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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY

And, am I glad to be back! Back from
my latest ~~journey~~ round the globe -- how ~~many~~ many
times does ~~that~~^{it} make? I'm not sure. But of one thing
I am positive. There is no place like home.

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I understand the last report you may have
heard from me came from Thailand. More about that
later, after a quick look at the news.

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon - at the request of the Justice Department - an alert was sent today to a number of east coast military units. This to insure the availability of additional federal troops - if needed - during this week's scheduled anti-war demonstrations in Washington.

PHILA FOLLOW PENTAGON

More on the same from Spiro Agnew - in an address today at Philadelphia. The Vice President calling on the "silent majority" of Americans - to ignore as he put it - the mob, the mobilization, the ^{moratorium.} ~~moratoria~~

"Turning out a few hundred thousand people in a nation of two hundred million proves nothing in the way of public mandate" - said he.

The Vice President then went on to predict that "ultimately - the popularity of massed street demonstrations will wane just as we saw mass violence wane over the past year." And the reason in both cases - said he "they are pointless."

VIETNAM FOLLOW PHILA

Meanwhile, the Viet Cong were pressing a new offensive today in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Ground action including a series of attacks on the Bu Prang Green Beret Camp about a hundred miles north of Saigon. U.S. Intelligence - further telling of a captured ~~αα~~ enemy document, ~~A~~ document said to call for "annihilation attacks" later this week - to coincide with anti-war demonstrations here at home.

WHITE HOUSE

~~For~~ President Nixon today ^{had} - his first full

"physical" since taking office. The President and his chief physician later agreeing - ~~that~~ he was "in excellent

condition". In part ^{maybe because} ~~the cause~~ of a fitness program -

~~that~~ includes ^{ing} ~~the~~ "bedroom jogging" ^{he does} every morning.

According to a White House aide ~~the~~ President running "in place" the equivalent of running round the block.

LATIN FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

That disposed of - the President met with
Governor Rockefeller of New York. Discussing the
latter's report - on his ~~the~~ recent tour~~s~~ of Latin
America. Mr. Nixon later pledging additional U S
aid as recommended - to speed the development of ^{our} Latin
~~nations~~ American neighbors.

The Rockefeller report also suggested additional
military aid - to off-set growing Communist subversion.
On that ~~though~~ - the President ^{made no decision,} ~~reserved judgment~~ at
~~least temporarily.~~

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - the three Apollo Twelve astronauts continued to hone their space-flying skills today. Getting ready for blast-off, which is still set for this Friday morning.

At the same time - in Washington - another resignation from the U S Space Program. That of Dr. George Mueller - the Director of America's Manned-space program for the past six years - who is now returning to private life.

SUPREME COURT

Washington again - the Supreme ~~Court~~ Court
today plugged another loop ^{hole} ~~hole~~ in the matter of school
desegregation. Turning down an appeal from forty-four
school districts in Louisiana - attempting to legalize
a so-called ~~system~~ "freedom of choice" school system.

In another case ^{involving} ~~out of~~ Portland, Oregon
the Supreme Court today upheld the conviction of a top-
less go-go dancer. In effect, ruling that her freedom
of expression ^{had not been} ~~was not~~ denied - at least in so far as the
constitution was concerned.

LONDON

Britain's Prince Philip the cause of another royal feud today in London. This for discussing on ~~an~~ U.S. television - the question of whether Queen Elizabeth might abdicate ~~to~~ to make way for her son Prince Charles.

Not that Philip ~~said~~ ^{did say} she would abdicate. In fact, quite the contrary. He added - "however, the idea certainly ~~has~~ attractions - and could come up again in the future." All of which caused a furore - in the British Press. A spokesman for Buckingham Palace finally asserting flatly: "at no time - has the question of the Queen's abdication arisen!" For Philip ^{could this be} ~~the~~ the royal equivalent of a wifely kick in the shins?

CHELMSFORD

From Chelmsford, England, the story of a love sick swain. One Arthur Hill - who proposed marriage to a local bell - lovely, vivacious Alice Brothers, only to be told by the light of his life: "Don't rush me, I'll have to think about it - and let you know." That was four years ago. But now at last comes word that Alice has finally said "yes". Indeed, the couple have already married - and they are happily honeymooning today; the groom age ninety-four - his new bride, ninety-one.

TEHERAN Follow Chelmsford

A related item - from Teheran, ~~in~~ Iran;

where a farmer by the name of Abdollah Ranjbar - has just obtained a divorce from his wife, Sekineh. Abdollah - who is eighty-six - complaining that his forty-two year old wife ~~simply~~ simply refused to have any more children.

Any more - that is, than the eighteen they ~~had~~ ^{already have,}

So now he's off to find another wife. In his own words - "a decent and proper wife who will give me lots more children."

BANGKOK BOXING

Last evening you may have heard me with a report from Thailand. In spite of all this heat and humidity the Thais are a rugged people.

I had just come from the Rajadamnern Stadium, the Madison Square Garden of Bangkok, which I always visit when I pass that way. With a frenzied crowd we watched five boxing bouts of five rounds each.

The contestants spend their first minutes in the ring, praying. Usually they come from different parts of Thailand and the boxers often go through different prayer rituals. Then musicians play stirring music when the action starts, which adds much to the excitement, the drama and the pandemonium!

In Thailand, boxers not only use their fists. They also use their elbows, knees, and feet. Anything goes except judo, karate, spitting, biting and kicking an opponent when he's down. So a Thai boxing bout has lots of action; packed with it. It makes you think maybe the Thais will

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one day be able to handle their colossus to the North - China

If that day comes.

*You are an athlete, Stew Metz; just try boxing with
your feet - and see if you can even stay on your feet!*

Belong until tomorrow.

ENDING AFTER THAI BOXING

From Thailand

My three companions and I went on to India
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-- a quick trip into the Himalayas, and then home by
way of the rather remote southeast corner of Arabia,
and ~~then~~ the Near East at the height of some excitement
there. Each evening for the next week or two, if there
is time, I may have something to say about that part of
my most recent trip. ~~around the world.~~ In the meantime,
here's a salute to Mike Wallace, Dallas Townsend,
Richard Hottelet and Allan Jackson who took my place
on the air and made it possible for me once again to
go into orbit.

Solong until tomorrow.