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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A new and inspiring chapter of valor and courage--
was written today in the jungles of central Viet Nam. A
trapped force of American paratroopers--holding out against
overwhelming odds. Killing Ten of the enemy--for every man
they lost. While Five separate relief columns--attempted to
hack their way to the rescue.

Along the way--Two Army helicopters braving intense
Communist fire--to evacuate Eight of the most seriously wounded
in the trapped brigade. Otherwise--a fight to the finish; no
quarter asked--and none given. Brigadier General Willard
Pearson--in charge of the relief mission--calling the action
"our biggest and best fight--our greatest battle."

Captain Bill Carpenter of West Point football fame--
and Captain Walter Brown of Chattanooga, Tennessee--the two men
in charge of that handful of Americans who refuse to quit. The
courage they have shown--reflected in one of the rescue columns--

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made up entirely of volunteers. Combat veterans all -- who gave up a scheduled rotation home -- to come to the aid of their buddies.

KELLY FOLLOW MAGINOT

An elaborate ceremony today--at the American Military Cemetery in Suresnes, France. To the memory of Sergeant Lawrence Kelly--first American to die during the liberation of Paris; and so to the memory of all Americans--who died for France in two World Wars.

The annual ceremony--earlier banned from Paris--you may recall. With the result that today's commemoration--was the biggest yet. Scores of wreaths and floral tributes--pouring into the cemetery from all over France. In addition--an estimated Three Thousand French men and women--paying their personal respects to the American dead.

A high official of the French Foreign Office--principal speaker. Pledging France's eternal gratitude and vowing French aid--if the United States is ever in trouble. For "without the United States"--said he--"France would not exist today."

SHEPPARD

Dr. Samuel Sheppard will stand trial at least once more--in the slaying of his pregnant wife Marilyn, 12 years ago. The go-ahead announced today at Cleveland--by County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan. Who said that Dr. Sam would face prosecution--on the same charge of which he was first convicted--second-degree murder.

Corrigan's announcement following lengthy study--of the Supreme Court ruling--reversing the doctor's earlier conviction; on grounds--that he did not receive a fair trial. Said Corrigan: "Society has been a victim of a heinous crime--which demands redress. For this reason--the State of Ohio will re-try Sam Sheppard."

This from Dr. Sam: "I'm all for it" -- said he.

Adding: "I'm ready to go to trial--tonight if necessary."

BRITAIN

A sudden break today--in Britain's Twenty-Six-day-old maritime strike. The British seamen's union--finally agreeing to a proposal by the British Trade Union Congress. Calling for direct negotiations among all interested parties--including labor officials, shipowners and the government. The proposed talks--starting immediately.

The new development apparently the result of a stormy meeting--at headquarters of the Trade Union Congress--British equivalent of the AFL-CIO. The Congress voting to withdraw support of the seamen's union--for failure to negotiate along lines suggested by a government court of inquiry. The seamen's change of heart--shortly thereafter. But whether this means to end it, the strike is near--is something else again.

KREMLIN

A bristling speech today to the Soviet people--from Communist Party Leader Leonid Brezhnev. Reaffirming Russian determination--to support Communist North Viet Nam to the bitter end. Further pledging "new efforts"--as he put it--"to facilitate the faster victory of the Vietnamese people."

"The overriding aim of Soviet foreign policy"--said Brezhnev--"is to strengthen the might and unity of the world system of socialism." U.S. "imperialism," on the other hand--said he--remains "the enemy of socialism--and peace." A tougher speech than the one earlier this week by Premier Kosygen.

CHOU

Despite Russian objections--Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai will visit Romania later this month. The announcement today--at Bucharest. Contradicting an earlier Moscow report--that Chou had decided to postpone the trip.

Chou's so-called "friendship visit"--by invitation of the Romanian Communist Party. According to Kremlinologists--reemphasizing Romania's determination to win recognition-- as "an independent and nationally sovereign" state.

ALMA

Hurricane Alma--a hurricane no more. The first big blow of the season--reduced today to the status of a tropical storm. Still pounding the Carolinas--but nothing like the past Two days. Hurricane Alma leaving in her wake at least Fourteen dead--along with property damage in the millions.

Meantime, the search goes on--for possible victims of that killer-tornado that hit Topeka Two nights ago. The death toll up to Sixteen at last report--with another Nine persons still missing.

AFRICA FOLLOW SWEDEN

~~Speaking~~ ^{In} South Africa -- first semi-official reaction today -- to the recent visit of Senator Robert Kennedy of New York. From a Johannesburg newspaper -- Die Transvaler -- which, ~~that~~ normally reflects government opinion.

The newspaper taking exception to ~~Robert~~ Kennedy's statement -- that he will definitely return to South Africa next year. Saying that if the South African Foundation -- which invited him this year -- should invite him back again in Nineteen-Sixty-Seven -- then the Foundation itself "should be dissolved."

The newspaper adding: "A single American circus display on South African soil was more than enough -- we definitely don't want a second."

SURVEYOR

After Two days of rest -- America's amazing Surveyor spacecraft on the face of the moon -- back in business today. Returning another bumper crop of lunar pictures -- more than a Thousand, in all. If anything, clearer and sharper than before-- because of lengthening shadows on the moon. Many taken with a special technique so that when processed -- they will show the actual color of the lunar landscape.

The Surveyor -- in short-- far surpassing the hopes and dreams that accompanied it on its flight from earth.

President Johnson, for one, calling it -- "the eyes of the world on the moon." Now here's Stuart Metz, who has his eyes on something much closer.

MAGINOT

A final report today on one of the costliest military blunders -- of all time: The Maginot Line--Five Hundred and Sixty miles of reinforced steel and concrete fortifications -- along the French border with Germany and Italy.

When it was built in the Nineteen Thirties -- the Maginot Line was supposedly an impregnable barrier to enemy attack; a defensive masterpiece billed as the greatest military achievement -- since the Great Wall of China. But in Nineteen Forty -- it proved none of these. That terrible Nazi blitzkrieg sweeping around the Maginot Line -- through Belgium. Piercing the heart of France -- behind the backs of its startled defenders.

To Charles DeGaulle -- who opposed the idea from the start -- now falls the job of blowing taps on the Maginot Line. Most of its facilities to be sold at auction -- for storage space -- for weekend homes -- for growing muchrooms. Except for a few buildings -- above and below the ground -- to be

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preserved as a museum.

In terms of lives as well as money -- perhaps the most expensive museum ever built.

GOOD NIGHT.