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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In Hong Kong, a British official said today -
"This is the worst threat ever to come out of Red China."
The cholera epidemic, that age-old pestilence of the
Orient - sweeping through Mao Tse-tung's domain is now
crossing borders - into neighboring states, creating
a health problem - all the way from Hong to Burma -
from the China Sea to the Bay of Bengal, from Korea
south to the Portuguese island of Macao. The toll of
the epidemic? The report is at least fifty thousand
dead in Red China - possible double that number.
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JOHNSON

Vice-President Johnson upon his return says he believes that his trip to Berlin was one of the most successful - ever made by an American statesman. At any rate it was quite a whirlwind, one for the tall Texan. He left Friday; home by jet today. In between, he took a look at Berlin - and delivered to the people of West Berlin a message they wanted to hear; that America is completely committed - to their defense. No Red take-over - to be allowed.

As for what he brought back, he says he brought back his own prescription - for meeting the crisis created by Khrushchev; of which we may hear later.

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RETAKE

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Mr. Kennedy said however, "all of us must pass through difficult weeks and months to maintain the freedom of West Berlin - and maintain it we will."

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CONS FOLLOW BERLIN

The Berlin crisis is having an effect on - the cows of East Germany. Herds of them, roaming around the countryside -

because ~~the~~ fences are down. ^{with} Not enough barbed wire - for repairs. ^{All available wire having} ~~gone~~ gone into that barricade - across Berlin.

So a little freedom seems to have come - to East Germany.

For the cows of the Soviet satellite - freedom from barbed wire.

CONGRESS

The Senate-House Joint Committee appointed today - probably will give President Kennedy most of what he wants in the way of a foreign aid bill. That's the prediction on Capitol Hill - as the Committee starts hammering out a compromise.

The big problem - long term loans. The Senate for - the House against. The compromise is expected to be: - three year loans instead of five. In any case, the Committee shouldn't have any great problem - with money. Both Houses have agreed on a minimum of four billion dollars - to step up American aid for other nations of the free world.

U.N.

Today's debate at the U.N. - produced one striking phrase. The phrase - "classic aggression." It was used by Tunisian delegate Mongi Slim - with reference to Bizerte. The controversy over French occupation of - the big naval base on the Mediterranean.

Well, the word "aggression" - is clear enough. But just what is "classic aggression?" The Tunisian spokesman says it means - old-fashioned European imperialism. The bygone practice of Westerners taking over - key places abroad. Then making themselves the sole judge - of whether they should stay or leave. Not consulting - the local population.

The French, according to the Tunisians - are doing this in Bizerte. Paris, according to Tunis - guilty of "classic aggression." Which the French flatly deny - even though they^are refusing to participate in the Bizerte debate at the U.N.

FIRES

Tonight, the broad forest belt of Manitoba - is a raging inferno. Ninety-five forest fires - blazing out of control. And those are only the big ones - the ones that have been counted. Hundreds of brush fires have been started - by sparks carried by the wind. Tonight, the Canadian government has ~~six~~ ⁵ hundred ~~men~~ on the job - with reserves being rushed in.

Already more than a million acres of timber - have gone up in smoke. Hardest hit - Duck Mountain Forest, ^{where} Roaring flames have destroyed six thousand acres of ~~the~~ famous Duck Mountain white spruce.

CRIME

~~Out~~ In the Windy City, old-timers are saying -- "It's like the days when Al Capone was Chicago's big-shot." Meaning - the worst eruption of gangland killings since prohibition, since Scarface Al - ran the liquor trade, since his mob traded bullets with - Dion O'Banion, Bugs Moran, and the rest of the competition.

But this time - there's one big difference. Apparently the top mobsters are too smart - to get involved. The war is between - small-time gangsters. Object - the loan shark racket. Petty racketeers, falling behind - in their payments. Ending up on the ~~wrong~~ wrong end of - a gangland ride.

Chicago, struggling with - another crime wave.

SCHOOLS

American educators are taking note of - a new report on our schools. A statement of things to come - when the youngsters return in the fall. Here are a few items - worth mentioning:-

In Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Parma, Ohio - they^are putting a planetarium into every high school. Giving the pupils a course in - visual astronomy. Mt.Vernon, New York, is introducing a text called - "the arithmetic of flying." Lake Charles, Louisiana, is going to put high school sophomores through a course covering - world history, literature and art. The high school at Rock Island, Illinois, will provide - a college level biology laboratory.

And all across the country - longer hours in school, more advanced textbooks, higher rewards for gifted pupils, and so on. American education, really moving now - in its quest for excellence in the schools.

IRELAND

In beautiful Killarney, it's the Irish jarveys - against the American millionaire. The jarveys are drivers of jaunting cars - for sightseers. The millionaire ^{is} John McShain, of Philadelphia. The issue - a sign ~~read~~ reading - "Get Your Jaunting Cars Here."

The jarveys put up the sign - at the entrance to McShain's estate. When he ordered them to take it down - they refused. Whereupon he closed his estate - to jaunting car traffic. Blockading the jarveys and their fares - from one of Killarney's spectacular views.

The drivers claim - they ^are going to hold out indefinitely. But in the meantime, they have two hundred tourists a day - on their hands. ^{So, at the moment it} Looks as if the American millionaire ~~just~~ might win - his battle with the Irish jarveys.

SALARY

If you've ever been peeved because the boss wouldn't give you a raise -listen to this. Over in Midhurst, England - Frank Haslop worked as a butcher boy for forty-two years. Starting in Nineteen Nineteen, working six days a week ever since - and no vacations. Frank's salary when he started - three pounds a week. His salary when his employer died the other day - still exactly three pounds a week.

In Nineteen Nineteen - that was a pretty good wage. Forty-two years later, ~~it's~~ ^{— equal to} not so good. In fact, [^] only seven [^] dollars a week. Why did old Frank - stick it out? Says he - "I liked the work and the people I met." ^{Dick,} He sure must have liked them - to put up with forty-two years, and never a pay raise.

WATER

The House Interior Sub-Committee is discussing the problem of - how to make water run up-hill. The lawmakers, examining ways and means - of reversing nature. Why? It seems that the Secretary of the Interior wants to use electricity - that now goes to waste. Secretary Udall, proposing that electrical pumps be constructed - to carry water up-hill. Millions of gallons of it - to be turned loose when electricity is low. [¶] ~~Creating~~ reservoirs of - water power.

Says Congressman Rogers of Texas: ^{"Sound like a} ~~has this comment - "A~~
^{idea to me!"}
Rube Goldberg ^{invention,} ~~said he.~~ Water running down-hill ~~is~~
^{understands, up hill -}
~~good enough - for~~ the Lone Star legislator. ~~He doesn't see much~~
~~point - in making it run up-hill.~~ ^{he doesn't believe it!}