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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At least Six more lives -- maybe more, many more -- lost today; to that Caribbean storm they are now calling -- the "Great Hurricane Inez."

The big blow centering its latest -- on the Barahona Peninsula -- on the southern coast of Hispaniola; an area of Haiti commonly called -- the "Valley of Death." And with good reason; for some Eight Thousand Haitians have perished there in previous hurricanes, all since Nineteen-Thirty.

The present casualty list of six is expected to climb sharply, when communications are finally restored -- with some of the more resort sections of the island.

Inez' target for tonight -- the finger-like Tiburon Peninsula on Haiti's northern coast. With the Eastern tip of Cuba -- next on the list. Probably -- tomorrow.

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House -- plans were announced today -- for a series of high-level international policy talks next week, *In* the face of mounting worldwide pressure for peace in Viet Nam.-- The President to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister ~~Andrei~~ Gromyko on Monday, *and* with French Foreign Minister Couve deMurville and British Foreign Secretary George Brown -- later on in the week.

The talks billed as a continuation of discussions begun last week in New York -- by Secretary of State Dean Rusk during opening sessions of the current United Nations General Assembly, *where* the war in Viet Nam *is* expected to be one of the chief topics, *The* ~~of course~~ White House ~~press secretary, saying~~, however, that the talks -- "will not be limited to any one subject."

VIET NAM

On the other side of the globe -- another key battle today in Viet Nam. Outnumbered but never outfought -- U.S. Marines hurling back an elite force of Viet Cong, ~~to~~ to take a strategic hill commanding Communist infiltration routes -- from that so-called demilitarized zone between North and South.

Job done -- the Leathernecks moving on ^{to} a second Communist ~~strongly~~ fortified hill -- close by the first. Determined to complete the rout -- they had already started.

A tough assignment. Ammunition and water -- in short supply. Enemy fire so heavy -- that big cargo helicopters couldn't get through. Even so -- many of the wounded refusing evacuation. Choosing instead -- to return to the battle.

Back ~~in~~ Saigon -- ~~Communist~~ terrorists today exploded a ~~deadly Claymore~~ mine -- outside a local police station. But their only victims -- a Vietnamese woman and her child -- who just happened to pass by.

BLYTHE

On a remote desert highway near Blythe, California, migrant farm workers today were the victims of a tractor-trailer piling into the rear end of a crowded pickup truck; spilling men, women and children -- all over the highway. Whereupon a second big truck came plowing through the tangle of bodies. The second driver -- who kept right on going was later found to have been drinking.

In the other accident -- a bus filled with farm workers -- en route to a nearby lettuce field; when it blew a front tire -- and plunged into a gully.

The toll from the two accidents -- at least six killed -- more than forty injured. Four of the dead -- brothers and sisters; ranging in age -- from Five to Fifteen.

GIMBEL

Eighty-one-year-old Bernard Gimbel -- one of the great merchants of all times-- dead today in New York. A champion athlete in his youth -- tall and ruggedly handsome to the end -- the fabled "Prince of Merchants" finally succumbing to a two-year bout with cancer.

Grandson of an Indiana peddler; Bernie Gimbel gambled the family fortune on a dream -- and won. Thereby creating a half-billion-dollar chain of department stores -- which he headed from Nineteen-Twenty-Seven until his recent retirement. Gimbel earning a reputation en route -- as one of "the most durable legends" of our time.

A man who thrived on action -- a patron of the arts -- a noted philanthropist -- a wonderful friend -- all these and more was Bernard Gimbel.

KROCK FOLLOW GIMBEL

It's an old cliché -- to say that such-and-so marks the end of an era. But in the passing of Bernard Gimbel -- the phrase really and truly fits. The same might be said of this next item -- the end of an era in newspapering.

For as long as most of us can remember -- Arthur Krock of the New York Times has been one of the most highly respected political writers in the country; indeed -- in the world. Three times -- winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Confidante, adviser and oft-time critic of Presidents -- for more than half-a-century. And we learn from today's paper that he now plans to retire -- on the eve of his Seventy-Ninth birthday.

