton} How does ~~he~~ explain the flight of the

Astronauts? Says Shenton -- "It's all a great hoax -- based on power politics." *All a build up for LBJ?*

FAITH FOLLOW RELIGION

Incidentally -- one final footnote from that Houston news confernece -- perhaps pertinent right here. Ed White -- who is a Methodist -- disclosing that he carried three religious symbols with him -- into the black void of space. They were -- a cross, a star of David -- and a Saint Christopher Medal, Nothing pagan like a rabbit's foot. And S-L-U-Mon.