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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The New York victory of Republican John Lindsay - suddenly becomes a factor in the cold war.

So say the Russians!

The Soviet News Agency Tass describing the defeat of Democrat Abe Beame - as "an indication of public resentment of President Johnson's foreign policy." Adding that in twenty years "of Democratic rule in New York - people heard many promises about improving living conditions - but the promises remained only promises."

So said Tass. To which the State Department replies: that the Soviet analysis is "totally unwarranted". "Nothing more than an attempt - at cheap propaganda."

LINDSAY FOLLOW COMMENT

As for Lindsay himself - he celebrated his election triumph today - by touring racial and religious ~~spots~~^{areas} of New York, To pay personal thanks to voters who broke their traditional Democratic allegiance - to elect him the first Republican Mayor of New York in twenty years. Said Lindsay at one point: "I told you I'd be back - I told you I wouldn't forget - and here I am." The crowds loved it.

At a later news conference - Lindsay stated that he had "no obligations to anybody." That he would form a non-partisan administration - with "the best qualified men," ~~the~~^{with} emphasis on that phrase -- "non-partisan."

Nevertheless, Lindsay's victory was hailed today by New York Governor Rockefeller - as a major triumph for Republicans in general, ~~for~~ moderate Republicans - in particular. Rockefeller adding that Lindsay is "the kind of man the people will be looking for" - when

-- ~~when~~ it comes time to choose a President in the
Nineteen Seventies.

CUBA

Fidel Castro today ordered an immediate and permanent halt - to that "freedom shuttle" from Cuba by small boat. This because of "persistent bad weather" says Havana Radio. Also "to facilitate by other means - more adequate - the transportation", of those wishing to leave Cuba. Agreement on a projected airlift of the Cuban refugees is said to be "almost completed". At present some two hundred small boats are still storm-bound at the Cuban embarkation port of Camarioca, and they will be allowed to leave when the weather breaks - but not with passengers, only with the crews that brought them.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - U S Marines were out in force today, in an attempt to secure the big Da Nang air base - from further Communist sneak attack. Marine artillery pounding a reported Communist concentration - about seven miles West of Da Nang. A Marine tank sinking a Communist boat - in a river three miles southeast of the base, while a major force of Marines launched a search-and-destroy mission - six miles to the South.

In the air war - those giant B-fifty-twos came again in waves of three, to blast a suspected Viet Cong storage area in a forest area some twenty-five miles southwest of Saigon.

In Saigon itself - casualty figures for the week ending Sunday. Americans killed in action - twenty-three. South Vietnamese dead - three hundred and sixty-three. But they made their sacrifice count. Communist dead said to be one thousand, two hundred and sixty-four.

LONDON FOLLOW VIET NAM

Meanwhile, this from London. A report today that increased American strength in Viet Nam - has inflicted crippling losses on the Communists. Far worse than they've admitted - far worse ~~thx~~ even than we've been able to determine.

The situation so critical- say Iron Curtain ~~dixhon~~ diplomats - that the North Vietnamese are under increasing pressure from their European allies, ~~To~~ respond now to American appeals - for a negotiated peace.

If true - welcome news.

INDONESIA

Another step closer to military control - today in Jakarta. The Indonesian Army - assuming command of all Indonesian intelligence activities, including those of the Civilian Intelligence Agency -- formerly headed by First Deputy Premier Subandrio.

The new Intelligence Chief - Brigadier General Sugih Arto, Ambassador to Burma until now, ^{and} formerly Indonesia's Consul General at Singapore.

The left-leaning Subandrio also came under fire today - from the Cultural Institute of the Indonesian Moslem League. The Moslems calling for his immediate resignation - because of alleged complicity in that abortive coup of October One.

RHODESIA

Britain today agreed reluctantly to a public test -- of the Rhodesian government's proposals for independence, ~~Among~~ the people of Rhodesia as a whole - both black and white.

The British ^{are} convinced that Rhodesians will reject the terms ~~that~~ that would perpetuate white rule, ~~Since~~ blacks are in the majority - twenty-to-one. Premier Ian Smith of Rhodesia ^{is} ~~is~~ equally convinced of acceptance.

The one remaining problem -- a decision as to the form of the test. Both sides apparently agreed that a national referendum - on the basis of one-man, one-vote, simply is out of the question.

MARGARET

At London airport - ~~to~~ a heavy police guard was thrown today - around the plane that will carry Princess Margaret to the United States. This on the strength of an anonymous phone call that someone would attempt to halt the flight - "either by a bomb or by other dubious methods."

The threat supposedly from a crank - but police are taking no chances. In any case - no change in flight plans. Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon - to leave London at eleven tomorrow morning, destination -- San Francisco - following a brief layover in New York. They'll be over here for twenty days.

BATTLE

The election may be over - but for Henry Bryson of Philadelphia - the battle may have just begun.

Bryson a surprise candidate for election judge - in Philadelphia's forty-fifth Ward. Out to defeat a woman - seeking re-relection to a second term in that office. And he did it - beating the lady incumbent by a total of nineteen votes.

The problem? That was no lady - that was his wife, as the vaudevillians used to say, Warren.

WEDDING

South Africa's "Wedding of the Century" - today in Johannesburg. Nearly turned into a shambles - by thousands of cheering, chanting Africans.

The twenty-one year old bride - Mary Oppenheimer. Daughter of Diamond tycoon Harry Oppenheimer - one of the richest men in the world. Also a prime supporter - of the multi-racial progressive party. The groom - twenty-eight year old Gordon Waddell, a brawny, handsome rugby player and stockbroker - from Glasgow.

The bridal party virtually forced to fight its way into the church, amid the high-pitched cry - of joyous African women. Inside - the ceremony all but drowned out by a tribal chant. Then back through the gauntlet once again - through bedlam to a tremendous wedding reception at the Oppenheimer mansion.