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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the Middle East -- charge and counter-charged.

Egypt reporting a clash with an Israeli patrol supposedly

"attempting to infiltrate" the Gaza Strip. Israel

denying this but telling of a series of terrorist explosions

along its border with Jordan.

As for U.N. Secretary General U Thant -- he's flying

in from Cairo tonight. Was his mission a failure? American

officials have ordered U.S. dependents to leave both Israel

and Egypt; and the British have done the same.

## MONTREAL

Here on our own shores -- a hurried flying trip today for President Johnson. First -- to Montreal; for a brief stop -- at Expo Sixty-Seven. Then on to Harrington Lake North of Ottawa -- for a three-hour conference with Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson.

Pearson -- winner of a Nobel Peace Prize, for his role in ending the Arab-Ismaeli conflict -- back in Nineteen-Fifty-Six. Today Lester Pearson agreeing with the President, that the current situation is dangerous -- but still with hope for a peaceful solution.

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## **NAPLES**

Meanwhile the U.S. Sixth Fleet set sail today from Naples, with <sup>7</sup> some two thousand Marines aboard. A U.S. military spokesman calling it -- "a normally scheduled training operation."

The maneuver inevitably calls to mind -- that Marine landing in Lebanon a decade ago, in the midst of another crisis in the Middle East; a landing -- under the so-called Eisenhower doctrine; guaranteeing the sovereignty of any Middle East nation -- against a threat of Communist aggression.

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## SAIGON

In Vietnam -- success or failure is seldom measured in land won -- but rather in numbers of men lost. The "kill-ratio," they call it, generally running about four-to-one -- in favor of Allied forces.

The same true once again -- in weekly casualty figures announced today in Saigon. The enemy losing some twenty-four hundred men -- as compared with Allied losses of six-hundred-and-twenty-eight men.

Beyond the cold statistics -- a story of fierce fighting last week in the D.M.Z. -- with U.S. Marines-bearing the brunt of the action. The week ending with a record three hundred and thirty-seven Americans -- killed in action. Even four-to-one -- a terrible toll.

## CONGRESS

While the President himself was enroute to Montreal -- a special presidential message was enroute to Congress today. A message urging an alternate plan of campaign financing -- to replace the now suspended Presidential Campaign Fund Act of last year.

As urged by L.B.J. -- Presidential campaigns would be financed by congressional appropriations; with major as well as minor parties -- to receive federal backing. As he put it: Within the framework of certain "reasonable limitations" to prevent the creation of new parties -- "solely to receive government funds."

## ALEXANDRIA

In a federal courtroom at Alexandria, Virginia --  
U.S. Air Force Sergeant Herman Boeckenhaupt was found  
guilty as charged today; guilty of conspiring to pass  
military secrets -- to the Soviet Union. Sentence  
delayed -- pending a pre-sentence report. He could get  
death.

## PARIS

The shape of things to come in air travel -- on public display today at the Paris air show. French and British aircraft designers displaying for the first time -- a mock-up of their new supersonic jetliner -- the Concorde.

The giant model -- built at a cost of six hundred thousand dollars to serve as a pattern for the real thing they expect to have in service before the end of the decade.

## THE KING'S STORY

Rarely, in fact, almost never, have I mentioned a motion picture on this program. For one thing, there isn't time. Tonight is going to be an exception, no matter how overwhelmed we are with what may seem to be important news.

In the thirty-seven years I have been doing this broadcast, I can think of no single news story in which people, literally everywhere, were more interested than the romance that ended with the abdication of Edward-The-Eighth, followed by his marriage to a most attractive American, Wallis Simpson. Now we have the story on film, with the Duke of Windsor actually playing himself. The picture, *The Kings Story*, had its premier in America last night, at one of the Art theaters, just off Fifth Avenue, "The Festival." All I have time to say is, here is dramatic history on the screen, the retelling one of the most interesting human stories of our time, in fact,



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of all time, -- a story that will inspire books, plays, films, perhaps even operas for centuries to come.

My wife and I found The King's Story so absorbingly interesting we hope you won't miss it.

**TOKYO**

Something of an economic miracle -- is reported today from Tokyo. In the story of a two-day travel symposium to encourage travel in America.

Japanese and American travel experts disclosing that Japanese tourists outspend all other visitors to the United States. Where other nationalities rid themselves of only about four hundred bucks a piece -- Japanese tourists spend an average of six hundred each, here in the States.

What's so miraculous about that? A Japanese is permitted to leave his native land -- with only five hundred bucks.

So where does he get the extra hundred? Another "mystery of the Orient."

## WEATHER

*Weather conditions across the country. More*

*of the same. Rain and cold here in the East; a heat wave*

*in Nebraska, Kansas and Eastern Colorado; thunderstorms*

*- from New Mexico to the northern plains, and gale winds*

*plus hail and the size of golf balls in the Dakotas. Something*

*for everybody. But not what anyone seems to want, including*

*our announcer Stewart Metz.*

**SAN QUENTIN**

It's a small world, but never any smaller than today at San Quentin prison, California. A prison security squad headed by officer Tai Stewart -- checking a storeroom. They found the cover off an air duct. Officer Stewart crawling into the duct on his hands and knees -- a distance of twenty five feet, when he came face to face -- with Convict Lane Scott lugging a bag full of dirt from an escape tunnel.

A small world. Especially for convict Scott and two of his fellow in-mates -- now in solitary.