

Good Evening Everybody:

First of all, I want to salute my colleague, Dallas Townsend, and thank him for taking my place while I have been at the Winter Olympics, and also enjoying myself skiing in the Alps. Four more years until the next one, at Sapporo, Japan! Wonder what will happen to this confused world of ours in those four years?

VIETNAM

On the war front in Vietnam - the battle
for-the-cities - part two. Today, Viet Cong guerrillas
seizing the village of Tan Thoi - on the outskirts of
Saigon. Using it as a base for two more mortar attacks
- against busy, nearby Tan Son Nhut airport. Later
challenging South Vietnamese troops - in an effort to seal
off this vital nerve center of the U S war effort; which
2/2 ~~is~~ includes, incidentally, General Westmoreland's
headquarters compound - commonly called "Pentagon
East."

For all this - Tan Son Nhut airport remaining
open throughout. The U S command post - also fully
operational, Directing American and allied reaction
forces - in smashing counterattacks, not only in the
Saigon area - but also against enemy invaders at Phan
Thiet, Song Be and Vinh Long.

Meanwhile, the stars and stripes were flying

today - at one end of that ancient walled citadel ~~at~~
at Hue. At the other end - less than a mile away -
a tattered ~~Cong~~ Viet Cong banner waving in the breeze.
And in between - the bloodiest battle of the war raging
through its twenty-first day - ~~and~~^{with} still no end in sight.

PANMUNJOM

Apology at Panmunjom. U S Rear Admiral John Smith - representing the United Nations command; admitting today that two allied planes - had strayed accidentally into North Korean air space. Further expressing regret at the intrusion - laying the blame to faulty navigational equipment.

However, Smith flatly rejecting as "fairy tales" - Communist charges attempting to link this latest incursion with the previous Pueblo incident. This - said he - another example of "standard North Korean Communist practice; to tell lies in great quantity - in a hope that a few of them might be believed."

WASHINGTON

Here at home - the start today of a mock trial for international Communism - at Georgetown University in Washington. Sitting in judgement - the so-called "world court of public opinion". An organization attempting to counter Communist propaganda ~~is~~ aimed at American policy in Southeast Asia.

First witness - South Korean Ambassador-at-large You Chan Yang, ~~Who~~ argued that the war in Vietnam - is a direct result of compromise in Korea. And if, by ~~such~~ chance, there should be a ceasefire in Vietnam - said he - the result would be inevitable. Namely, war in Thailand.

HOUSE

~~Elsewhere~~ In Washington - first public hearing today on the President's proposed "dangerous drug" bill. Lead-off witness - Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson; who told House members there is increasing evidence - that organized crime is moving in swiftly on the L S D trade.

Next up - Dr. Cecil Jacobson of George Washington University, Citing medical studies - showing that halluninogenic drugs can cause premature aging - also canccr; as well as genetic changes & perhaps leading to deformities and mutations in future generations.

GOVERNORS

*Starting in April - the nation's Republican
Governors will sponsor a series of five political
seminars around the country. The announcement today -
from Governor Chafee of Rhode Island - chairman of
the Republican Governors Association. Purpose - said
he: To gather recommendations - for the Nineteen
Sixty-Eight Republican campaign platform.*

*As you may have heard - the Governors
Association is seeking a co-chairmanship of the
Republican platform - writing committee. Whether they
get it or not - to be decided by party leaders later
this week.*

SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio, Texas, ~~the~~ first session today of a three-day space symposium. ~~Hearing~~ from Dr. Lewis Larmore - of McDonnell-Douglas aircraft; who said it is "inconceivable" but true - that the United States presently has no firm space ~~no~~ exploration plans - beyond ~~the~~ ^{the} planned lunar landing.

What would he suggest then - as a possible next step? First -- said Dr. Larmore - the building of a permanent base of operations on the moon; perhaps leading to the manufacture of rocket fuel - right there ^{on} the lunar ~~surf~~ surface; with the Moon itself eventually serving as perfect launch pad - for future space probes.

~~No~~ But none of this will be possible - said Dr. Larmore - until we find "a worthy cause" - another goal in space - acceptable to ~~the~~ public and policy-makers alike.

NEW YORK FOLLOW SAN ANTONIO

Getting back to earth - the largest private aircraft deal of all time was signed today in New York. American Airlines agreeing to purchase twenty-five D-C Ten air buses - also taking an option on twenty-five more. Total order and option - coming to eight hundred million bucks.

The D C-Ten -- a two-hundred and fifty passenger aircraft; expected to ~~become~~ become the work horse of medium-range domestic routes - with the advent of globe-girdling supersonic jetliners.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

At Buckingham Palace in London - a royal birthday party today - with cake and ice cream and assorted goodies fit for a king - or, at least a prince. In this case - Prince Andrew; the third of Queen Elizabeth's four children - eight years old ^{today,} ~~as of this~~ ~~date.~~

Turns out though - Little Prince Andrew has developed a reputation as something of a toughie.

~~He~~ never eats sweets - or anything soft and syrupy.

So while his friends were lapping up the special treats - the Prince was indulging instead in his own favorite, a

~~bill of fare. A cream-cheese-and-liver-sausage-~~

~~sandwich-on-rye - with jam on top.~~

How about it, Warren? Anything you'd care to recommend - as ~~perhaps~~ a "chaser" for liver sausage with Jam?

ATLANTIC CITY

From Atlantic City comes a plea today -
for more women in sports. Chief advocate - Professor
Celeste Ulrich of the University of North Carolina,
telling a group of school administrators - there is no
reason why girls can't play football - or ~~baseball~~ ^{hockey} -
or box.

The charge that athletics aren't "ladylike"
just plain old-fashioned -- said Miss Ulrich. Adding
there are no "biological structures or physical functions"
that would bar girls from body-contact sports. (~~The only~~
~~requirement~~ ^{As for wrestling - well - s-l-u-t-m.} ~~said she~~ ~~that girls should adapt their~~
~~play to meet certain~~ "moral-ethical problems that are
~~uniquely theirs."~~

~~Translated into girls' baseball~~ ~~said Miss~~
~~Ulrich~~ ~~that would mean,~~ ~~for example,~~ ~~a ban against~~
~~"spikes ^{too} high on the slide into second."~~ ~~Too hard~~
~~on the nose, I guess.~~