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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Big news from the world of big business.

The Murchison brothers of Texas have won control - of the giant Alleghany Corporation - a six billion dollar empire the prize. The Murchisons, winning out over Allen Kirby - in that bitter proxy fight, for control. Taking over a railroad and investment empire - worth six billion. That's huge even for a couple of Texas oil barons.

Then there was, today's Supreme Court decision; ordering DuPont to get rid of its shares - in General Motors. Stock - worth sixty-three million. The Supreme Court vote - four to three. Abstaining - Justices Clark and Harlan. Clark was once involved in the case - as Attorney General; and John Harlan once represented the DuPonts. So both Justices - disqualified themselves! Stay out of it.

A third Company is in the news. Chrysler. We are told unofficially that "Tex" Colbert is stepping out - as head of Chrysler. Bowing to - a stockholders' rebellion. This the climax to months of controversy - surrounding the management of the Company.

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MONTGOMERY

The Governor of Alabama refuses to speak to the President of the United States on the telephone. All of which suggests tension. Racial tension. Tension - between state authorities and federal government. Tension between Governor Patterson - and President Kennedy. All having to do with the people who call themselves the "freedom riders." That further violence last night at a Negro church - where the Reverend Martin Luther King was addressing a rally. A white crowd surrounded the church - shouting and hurling stones; swinging - clubs. Fifteen hundred Negroes stayed inside the church all night long; until U.S. marshals broke up the mob - with tear gas, and escorted the Negroes to their homes.

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MARSHALS FOLLOW MONTGOMERY

As for the administration having plans to send federal troops - into Montgomery; not - right now says Attorney General Robert Kennedy. He says he believed the situation can be handled by the U.S. marshals; who arrived in Montgomery today two hundred strong.

We hear one group of Alabamans is cheering this. The moonshiners. Some of these marshals are usually on their trail - Revenooers! Now called off the hunt for illegal alcohol - to help patrol Montgomery. The revenooers - down from the hills leaving the moonshiners - busy at their stills.

REACTION

The reaction in Congress to the happenings in Montgomery - has the pattern you might expect. Northern members on Capitol Hill - critical of the Alabama authorities. Southern members - just the other way. Senators Talmadge and Russell of Georgia - pin the blame on what they call - "agitators from the outside."

Senator Mansfield of Montana calls the behavior of the white Alabamans a cause of - "national shame and humiliation." He wants strong action to take over in Montgomery. Mansfield's opinion, seconded by Senators Humphrey of Minnesota and Morse of Oregon. With which many Southern legislators disagree.

EXPLOSION

The Navy's missile program will not be affected - by the explosion at Rocket Center, West Virginia. Most of the damage, limited to - the solid propellant division. No missile parts - affected.

All this concerns

~~Anyway, it was~~ a shattering blast that destroyed two buildings; ~~And~~ rocked - the whole center. Six - injured. Nine - missing.

KOREA

Washington has its eye on Seoul - the new government of South Korea. To see what moves the military junta makes. Although General Chang Do Yung had promised to restore civilian authority in Seoul - as soon as possible, today he and his colleagues dissolved all South Korean political parties - and labor unions. Does this mean - a military dictatorship? Washington is watching - wondering.

CUBA

It looks as if Fidel Castro will get - the
sonsom he's demanding. Five hundred American bull
dozers and tractors - for a thousand or twelve hundred
prisoners captured during the attempted invasion of
Cuba. Money is reported pouring into Washington - from
private sources. Contributions to - a twenty million
dollar fund. The terms of the transaction were carried
to Washington - by a ten-man delegation. Castro
giving them seventy-two hours to succeed - and it seems
that they will. There are a lot of Americans who feel
- that machines are of no importance compared with
human lives.

PRISONERS

A story to jog your memory. We all remember those twenty-one American soldiers who defected to Communism - at the end of the Korean War; refusing - repatriation; going to Red China - and - then, gradually straggling back home to face treason charges.

Three of them who sued to recover - prisoner-of-war pay, were sustained today - by The U.S. Supreme Court. The ruling is that the men may have been traitors - but they were prisoners-of-war; and entitled to the money that goes with that status.

Almost five thousand dollars - for Bill Cowart of Monticello, Arkansas. Twenty-eight hundred - for Lewie Griggs of Jacksonville, Texas. Fourteen hundred - for Otho Bell of Olympia, Washington.

LeMAY

The predicted change in the Air Force command - is now official. President Kennedy, nominating General Curtis LeMay -- to be Air Force Chief-of-Staff. Rough, Tough Curtis LaMay -- ~~is~~ who is always seen chomping on that big black cigar. LeMay -- famous as the boss of the big bombers. "Old Iron Pants".

SCHOOLS

It may be true that Johnny can't read - but he knows a lot about "the intuitive introduction to probability." Meaning - our schools are making quite a leap forward in science. Kindergarten children - learning the principle of the magnet. Youngsters in the fourth grade - taking up the physics of electricity. Eighth grade? By that time - they're almost ready to go to work as scientists. Handling algebra - and ready to move into calculus.

All this, coming out - in a special report on American education. What prompted the advance - in science teaching? You guessed it - Sputnik. The first Soviet artificial satellite - giving our teachers a jolt. Showing them how far behind we were - in training scientists. How much talent in science - we allowed to wither in such courses. As "Co-ed cooking, folk dancing, bicycle repair" - and so on.

JOHNSON

There was a Texas yell today - at Wheelus Air Force base, Lybia. Reason - a son of the Lone Star State, on the lookout for fellow Texans. Lyndon Johnson, asking them - to identify themselves. Which they did - with an old-time holler straight from Dallas or El Paso. There are quite a few Texans - at Wheelus. Sergeant Sanchez of San Antonio, Sergeant Hughes of Abilene, Major Potts of Fort Worth - and so on. All of them, or the enlisted men anyway - indulging in some hoopla for a man from their state, who happens to be - Vice President of the United States.

Lyndon Johnson, making one more hit - on his world tour, *as he gets* getting ready - for the long flight home.