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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In London -- Soviet Premier Kosygin today delivered the first public address in Great Britain. Again attacking U.S. policies in Vietnam, Kosygin saying that alleged American aggression -- if it continues -- "can overflow and come much closer to us than we think."

The Premier's remarks -- following day-long talks with Prime Minister Harold Wilson. The two reportedly agreeing on only one thing; that the best chance for peace in Vietnam -- lies now in a possible extension of the current New Year's truce.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - the guns of war suddenly silent today, With the start of a four-day ceasefire - in observance of the Asian lunar New Year.

American troops pulling back into defensive positions - American planes confined to the ground. Nevertheless, a constant alert - just 'in case.

Earlier, American jets cutting across Cambodia - in close support of U S infantrymen. Blasting Viet Cong troops -- allegedly using Cambodian soil as a base of operations.

American officials insisting, however, that the air strike itself - did not take place over Cambodia. The target area - said to be as a sliver of Viet Nam - extending deep into Cambodia.

WASHINGTON

From Washington by way of the Middle East -

a report today that Russia has just signed a secret military aid agreement - with Iran. Supposedly a barter deal - with Iran to receive arms and military supplies - in return for quantities of natural gas.

The dollar amount involved - only about ninety million - they say. Not much -- by today's standards.

But if true - this marks the first time tkt that a western-allied nation - has ever accepted Soviet arms.

RED CHINA

Latest from Peking - a report today that ten million touring Red Guards - have been ordered to return home to their native provinces. The government of Red China - telling the young fanatics to cut out their rampaging ~~and~~ "expeditions" - far and wide across the land. The reason - say Peking; they are creating chaos - ^{all over} ~~throughout~~ Communist China.

Meanwhile, in Moscow - Chinese diplomats today tricked fifteen Russian youths - into entering a back door of the Communist Chinese Embassy. There photographing the alleged "intrusion" - and later accusing the Soviets of forcibly breaking into the building.

This raising the fear that China will ~~now~~ use the incident - to send its own "invaders" raging into the Soviet Embassy in Peking, ~~An~~ Embassy that has already been under siege - for thirteen days.

JAKARTA

President Sukarno of Indonesia will be removed completely from office - and possibly tried for ~~treason~~ treason -- within one month. The word today in Jakarta - from Chairman Abdul Haris Nasution of the Indonesian National Congress, in response to a petition from three hundred anti-Communist students - demanding immediate action against the figure head President.

At the same time - high government sources today reporting "proof positive" -- that Sukarno was fully aware of that planned Communist coup a year ago last October.

In fact ~~Reporting~~ proof, ~~what's more, we're told~~ that he actually helped lead it.

NEW DELHI

From New Delhi -- a charge today that Red China has desecrated a famous Tibetan temple. By way of proof - the exiled Dalai Lama displaying two heads from a Buddhist ^{image -} ~~statue~~ - allegedly destroyed by Tibet's Chinese conquerors.

~~The two heads of~~ Avloktesvara -- the eleven-headed Buddhista of infinite mercy. A priceless seventh century ~~statue~~ image - highly venerated by Tibetans; reportedly smashed by Chinese Red Guards - in an attack on the Central Buddhist cathedral in Lhasa last August.

The two heads reportedly smuggled out of the country recently by anti-Communist Tibetans - outraged at the Chinese infamy. A message sent along with the heads -- asking the Dalai Lama to put them on ~~a~~ public display. ~~An~~ Adding that the Avloktesvara was but one of a thousand ~~statues~~ and images - destroyed by the Chinese.

A spokesman for the Dalai Lama calling the Chinese attack -- "wanton destruction of an ancient and ~~as~~ rare moment of Tibetan history and ancient culture." Showing -

said he - "to what depths the Chinese in Tibet have fallen -
in their efforts to carry out the ⁱⁿ ~~same~~ so-called cultural
revolution."

TASMANIA

One of the "worst fire disasters" in Pacific history - reported tonight from the island ~~region~~ of Tasmania, off the southern tip of ~~Asia~~ Australia. Bush fires whipped by gale-force winds -- raging to within two miles of Tasmania's capital city, ~~of~~ Hobart, Taking a heavy toll of life and property. - ~~with~~ Army troops, police and civil defense forces seemingly powerless to halt the advancing fire front. At last report - police estimating the death toll at about fifty persons. However, at least one report from a small community near the capital saying: "It's been terrible. We are engulfed by flames. There are bodies everywhere."

AMMAN

A tale of high adventure - indeed, a tale of high treason - comes today from Amman, Jordan. ~~Thirty-one~~ An Egyptian, claiming to be a former intelligence agent, reportedly hi=jacking an Egyptian airliner. Forcing the pilot to fly it to the Jordanian capital - where he asked and was granted political asylum.

Egypt later denying the man was really a spy. However, the incident - almost sure to cause more trouble in the turbulent Middle East, Coming at a time - when relations between Egypt and Jordan ~~were~~ already ^{at} cold war stage in the face of ~~Colonel~~ Nasser's continuing efforts # to topple the ~~the~~ government of Jordan's tough, young King Hussein.

WEATHER

The big story here in the East - snow, snow, and more snow. With a non-stop blizzard from Boston to Washington - covering the seaboard with a ~~foot deep~~ ^{a foot deep,} blanket of white. ~~The situation~~ made worse by gale-like winds - heralding the approach of near zero temperatures from the North.

As a result - traffic in city after city grinding to a halt. Schools and businesses that managed to open at all, closing early. ~~And~~ Thousands of stranded commuters and travellers - orphans of the storm - trying to find space tonight in jammed-packed hotels.

^{1/2} The outlook for tomorrow offering scant relief with zero temperature readings predicted by morning - all the way to Virginia; ~~and~~ Even Florida - told to brace itself for a sudden cold-snap.

RICHMOND

The current topless craze sweeping the country -
came full cycle today in Richmond, Virginia. ~~With~~ With
civic leaders demanding a cover-up ^{for a girl called} -- ~~for~~ "Virtus - the
genius of the commonwealth" a half-topless Amazon-like
figure - who occupies the place of honor in Virginia's
state seal.

The drive to restore Virtus to virtue - originally
begun as a joke; in the wake of a public hue and cry -
against the introduction of topless go-go girls in the nearby
city of Roanoke. But now - the drive seems to be picking
up steam. Especially since Governor Goodwin has been
holding televised news conferences of late - before a six
foot replica ~~of~~ of the half-clad lady.

Even so - state officials confident, they can
turn back the assault on the Virtus' reputation. One
observer commenting that anyway, ^{Warren -} half-a-top is better
than none.

OKLAHOMA CITY

New hope for opponents of "daylight saving time" -- in this next from Oklahoma City. State representative Brian Conaghan promising to introduce in the Oklahoma legislature -- a so-called "daylight losing time" bill; in response to a new federal law requiring all states to switch to "daylight" time -- unless their legislatures vote otherwise by April Thirty.

It's prime purpose -- said he -- "to benefit sooners -- who like to sleep later."