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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the Middle East it's still a war of words.

In Cairo -- Nasser still saying Egypt is ready to fight against "any force" in defense of its homeland.

In Moscow -- the Soviet Union demanding an end to what is called -- "Israeli "Provocations." While the Israelis in Jerusalem -- were threatening to take unilateral action against that Egyptian blockade.

Here on our own shores -- a report today that Canada and the United States have agreed to join in a common effort to try and get either a United Nations peace force -- or else a mixed armistice commission -- to separate the feuding factions.

VIETNAM

Allied forces have their "Green Berets" - and now the Viet Cong seem to have their own "Red berets." Providing still another twist today - to that strange war in Vietnam. The story - as follows:

A company of U S infantrymen - tracking an enemy force in the Central Highlands [^] ~~when they~~ stumbled into an ambush - by an estimated three hundred Viet Cong. All ~~of them~~ ~~were~~ wearing red berets.

The American officers - first to fall before the enemy charge. However, ~~Sag~~ Sergeant Richard Childers of Akron, Ohio - quickly rallying his men to turn back the assault.

Battle over - the Americans counting ten men lost; as against some ninety Viet Cong ~~^~~ who will never again wear the red beret.

LONDON

Excitement in London - and another security

scandal for British Prime Minister Harold Wilson,

With the arrest today of a twenty year old government

secretary -- assigned to Number Ten Downing Street.

Miss Helen Mary Keenan - charged officially with stealing

secret documents.

Miss Keenan supposedly turning the papers over

to her boy friend - twenty-nine year old Norman Blackburn.

He's ~~is~~ in custody, too - charged with a violation of the

official secrets act.

MOSCOW

Madame Svetlana Stalina - under bitter ~~and~~ attack today, ^{at} at that Soviet Writers Congress - in the Kremlin.

Marking the first time - her recent defection has been mentioned publicly in Russia.

^{Well known}
~~Famed~~ Soviet Author Mikhail Sholokov - including the name of Stalin's daughter on a list of alleged trouble-makers, ~~Most~~ of them - foreign critics and Russian outcasts. Or as Sholokov put it "unsolicited sympathizers - who have been heard urging freedom of creation for Soviet writers."

As author of "And Quiet Flows the Don" - and winner of a Nobel Prize in literature in Nineteen Sixty-five -- Sholokov flatly rejecting the unwanted sympathy; saying there ~~is~~ ^{is} already ample freedom of expression - under Soviet communism.

A summation of Sholokov's remarks - later broadcast over Russian Radio. ~~Ironically~~ Ironically though - the name of

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Madame Stalina - was somehow missing from the official
text. So much - for that, ^{kind of freedom,} ~~agreement~~

WATER

Turning to domestic affairs -- President Johnson today ordered an urgent government study; to find ways and means -- of preventing future oil pollution disasters; such as those that have plagued British and American coastlines -- in recent months.

Interior Secretary Stewart^t~~r~~ Udall -- given ninety days to render the report. Udall himself immediately warning shippers -- they will have to halt "sloppy practices." Among the worst -- said he -- spillage of oil and other pollutants -- that lead so often to coastline contamination.

STUDY

Speaking of water -- a special report today from a government health expert -- estimating that ten million people die every year -- in developing countries of the free world -- solely because of bad water.

The problem further said to affect some five hundred million people -- who have managed to survive bad water; but now are so ill they will remain the rest of their lives "only marginally productive members of society."

All this -- according to Dr. Richard Prindle of the U.S. public health service; who says the problem in emerging nations -- is that they always seem to concentrate on "glamorous projects" preferring to build transportation, power and industry -- instead of adequate water supplies.

Result -- said he -- they leave the common people to wallow in muddy and contaminated water; the same as their fathers before them -- and their fathers fathers and so on.

DETROIT

A federal referee agreed today that "some modification is necessary;" if the auto industry -- is to be able to meet a controversial new safety requirement; the one that providing for extensive interior safety padding. Federal Highway Administrator Lowell Bridwell saying it "would be less than realistic" -- to try to force compliance with the standard as presently written. Insisting, however that any modification must take effect as planned -- in Ninety-Sixty-Eight.

Industry reaction -- quick and favorable. A spokesman for the automakers saying now they will gladly sit down with government experts -- to try to work out a solution.

SPRUCE PINE FOLLOW MOBILE

Another old-timer at the ~~end~~ of the line --

Bill Keller of Spruce Pine, North Carolina. At his death at age one hundred and eleven - the oldest old age pensioner in the U. S. A.

Bill Keller - a coal miner at age ten, ~~Working~~ steadily in mines - and later in sawmills, until he finally agreed to take a pension - years ago.

Even in retirement though - old Bill kept his hand in. Gaining widespread acclaim - for beautiful and ~~hard~~ durable baskets; baskets he wove himself - from vari-colored dynamite wire.

~~Well,~~ That's one way to get a charge, I guess.

WEATHER

What is so rare as a day in June? A nice day in May - it would seem; at least -- from the kind of weather we've been getting lately.

Case in point - the weather today in New England, A combination of rain on the coast and snow inland -- up to ten inches in some places; leaving at least four dead - damaging countless homes and cottages - littering beaches with hundreds of ~~wn~~ wind-blown boats - and ~~wipno~~ wiping out half of the Massachusetts tobacco crop.

Stew Metz -
All in all - one of New England's worst storms -
since hurricane Donna in Nineteen Sixty.

From Corpus Christi, Texas -- a story today about the perils -- of getting a haircut.

Hero -- or victim -- of the tale -- one David Minick, age fifteen. Threatened with expulsion from school -- unless he cut his long tresses. So he did -- went to a barber shop -- and came home with a regulation short haircut.

Only trouble -- the front door was locked -- his parents both out. David thereupon climbing through a window -- whereupon his neighbors called police -- to report what they thought was a burglar.

Four squads of police racing to the scene -- grabbing the youngster -- before the mix-up was finally straightened out. David's embarrassed neighbors explaining -- they didn't know him -- minus all that hair.