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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: Secretary of State Dean Rusk -- the storm-center of another heated exchange today -- at hearings of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Sec. Rusk's vehement defense of U.S. policy in Viet Nam -- touching off a shouting match on the committee itself; between Senator Morse of Oregon -- and Senator Lausche of Ohio. Both Democrats.

The Secretary scarcely finished with his opening statement -- when Senator Morse sprang to the attack. Accusing Rusk of laying a "falacious" and "unconscionable" basis -- for U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. Demanding that legal experts be called "forthwith" -- to discuss the alleged "illegality" of U.S. military intervention in Viet Nam.

However, Senator Morse, in turn -- was promptly

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interrupted by Senator Lausche. The latter accusing ~~xxx~~  
his fellow committee member -- of "a complete misstatement"  
of fact. Lausche adding that current aid hearings -- had  
already been "loaded down heavily -- with discussions of  
matters beside the issue."

## VIETNAM FOLLOW RUSK

Meantime, news today from Saigon -- that American planes have dropped some Seven Thousand pounds of nausea-producing tear gas on the Viet Cong's suspected political headquarters -- in a jungle area near the Cambodian border.

The non-lethal gas attack -- intended to clear the way for "Operation Birmingham;" a search-and-destroy mission -- by the U.S. First Infantry D.W. This not the first time that American forces have used tear gas; but it was one of the largest doses -- that Americans have ever spread over enemy territory.

On the political front -- militant Buddhists are reported furious today at Premier Ky; for a weekend statement that the present military government will remain in power -- at least into Nineteen-Sixty-Seven. Buddhist spiritual leader Thich Tri Quang -- who has been touring the provinces -- is said to be returning to Saigon to review the "critical" situation.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO MR. THOMAS' TAPE

As you know -- Lowell Thomas is in Europe -- on the trail of high adventure. Meanwhile, here's a report he left us -- on a subject of timely interest.

## BOMB

As predicted recently by U.S. intelligence -- a third nuclear bomb was exploded today by Red China. According to Radio Peking -- the bomb containing "thermo-nuclear material" indicating that it may have been China's first -- hydrogen bomb.

The test -- said to have taken place in China's "western areas;" same place -- where the two previous bombs were detonated. But no further details. Radio Peking adding only that the bomb was designed to strengthen mainland ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> security -- and, quote -- "to protect the peace of the world" -- unquote.

TOKYO FOLLOW BOMB

Be that as it may -- a later report from Tokyo -- casts doubt on whether the bomb was, in fact, a hydrogen bomb.

Japanese scientists reporting that they had recorded ~~neither~~ <sup>neither</sup> atmospheric nor ground disturbances; both of which ordinarily would have accompanied -- a hydrogen blast.

## RHODESIA

British and Rhodesian negotiators -- opened exploratory talks today in London; in hopes of achieving a compromise -- that would permit return of the breakaway colony -- to the British Commonwealth of nations.

By mutual agreement -- the talks were begun on so-called "neutral" ground -- in the India Office Council Chamber.

Marking the first -face-to-face encounter between British and Rhodesian officials -- since the colony's unilateral declaration of independence last November.

Also by mutual agreement -- the meeting held in strict secrecy. Both sides emphasizing "there will be no further statements -- while the talks continue."

## INDONESIA

A sharp reversal of recent Indonesian economic policy -- was announced today at Jakarta. Indonesian economic czar Sultan Hamengku Burono theNineth -- calling for development of a strongprivate enterprise system -- to cure the nation's finaincial ills.

Burono urging the government to embrace private businessmen -- as "frinds -- in many ases, even as partners -- and no longer as enemies." Further declaring that Sukarno's past socialist-minded regime --had bungled Indonesia into a state of near-bankruptcy.

Significantly, Burono's statement was issued -- on the eve of a nine-week economic mission by <sup>the</sup> Foreign Minister.

Purpose: To rebuild trade and gain new aid -- chiefly from the United States, Russia and Japan.

HARRY

Former President Harry Truman -- was toasted by some Four Hundred old friends today at Kansas City; on the occasion -- of his Eighty-Second birthday.

The guest list -- including governors, congressmen, military and religious leaders -- and the barber who has cut his hair for the past fifty years. One and all hailing the ex-President -- as "our man of peace."

A special tribute -- from the LBJ Ranch. President Johnson issuing a proclamation -- expressing the nation's "profound and lasting gratitude" to Mr. Truman. By telephone -- the President later telling Mr. Truman: "There is not a right-thinking person in the world -- who would like to go back and change one of your programs."

Stu Metz do you think they'll be able to say that about us?

## LOVE

A story of unrequited love -- with near-tragic results -- from the city of Tottori in Japan. The story of an Eighteen-year-old youth -- who fell madly in love with Eiko Namiki one of Japan's famous singing -- Komadori Twins.

True -- he'd never met the girl! and she -- for her part -- had ignored his written professions of love.

Nevertheless, the youth was waiting for Eiko and her sister -- when they completed a benefit performance. Waiting with a buch of flowers that concealed a ten-inch dagger.

The love-sick swain -- thereupon slashing at the girl he thought he loved; then sinking the blade into his own stomach -- in an attempt at traditional hara-kiri.

Fortunately -- he botched both jobs. And now in a hospital -- he can contemplate one final irony: The girl he stabbed -- was the wrong twin.