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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Mayor Wagner today dropped a bombshell into New York politics, by announcing that he will not run -- for an unprecedented fourth term as Mayor of the nation's largest city. His stated reason -- strictly personal; a promise to his late wife -- to spend more time with their sons.

Wagner out of the race with Republican John Lindsay; the young Congressman rated the first Republican in a generation to have a real chance at the Mayor's office. Now Lindsay's opponent may be -- can you guess? Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

Tonight the word is that leadership of the nation's most powerful state Democratic Party is about to pass into the hands of Senator Robert Kennedy.

SPACE

Astronauts Ed White and Jim McDivitt returned today -- to the homes they left two weeks and nearly two million miles ago. Command Pilot McDivitt -- first off the plane at Houston -- with a hearty -- "Yahoo!" Spacewalker White right behind -- as the crowd "yahooped" right back at them.

Next -- tears -- lipstick smears -- and more cheers, ~~As~~ the Gemini-Twins swept into the waiting arms -- of their wives -- their children -- and their parents. The astronauts ^{were} then permitted a few precious hours of privacy. After that -- back to the Manned Spacecraft Center -- for more technical and medical debriefings. Trying to clear the decks -- for the celebrations yet to come.

~~Including~~ a meeting with the President -- tomorrow at Houston. Also -- a news conference. Scheduled for two tomorrow afternoon -- Eastern Daylight Time, ~~when~~ for the first time -- the ~~two~~ ^{two} will tell the world of their flight -- right out of this world.

LUNA

As for Russia's latest venture in space -- the Soviets today disclosed that their Luna-Six moon rocket -- will miss the moon by about a hundred thousand miles. The Soviet News Agency Tass -- blaming the not-so-near miss -- on a malfunction in the steering mechanism of Luna-Six.


Purpose of the flight -- never disclosed; although American space experts had speculated -- that the Russians were trying again -- to achieve a soft landing on the moon. The earlier Luna-Five -- with that mission in mind -- hit the target all right -- but so fast -- so hard -- that it shattered on impact.

VIET NAM

From Viet Nam -- news today that South Vietnamese Rangers have finally recaptured -- the provincial city of Dong Xoai; seized yesterday by the Communist Viet Cong -- in one of the bloodiest battles yet -- in the Vietnamese War.

The Ranger rescue force airlifted there by -- American helicopters, to back up an earlier rescue force -- that had been decimated by the guerrillas.

Casualties reported heavy -- on both sides. Including at least two hundred dead in the town garrison -- which was outnumbered five-to-one. American losses totaling one known dead -- seventeen missing -- and thirteen wounded. The worst in any single engagement -- to date.



POPE

Pope Paul flew today into the Italian Communist stronghold; the leaning tower city -- the city of Pisa. For his sixty trip outside Rome -- since donning the Papal robes. A crowd of some three hundred thousand Italians were out to greet him. That's more than the total population of the city.

The Pope's brief remarks seemed to be directed straight at the Communists of Pisa. The Pontiff asserting that modern man needs faith -- to be truly free -- faith in order to find the road to world peace.

CONGO

A plot to assassinate Premier Moise Tshombe -- disclosed today in the Congo. An alleged ringleader of the plot -- captured in Elizabethville -- and flown to Leopoldville. He was taken to Makala Prison -- still showing the signs of a severe beating.

According to government officials -- the would-be assassins planned to kill the Premier -- on his next visit to Elizabethville, ~~that city~~ in Katanga Province -- the seat of Tshombe's power. ~~Tshombe himself -- in Europe at the moment.~~

LANDING

That British jetliner came down at London Airport today -- in a perfect three-point landing; with no ~~pilot~~^{pilot} at the controls.

The first time a regular passenger flight has ever come in without the aid of a pilot. The eighty-eight men and women aboard the jet -- thus become charter members of Britain's "Blind Landing Club." With club ties presented the men -- and some trinkets or baubles for the ladies. All this to pave the way for safe landings -- in any kind of weather -- for planes everywhere -- some day.

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DR. COOK

Do you remember the North Pole controversy that rocked the world a half a century ago. The question of who was first to reach the North Pole -- the fabled Admiral Peary -- or that other Arctic explorer -- Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

Admiral Peary was finally acclaimed -- as the discoverer of the North Pole. Dr. Cook deprived of his honors. Yet it is extraordinary how that controversy goes on.

No matter what your views on the subject -- "Doc" Cook did serve as surgeon and ethnologist with Peary in Greenland on an early one -- Eighteen Ninety -One. He also had friends and admirers who went with him to the Far North on later expeditions. One of his boosters was the legendary Roald Amundsen -- first to reach the South Pole. Amundsen later wrote that -- "My lifelong friend Dr. Cook -- is a genius."

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be expected to do. She speaks up in defense of her father.

All I really know about Dr. Cook is that I met him on a few occasions -- more than forty years ago. And whatever his faults may have been -- he was a man of great personal chara.

ART

A victory for art over prudery -- reported today from Bristol England. Where the city fathers ~~was~~ earlier this week -- had banned a performance of "African Magic" -- by the Senegal National Dance Company. Because the Senegalese girls wore their topless native costumes. → Absolutely shocking -- said the Bristolites -- at first!

But then came a storm of public protest; and Bristol officials -- finally forced to give in. Today's reverse ruling noting that the African dancers -- have already played the world over -- with their topless costumes -- Dick -- so why bar the bare-from-the-waist-up girls in Bristol?

SPELLING

Today in Washington -- the finals of the Thirty-Eighth National Spelling Bee. Neck-'n-neck -- in round after round; twelve-year-old Michael Kerpan, Junior -- of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and twelve-year-old Judy Guarr of Topeka, Kansas. Until they reached the word -- "larghetto." Judy first up -- spelled it wrong. Mike next -- spelling it right. The clinching his victory with the correct spelling of the last word -- which was "eczema."

Mike Kerpan of Tulsa -- the new national spelling champ.

Second, Judy Guarr of Topeka. Third -- Ralph Moore -- thirteen -- of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Fourth -- Gail Sorgen -- also thirteen -- of Baltimore, Maryland.

How do you spell eczema or "larghetto" for that matter.

And s-l-u-ta.