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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here in the East -- a special "air pollution alert" was declared today for the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut; because of that freak weather system -- currently enveloping the Eastern seaboard in foul, smelly smog.

In its first stage -- the alert forbids the burning of refuse. Business, industry and private citizens urged -- to voluntarily refrain from using cars, heating devices and power boilers.

In its final stage -- if the smog continues to get worse -- the alert would ban all car and bus travel, shut down industrial plants, and force a curfew on the use of heat and light.

SAHARANS FOLLOW POLLUTION

A related item - from United Nations headquarters
in New York City. Eight petitioners from Spanish Sahara -
who were waiting around to testify on a trusteeship matter
- announcing today they're going home because of the ^{New York} smog.
- to the Sahara -
Preferring to return to Africa - and fly back ~~again~~ later -
rather than wait it out in New York.

The leader of the Spanish Saharans is speaking
for all, when he said: "The air is so impure - how can
people live here?"

Ah, but it's still a great place to visit -
wouldn't you say?

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - Israel was officially censured today; for that Israeli raid against Jordan - two weeks ago. The U N Security Council further warning Israel that any repetition of such military action -- and the world body will be forced to consider sterner measures. The vote - fourteen to nothing -- in favor of the resolution, with only one abstention - New Zealand.

Nevertheless, the censure measure later criticized by several members - who charged that it wasn't nearly strong enough. Among the critics - New Zealand, Russia, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Uganda. New Zealand Ambassador Frank Corner stating, for one, that the resolution - "does nothing to reduce, let alone equalize, the stresses and strains of the situation."

Said Ugandan Ambassador Apollo Kironde! -- ~~even more~~
~~another~~ "A patient is dying ~~over here~~" and we don't even prescribe an aspirin."

JERUSALEM

The seriousness of the situation - reemphasized today by the sound of machine gun and cannon fire in the Holy Land. Where troops of Jordan's Arab Legion clashed with anti-government rioters - in the streets of old Jerusalem.

The trouble beginning with angry mobs pouring out of mosques - on a rampage of destruction. The demonstrators apparently inflamed by religious leaders - demanding swift retaliation for that Israeli attack.

3 Charging that tough, young King Hussein - ^{is}~~was~~ "too soft" in his dealings with the Jewish state.

When the fighting finally ended - there were at least eight wounded -- ~~at least eight wounded~~ and many more reported injured.

49 Legionnaires later sealing off the ancient walled section of the city - perching on rooftops, ready to open fire at the first sign of any further disturbance.

VIET NAM

In View Nam - a full rout of Viet Cong troops today - on three separate battlefronts.

Heaviest sighting in War Zone C - just north of Saigon. Where a force of Viet Cong was locked in day-long combat -- with two companies of South Vietnamese militia men. The battle ending abruptly - when American ~~refx~~ reinforcements appeared on the scene. The Viet Cong fleeing ~~in terror~~ - leaving behind their dead.

More of the same - in coastal mountains three hundred miles north of Saigon, ~~where~~ U S Troops decimated a force of Viet Cong -- killing at least thirty-four and capturing eleven more -- before the rest fled in panic.

Third clash - near the Cambodian border. Big American B-fifty twos - blasting a suspected Communist stronghold; followed by U S infantrymen - in a mop-up ground action. Enemy dead - totalling at least sixty-six.

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West Germany's two major political parties - the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats - reported on the verge tonight of forming a new coalition government. One in which both parties - long opposed to each other - would share equally in the affairs of state.

Chancellor-designate Kurt Georg Kiesinger signaling the possible merger - when he formally discontinued negotiations with the Free Democrats; a middle-of-the-road party - that formerly provided the Christian Democrats with their margin of power. The Free Democrats still refusing to go along with a badly needed tax increase - which the opposition social ~~So~~ Democrats now appear ready to accept.

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If Kiesinger can bring it off - the ~~next~~ new alliance would be tantamount to a merger between ~~Re~~ Republicans and Democrats in our own country. The one possible stumbling-block -- outgoing Chancellor Ludwig Erhard; who announced today - that he is bitterly

opposed to the projected coalition.

*Erhard's angry outburst - apparently triggered
by Mayor Willy Brandt of West Berlin - National Chairman
of the Social Democrats; who warned earlier that he
would not permit his party to be used "as a fig leaf" -
as he put it - to cover Erhard's mistakes.*

CARACAS

From Caracas - the story today of a twelve-hour Communist ~~terror~~ terrorist campaign - against American business interests in Venezuela. Red marauders fire-bombing the city's principal - Sears, Roebuck Department store; also a supermarket - under financial control of the Rockefeller brothers of New York. And climaxing the anti-American rampage by spraying machine gun bullets at a U. S. commerce Department trade fair.

Damage to the supermarket and the trade fair - reported slight. However, the Department store - virtually gutted by flames. With damage - expected to run in ^{to} the millions. ~~Luckily though - no one hurt.~~

LBJ RANCH

President Johnson was the presiding officer today -- at a sort of congressional summit meeting at the LBJ Ranch. Delegates including Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- Senate and House Majority leaders Mike Mansfield and Carl Albert; as well as Minority Leaders Everett Dirksen and Gerald Ford.

Of course, to discuss major legislation -- that the President will ask of the new Congress.

A similar summit meeting was held at the ranch last year. But it takes on new meaning this time -- because of that recent Republican resurgence in Congress.

NEW YORK

Still another railroad legend chugs into history this weekend -- with the passing of the Phoebe Snow; once a crack passenger run from Chicago to New York -- through some of the most scenic country in America.

The Phoebe Snow -- inaugurated in the early Nineteen Hundreds, deriving its name and its slogan -- "cleanest ride in the East" -- from the fact that it used clean-burning anthracite coal.

And now its all over. The Erie-Lackawanna Railroad reporting sadly -- there just aren't enough passengers anymore.

MASON COUNTY

At last -- a positive identification of that "mysterious winged monster" -- of Mason County, West Virginia; the one that has terrorized local inhabitants -- for a week or so. Identification based on the description of a local businessman -- first to sight the "monster" by daylight.

The winged creature described as brownish-gray -- six feet tall -- ten-foot wingspan -- cruising speed of seventy miles an hour -- and, red flesh around its eyes.

This -- according to a wildlife expert at the University of West Virginia -- is a perfect description of a sandhill crane; a rare West Virginia bird -- a few of which still survive in a nearby game preserve.

It may be a sandhill crane to him -- but -- Warren -- it still sounds like a monster to ~~the~~⁹ some of the "folks" in Mason County! And so long until Monday.