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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

That "Great Hurricane Inez" -- still on the rampage tonight. Spewing a trail of death and destruction -- through the islands of the Caribbean.

Latest report from Guadeloupe -- at least Forty dead. In the Dominican Republic more than a hundred dead. The situation so serious in Haiti -- that the government refuses to give out figures; for fear -- of starting a panic.

Right now the storm is sweeping across the Eastern tip of Cuba. Torrential rains -- accompanied by winds up to a Hundred and Forty miles an hour.

The Bahamas -- next on Inez' hit parade. And though the storm is headed north-by-northwest -- weather officials say its ~~is~~ still too early to give Florida an "all clear."

CHICAGO

Former President Eisenhower -- once again on the campaign trail today in Chicago. There to help his brother -- Earl Eisenhower; a Republican candidate -- for county clerk. But as it turned out -- the emphasis <sup>was</sup> more on foreign affairs.

At a joint news conference with Earl and another brother, Milton -- Ike declaring that the war in Viet Nam -- must take precedence over the war on poverty here at home. Must take precedence, in fact, over space exploration -- over everything else.

"When you appeal to force" -- said Ike -- "there is no higher court. You've got to win."

VIET NAM FOLLOW IKE

Halfway round-the-world -- in Viet Nam -- American fighting men hard at work -- doing just that. Giant B-Fifty-Twos blasting Communist targets today -- near that supposedly demilitarized zone between North and South. While far below -- American Marines scoured the steaming jungle -- in search of Viet Cong infiltrators.

Ground action -- for the most part -- said to be minimal.

American military men warning, however, ~~that~~ that it may be -- the lull before the storm. The ~~Communist~~ <sup>Viet Cong</sup> suspected wither of gathering their forces for a major border offensive -- of of attempting to lure the Marines into a trap.

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The goal -- they say -- a "little Dien Bien Phu." A victory such as that over the French -- to rally the ~~Communist~~ <sup>Viet Cong</sup> ~~forces from~~ <sup>after their</sup> months of failure.

PEKING

On the eve of the Seventeenth Anniversary of the Communist takeover -- Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai -- host tonight; at what passes in Peking -- for a gala diplomatic reception.

The ~~celebration~~ <sup>celebration</sup> beginning with a modern opera -- performed by members of the militant Red Guard youth movement. Later -- dinner; and then the piece de resistance -- a speech by Premier Chou himself.

In keeping with the occasion -- Chou asserting the world is ripe for Chinese-style Communist revolution. Adding that "the days of U.S. imperialism -- and all reactionaries -- are numbered." Especially **I** in Viet Nam -- said he.



## SONGS FOLLOW PEKING

Incidentally, the Chinese Communist Party has ordered its members -- to learn five new songs. To be heard throughout the land -- during the <sup>Seventeenth</sup> anniversary celebration. A sort of -- sing-along-with-Mao Tse-Tung.

Among the titles: "We Are Together With Chairman Mao"; "We Are Chairman Mao's Red Guards"; and "Chairman Mao You Are the Red Sun In the Hearts Of the World's People."

TOKYO

Meanwhile, President Marcos of the Phillipines -- on tour today in Tokyo; ~~where he~~ said there will be "no opposition -- to Communist China taking her seat in the United Nations;" once the Peking government -- can agree to adhere to the principles of the U.N. charter.

As for that upcoming seven-nation summit meeting -- to be held next month in Manila -- Marcos calling it premature to label the parley -- a "peace conference." "But there must be a starting point somewhere" -- said he -- and this could be it.

Marcos adding ~~that~~ if the meeting leads to a consensus of Western policy -- if it serves to start a "dialogue with the Communists" -- then it will have more than served its purpose.

CAIRO

From Yemen, by way of Cairo, official confirmation today of the reported arrest -- of former Yemeni Premier Hassan Amri -- and two members of his cabinet. This from Yemeni President Abdallah Sallal -- who said that all three will be tried shortly for treason.

~~They're~~ accused of accepting money from the United States-- also from Saudi Arabia, ~~Money~~ supposedly offered in return for efforts -- to oust President Sallal; also to end Egyptian involvement -- in the three-year-old Yemeni civil war.

BORDER

After Seven days of ~~senseless~~ delay -- a face-saving compromise today at the Mexican border, ~~Permitting~~ passage of a relief train -- from Lafayette, Louisiana, ~~Filled~~ with food, medicine and equipment -- for famine-stricken Tarahumara Indians in Mexico's state of Chihuahua.

Under terms of the agreement -- private Mexican welfare agencies will take over the job of distributing the supplies. Relieving the Mexican government of responsibility -- for ~~officially~~ officially recognizing the American rescue mission.

A Mexican official explaining that government acceptance of the food -- would have been tantamount to an admission -- that Mexico had permitted the Indians to starve <sup>to death.</sup> "It became a matter of dignity" -- said he -- "but now it will work out all right."



KHARKOV

Another young American tourist -- has found nothing but trouble in the Soviet Union. According to the Russian press -- Twenty-four-year-old Nicholas Riegg, of Walnut Creek, California -- arrested and held overnight three weeks ago; at Kharkov -- in the Ukraine. Later expelled from the country -- on grounds that he was paid agent of the American Central Intelligence Agency.

Safely back in Bucharest -- Riegg conceding that he did sign a confession to that effect. Saying, however, that he was "entrapped" by Soviet agents -- on a trumped-up charge. The U.S. further denying -- that he was in any way connected with the C.I.A.

## HUALLAGA RIVER

American film ~~star~~<sup>actor</sup> Eric Fleming -- star of the "Rawhide" television series -- reported dead today in Peru, ~~A~~ victim of the raging currents of the Huallaga River -- on the Eastern slopes of the Andes.

Fleming filming a sequence for a new film -- in a canoe with another actor; when the canoe overturned and he ~~was~~<sup>alone</sup> swept away -- in full view of a movie crew of Twenty. Ironically, he was an excellent swimmer -- also a scuba diver -- but ~~it~~<sup>it</sup> failed to save

him. An incident -- a tragedy much like we had on the upper Indus River -- in the Western Himalayas some years ago, we were working on our Cinerama picture Search For Paradise -- and one of our key personalities, Tim Parker, vanished in the boiling rapids. -- and now Warren.

## WEDDING

In Washington -- in Texas -- in Hollywood -- mounting speculation today about the possibility of another White House wedding -- in the not-too-distant future. An alarming prospect-- for members of the Washington press corps; who have scarcely recovered -- from the hectic pace of Luci's recent wedding.

Indeed -- if the reporters had their "druthers" -- they'd rather see an elopement next time. All of which has led certain ladies of the press -- to compose a little ditty. Addressed directly to Lynda Byrd, ~~Johnson~~ <sup>and Sung</sup> -- ~~to~~ to the tune of "Melancholy Baby" -- it goes like this:

O save us from another White House wedding,

Elopement is the thing for you.

If it's to the altar that you're heading,

City Hall is better -- cheaper too.