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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: Hundreds of millions of residents of three continents -- from the British Isles, through the Middle East, all the way to Hindustan -- have been taking a look today to a spectacular eclipse of the sun.

In Moscow -- there was darkenss at noon. On the Black Sea -- the popular resort area -- vacationers quickly donning coats in the face of falling temperatures. In Northern India -- about a Half-Million Hindus -- bathing in the holy waters of the Ganger -- in the hopes of receiving a special blessing.

The eclipse caused by the moon passing between the sun and the earth -- lasting Two-and-a-Half hours, in all. Scientists throughout Europe -- spening the time at spectographs and solar telescopes. In a serch for further knowledge about the fiery process-by which the sun generates heat and light.

DIRKSEN

Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen threw a roadblock today -- in the path of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~which~~ is seeking three new seats on the Senate "watchdog" committee -- that oversees the top-secret Central Intelligence Agency. Senator Dirksen -- who recently suffered a broken ^{hip} ~~leg~~ declaring from his hospital bed that he is flatly against enlargement of the "watchdog" committee.

In his own inimitable style -- the gentleman from Illinois asserting: "If you are going to have a Congressional panel or a committee -- that is going to take the Central Intelligence Agency over the coals -- and quiz them about their activities, their methods, their targets, and so forth -- then in my judgment it is no longer a secret." So ^{the veteran Everett} ~~he~~ said, ~~Senator~~ Dirksen.

VIET NAM FOLLO TAXES

Halfway round the world -- American fighting men today ~~were~~ bearing the brunt of battle -- against the Communist Viet Cong; while loyal and rebel South Vietnamese forces -- continued their war-within-a-war.

The U.S. First Air Cavalry in "Operation Crazy Horse" -- about ~~2~~ Two Hundred and Seventy-Five miles northeast of Saigon; ~~The~~ Hundred-and First Airborne Division -- in a search-and-destroy mission just north of the capital; ^{the two} Together -- accounting for a total of nearly Two Hundred ^{of the} -- enemy. ~~dead.~~

In the air -- U.S. B-Fifty-Twos pounding a suspected Communist troop concentration -- about Sixty miles from Da Nang. Da Nang itself -- scene of day-long civil ~~strife~~ ^{STRIFE} -- between the opposing South Vietnamese factions. The toll there -- at least Twenty-Five dead and more than Three Hundred wounded -- most of them civilians.

TAXES

Ten American civilians allegedly involved in black market operations in Viet Nam -- are under investigation for possible income tax violations. So we hear from the Internal Revenue people.

This tax probe -- result of a broad crackdown by the Defense Department; aimed at ending money manipulation -- as well as the theft and illegal re-sale of post exchange goods -- said to be ripe in Viet Nam.

In addition the ten civilians -- Seventy-Eight soldiers who have also been implicated -- in the black market operation. Of these -- Forty-one have already been punished; the remaining Thirty Seven -- still to be dealt with.

CHIANG

At Taipei on Formosa -- Generalissimo Chiang Kay-Shek was sworn in today -- for ~~z~~ his Fourth term as president of Nationalist China. The inaugural crowd -- set at about Two Hundred Thousand wildly cheering Chinese.

In a later speech -- Chiang declaring that Peking's possession of atomic weapons -- has not altered in the least his determination to liberate the mainland. Calling himself-- now as always -- "an indiscouraged old soldier."

At Seventy-~~Eight--^{years}~~^{Chiang is}~~old~~, ~~indeed~~_^ one old soldier--who refuses to fade away.

SURVEYOR

America's first Surveyor spacecraft -- the one to be used in our first attempt at a soft landing on the moon -- put through its final paces today. The U.S. counterpart to Russia's Luna-Nine-- jettisoned from a gas-filled plastic balloon -- a thousand feet over Holloman Air Force Base in Southern New Mexico -- and setting down flawlessly exactly thirty-five seconds later -- to complete what space officials called "a beautiful test."

The first Surveyor to be launched -- for real? That's set for a week from Monday at Cape Kennedy. With luck -- the space package to reach the moon in about sixty-six hours. If successful in a soft landing the hope is that it will remain operative for the next two weeks. This as the U.S. draws ever closer -- to manned flight to the moon.

LINDBERGH

Thirty-nine years ago today -- a tall, slim, rather silent young man set out from America -- on one of the great adventures of all time. As everybody knows, Charles A. Lindbergh was the first man to fly solo non-stop from New York to Paris. And this is the anniversary.

His plane -- "The Spirit of Saint Louis". Equipped with almost none of the instruments -- of modern aviation. No lights -- no navigational aids -- no automatic pilot -- no radar. Just one man alone. And a good airplane. A man with skill, courage, determination -- and a couple of sandwiches.

Most of you will recall how a hundred thousand Frenchmen were at LeBourget to greet him. Millions of Americans later joining -- when he came home.

After that, as you also know, he flew around this country to encourage interest in aviation, building of airports and so on. Then, he helped chart air routes overseas; during the war he helped the Air Force solve some important problems

and while doing this he flew in combat. In later years he has been an advisor to Pan American Airways -- and to the government.

You should hear the way his colleagues praise him --

General Doolittle for one; General George Kenny of South Pacific fame, another; Juan Trippe and Sam Pryor of Pan American -- and many more.

So, on this anniversary here's to The Lone Eagle!

Now Warren --

POLLUTION

A promise of renewed determination today -- from President Johnson; in the continuing Federal battle -- against pollution, ugliness and decay. This in a speech -- marking transfer of the Water Pollution Control Administration; from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare -- to the Department of the Interior.

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The President: ~~asserting~~ "there are questions" -- that challenge the ingenuity and resourcefulness of man. Questions such as these: "Must our progress engulf us? Shall we choke on our own success? Does our society have to tolerate filthy rivers-poisoned air, strangled cities, roads? Too much ugliness? Too little beauty?"

And that answer
"There is only one answer" -- ~~said~~ he. "No! -- we must not.

No -- we will not."

TALMADGE

Senator Talmadge of Georgia -- a would-be candidate for governor of his home state -- reported today to be having some second thoughts on the matter.

You may recall -- the Senator said early this week that he would make the gubernatorial race -- "if the people desire me." An aide disclosing that since then -- Talmadge has received a flood of telegrams, letters and telephone calls, Almost all ~~of them~~ favorable -- but many arguing that Talmadge can best serve his state in the Senate -- where he already has Ten years of seniority.

A Southern political observer commenting: "They desire him, all right. But they desire him -- in Washington."