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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A grim see-saw battle -- today in Viet Nam, that began when a battalion of Communist Viet Cong -- over-ran a government naval station on the An Hoa River, just five miles from the marine encampment -- at the nearby Chu Lai Air Field.

As a result -- Marine enforcements quickly surrounded the base, trapping from three to four hundred Communists -- on a river sand spit.

In the end, however, many, escaped. The Marine commander was reluctant to launch a full scale mop up operation -- for fear of wiping out the people in five friendly villages who were caught in the line of fire.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW VIET NAM

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Here at home - President Johnson today disclosed plans - to send another fifteen thousand American fighting men to Viet Nam, ~~with~~ more to follow - as needed.

This the first official indication that American troop strength in Viet Nam - will go beyond the previously announced goal of seventy-five thousand, ~~more~~. The step-up ~~is~~ necessary - said ^{the President} ~~Mr. Johnson~~ - because of the mounting tempo of the war.

The President also denounced reports - that General Maxwell Taylor resigned as Ambassador to Saigon because of a policy dispute. ^{old} The reports - "irresponsible, inaccurate and untrue" - said ^{he} ~~the President~~.

KENNEDY

Elsewhere in Washington -- it was Bobby Kennedy to the mound today -- in the continuing debate on Viet Nam. The Junior Senator from New York -- serving up a surprising change of pace. That began as a fast ball -- in his prepared text; and turned into a slow curve -- when he actually delivered the speech.

In his prepared remarks -- the New York Senator asserted that "victory in a revolutionary war is won not by escalation -- but by de-escalation." He also took a slap at what he called -- government by napalm and heavy artillery. Indeed, the speech was considered by many who read it -- a direct indictment of administration policy in Viet Nam.

But, the speech as spoken -- something else again. All this criticism dropped in favor of a last-minute insertion -- stating that U.S. military action in South Viet Nam is essential -- if the government in Saigon is to function at all.

Later asked about the speech -- White House press Secretary Bill Moyers called it just fine; in line with administration policy.

SENATE

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In his post as President of the Senate - Vice President ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey today named a blue ribbon panel of six Senators, ~~To~~ police the future conduct and ethics - of all Senators, and Senate employees.

Democrats on the select committee - including Senators Stennis of Mississippi, Monroney of Oklahoma and McCarthy of Minnesota. For the Republicans - Senators Bennett ~~of~~ of Utah, Pearson of Kansas and Cooper of Kentucky.

Creation ~~not~~ of the committee - a by-product of the twenty-month Bobby Baker investigation. ~~Although~~ Senator Cooper ~~is~~ the ~~only~~ only one of the six - who played any part in that case.

CALIFORNIA

Here's a grim commentary on American political life --
was offered today by California Finance Director Hale
Champion. The state's highest appointive official -- who was
held captive for twenty-four hours -- by those armed desperado^(es)
from Oregon -- he and his wife -- and infant daughter.

Finally rescued unharmed - - Champion and his family
returned home by plane today to Sacramento. Asked about his
treatment -- Champion replied: "I have no complaints." Then
he added: "Iv'e had worse treatment here in the capitol."

DEATH

Seven children in a single family were killed today - when fire swept their two-story brick home in Jerseyville, Illinois. The children - ranging in age from one to ten. Their parents - sleeping at an opposite end of the house - were the sole survivors.

Across the continent - another family tragedy.

A man killed - ~~along~~ with three of his children. When he accidentally backed his panel truck - over a one hundred and fifty foot cliff, ^{in a British Columbia} ~~this~~ provincial park near Kamloops. - ~~in British Columbia.~~

His wife and a fourth child - ~~also~~ seriously injured ~~in the crash~~ - ^{are} ~~although~~ expected to pull through.

CRIPPLE CREEK - WAYNE MAKIN

Some of my old friends who live on top of the Rocky Mountains, in Colorado, have just phoned me, with a message ~~th~~ that they would like to pass along to all of you who are heading West for your summer vacation. They say that some people evidently have been frightened away from Colorado - the Rockies - by hearing about the recent Arkansas River flood that did a lot of damage to one of the suburbs of Denver, where a tributary, the Platte, skirts Denver.

They have asked me to explain that the flood was caused by the melting of the snows in the high mountains, and that last winter the snow was unusually heavy, and that always means more water pouring down from the mountains in late spring and early summer.

But once the flood waters race by, on into the Mississippi, then it's all over for the year.

So, now is the time to head for the Rockies on your vacation. And when you go up to Cripple Creek, drop in at

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the Imperial and see the western blood and thunder, exciting
show they put on there!

WAGNER

Mayor Wagner of New York -- today ended months of public and private speculation. By announcing his engagement to blonde socialite Barbara Cavanagh - - a friend of his late wife. The couple to be married July twenty-sixth -- at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

As you may recall -- Mayor Wagner recently refused to run for re-election -- to an unprecedented fourth² term as Mayor of New York. Saying that he wanted to devote more time -- to his two sons -- and now a new wife.

GOLF

Peter Thomson of Australia today swept out of nowhere - to win his fifth ~~Sixth~~ British Open Golf Tournament. Thomson firing a one-under-par seventy-two - then a final round seventy-one. In the rainy wind-swept windup -- to the British golf classic. For a ~~sum~~ seventy-two hole total of - two-eighty-five.

Champagne Tony Lema - the defending ~~skp~~ champ and early leader - fading to fifth at two-eighty-nine. Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer - the next closest Americans. But way back - at two ninety four and two ninety five, ~~respect~~ respectively. The torturous royal Birkdale Course - just too much for them - in today's ^{rough} ~~brutal~~ weather.

BRITISH

A posse of British police -- armed with revolvers, tear gas and dogs -- today stormed a stockbroker's rural retreat -- about forty miles southwest of London. On a tip that Ronald Biggs -- the escaped Great train robber -- had sought refuge there.

But no luck. ^{Mean} While -- back in London -- a Conservative member of Parliament today demanded that the army be called to join in the search for Biggs and another of the train robbers -- who escaped last year.

There was a dissenting opinion on this published today by the London press. From a woman who suggested: "Why don't we just pardon the whole robber gang -- and make them the government?"

Said she: -- Dick -- "it's pretty plain -- they're smarter."

ITALY

First -- a heat wave; then -- a tornado; next -- a cyclone; and now Christmas in July -- for the latest surprise in Italy's rash of freak weather. Blizzards and sub-freezing temperatures -- reported today on the Alpine peaks of the Italian Tyrol. Hundreds of travellers snowed in -- in Italy of all places.