Arthur Krock's farewell column -- a personal view of the United States as it is today. Sharp and incisive -- as always. In foreign policy -- ~~said he~~ ^{he says} -- the United States is acting on an "evangelical concept of world stewardship;" totally disregarding its top military analysts -- by fighting a ground war in Asia. Domestically, he sees the U.S. hurt by

a President and Supreme Court -- usurping legislative powers;
hurt, too, by the economic demands -- of labor and welfare
statism.

Arthur Krock -- whether you agree with him or not --
a man who makes you stop -- and think. And they don't hardly
make them like that -- any more. *At any rate not too many.*

WARING

Another old-timer unique in his profession -- the ~~well-known~~ famous Fred Waring; who -- with his ever-popular pennsylvanians -- goes happily on and on his merry musical way.

Fred Waring today in the midst of final preparations -- for his annual cross-country band tour next month. A show to be billed -- "The First Fifty Years." ^{For Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians} ~~He~~ has been the toast of the American music ^{world} ~~business~~ -- exactly that long.

This year's tour to include -- a Hundred-and-Sixty one-night stands; ~~Forty~~ of them -- at colleges. Closing next March -- with a gala performance at New York's new Philharmonic Hall.

"The lift I get facing people -- just never wears off" -- says Fred. And the lift he gives us -- his ^{special} ~~wonderful~~ way with music -- they never wear off either.

ALBANY

Found at last -- a foolproof method of predicting the sex of an unborn baby; whether boy -- or girl.

The new process developed by a team of doctors -- at Albany Medical College in up-state New York. Sex determined by drawing a sample of amniotic fluid -- from the mother-to-be. The cores of cells in the fluid -- one kind for boy babies -- distinctly different for girls.

Doctors emphasizing, however, that the test involves a certain ~~amount~~ of risk -- for both mother and child. And so should not be attempted -- ^{just}~~solely~~ for the sake of curiosity.

The greatest potential value of the test -- they say -- in combatting hereditary diseases. Such as hemophilia -- for example. A condition that may be passed on by either parent -- but strangely afflicts only male children.

CARACAS

Here in America -- we have the "kissing disease" -- mononucleosis; so-named because it spreads so quickly -- among courting couples. A disease serious -- but seldom fatal.

By contrast -- news today from Caracas -- of the deadly ravages of a so-called "kissing bug." A beetle-like insect -- whose bite is one of the most lethal known to man. Its victims currently numbering a ~~million~~ million-and-a-half -- in Venezuela alone.

The deadly pest -- a parasite technically known as the treatomid. But popularly called the "kissing bug" -- because it generally attacks its victims through the soft skin around their lips -- or their eyes. Thereby transmitting a deadly tropical sickness -- chagas disease -- for which there is no known cure.

So far -- attempts at immunization have failed completely. A vast government program ^{is} now underway ^{in Venezuela, to} exterminate the parasite with insecticides. Government officials

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admitting, however, that they can't hope to control the disease -- before Nineteen-Sixty-Nine at the earliest.

Until then -- a kiss from the "kissing bug" -- remains the kiss of death.

NEW YORK

These are those who think that modern fashion designers -- are perhaps "kidding" the modern woman. One of those who agree -- it turns out -- none other than Rudi Gernreich; the man who gave us -- the topless.

Here in New York to accept a fashion award -- Rudi Gernreich today declaring modern fashions -- in a word -- wild.

The designer admitting that some of what passes for fashion these days -- is totally "absurd". "But that's the direction of fasion" -- said he; "fashion -- like our society -- a bit decadent."

That from a fasion philosopher.

GABERONES

"East is East -- West is West -- and never the twain shall meet." That old Kipling quotation called to mind -- by this next; from Gaberones -- in Bechuanaland.

As you may have heard --- the American state of Hawaii and Bechuanaland in ^{Far} Southern Africa -- recently agreed to become sister states. Because each -- is exactly halfway round-the-world from the other.

So it was that Governor Burns of Hawaii arrived today at Gaberones airport -- with a special present for Bechuanaland's Premier Seretse Khama. A Beechcraft airplane -- gift of the U.S. government.

But as luck would have it -- the official welcoming party was late; and Governor Burns -- decided to head for town. The Governor and Premier ^{Seretse} Khama ~~then~~ passing each other on the airport highway -- without either ~~of them~~ knowing it.

Proving -- you might say -- that "East is East -- West is West" -- ~~and~~ so on and so on. -- *and s'l-u-t-wor.*