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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

High over the Florida Keys -- today a Cuban exile tried to hijack an American airliner: in an apparent attempt to force the pilot to fly to Cuba. Did he hope to pick up some others. ~~those~~ At any rate, the alleged hijacker -- identified as Luis Medina Perez; who tried to reach Cuba by boat last week -- but was turned back when his engine failed. Perez was subdued by fellow passengers in today's try -- and turned over to police when the plane arrived at Key West.

The Florida Straits were so rough today that U.S. Coast Guard cutters moved to within ten miles of the Cuban coast, to form a chain of stepping stones -- for small boats leaving Camarioca -- and they did rescue twenty-six refugees from one small craft -- just before it sank.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam -- a detachment of American "Flying Horsemen" -- today joined the battle at Plei Me. Fighting men of the First Cavalry -- arriving by air, ~~To~~ join the beleaguered garrison of that U.S. Special Forces camp -- under Communist siege for the past week.

The Reds' reply ^{was} ~~--~~ another suicide charge, ~~that~~ carried to within twenty yards of the camp's barbed-wire defenses -- before the attackers were cut down in a hail of fire. A force of government troops later leaving the camp -- to engage the Communists in the open field.

Meanwhile, a second Communist attack today -- on another U.S. Special Forces camp, ~~At~~ Min Thanh -- about fifty miles northwest of Saigon. But so far -- little damage ^{there.} ~~U.S.~~ jet aircraft -- helping ~~to~~ keep the Communists at bay.

DENVER

From Denver -- news today of a special project,
To protest ~~the~~ recent protests -- against U.S. policy in Viet
Nam.

Some thirty students from the University of Colorado
-- will travel tomorrow to the Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, To
give a pint of blood apiece -- for our men in Viet Nam.

They call it -- a "bleed-in."

TIBET

The exiled Dalai Lama held a rare news conference today -- at his Indian retreat, ~~in New Delhi~~. Purpose -- an appeal to the United Nations -- for support of Tibet's right to freedom, ~~In~~ the face of what he called -- Communist China's "systematic extermination of the peaceful people of Tibet."

"Throughout our history -- we have never known famine" -- said the Dalai Lama. "But now" -- he went on -- "Tibetans are living on meager rations and dying in the hundreds -- because of exhaustion and fatigue." The problem aggravated -- said he -- by the influx of Chinese -- who now "outnumber the local population."

The Dalai Lama adding that if necessary -- he will carry his case personally -- to the United Nations.

PRESIDENT

The Texas White House today announced that President Johnson had signed into law -- the Two Billion Dollar Rivers and Harbors Bill, ^{is} Finally enacted in the closing days -- of the Eighty-Ninth Congress.

But the President ^{is} said to have no intention -- of obeying a major provision of the bill, ^{is} one that would grant veto powers to the Senate and House Public Works Committees ~~with power~~ -- over projects costing Ten Million Dollars or less.

The President ^{is} quoted as saying:-- "I do not intend to accept this infringement upon the office of the presidency." Further -- "the people of this country did not elect me to this office -- to preside over its erosion."

As it later turned out -- the announcement ^{was} a bit premature, ^{is} since the bill had not yet left Washington. At any rate, the President ^{made his} intentions ~~perfectly~~ clear.

KING

In Atlanta -- Dr. Martin Luther King today promised a massive Civil Rights drive -- over the next few months, to force passage of a law -- making it a Federal crime to kill a Civil Rights worker.

The drive to get under way as early as November -- said he. With the focus of the movement -- on Haynesville, Alabama, where two men were acquitted in Civil Rights slayings -- in the last few weeks.

POLIO

At North Nashville, Tennessee -- an eleven-year-old polio victim died today in an iron lung -- from which the power had been disconnected. The boy's exhausted mother apparently falling asleep -- while attempting to operate the iron lung by hand.

Electricity to the boy's home -- cut off as of last Friday, ~~According~~ to the mother -- because of non-payment of a bill. The local electric company emphasizing, however, that it was unaware -- of the boy's plight.

WILSON

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson today began the first of a series of showdown talks -- with Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith. On how best to grant Rhodesia its independence -- without precipitating an international crisis.

An hour later -- Wilson sent an urgent summons to British Attorney-General Sir Elwyn Jones, who is expected to arrive in Salisbury -- sometime tomorrow.

Jones' mission -- reportedly to advise on the Rhodesian offer of a solemn treaty, guaranteeing the advancement of Black Africans -- as provided in the Colony's Constitution of Nineteen Sixty-One.

INDONESIA

Thousands of demonstrators -- paraded through the streets of Jakarta today, ~~Demanding~~ demanding an end to Red China's interference -- in Indonesian affairs. Also accusing President Sukarno's top aide -- of so-called anti-American slander, ~~And~~ demanding dissolution -- of the Indonesian Communist Party.

POLES

A tragic accident reported today -- from the town of Skwierzyna in western Poland. A bus crowded with English travelers of Polish ancestry -- headed for home when it crashed with a truck in dense fog. The bus skidding crazily -- as it hurtled onward onto a nearby bridge. Finally crashing through a guard rail -- and plunging into the Obra River.

Of the forty-nine ~~persons~~ aboard the bus -- thirteen killed instantly. Two more -- critically injured.

GARGAN

William Gargan -- one of our most famous actors; was disabled by cancer of the larynx -- in Nineteen Sixty. That put the veteran performer -- down but not out. His self-rehabilitation -- mastering the art of esophageal speech was a real triumph, and ever since -- he has worked as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, traveling everywhere -- speaking engagements, and fund-raising missions.

Demonstrating to thousands the techniques of esophageal speech -- that have been bringing so many back from the living dead.

Tonight, Bill Gargan is guest of honor -- at a banquet at Beverly Hills, California, to receive the Mutual of Omaha Crisis Award -- along with a check for Ten Thousand Dollars, for Bill's "inspirational efforts -- and his many outstanding contributions to establish rehabilitation programs."

Bill Gargan -- in his finest role, Warren.

ATE

From Philadelphia -- the story today of a young man -- who literally ate himself into the Army.

Nineteen-year-old Merrill W. Plaskow the Second -- a round three hundred and twenty two pounds -- when he first applied for enlistment last January. Told to go home and lose some weight -- he said, "All ~~right~~^{right}, I'll see you next fall."

As good as his word -- Plaskow returned to the recruiting office this week -- a svelte hundred and ninety-two pounds. And he's in the Army now.

How did he lose the ~~the~~^I hundred and thirty pounds? Says Plaskow: "I only ate things -- I didn't like."