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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Vice President Agnew - flying today from Taiwan to Saigon, assured newsmen there's no chance of any delay in plans to withdraw one hundred fifty thousand more American troops from South Vietnam by next June. Saigon is the third stop on his current mission to U S allies in Asia. While Cambodia is not on his schedule, the Vice President may fly to Phnom Penh tomorrow if security conditions permit. Officials say the only thing to cancel this would be a heavy Communist attack on Phnom Penh during the night.

## EXCHANGE

*The Western White House today released an exchange of letters between President Nixon and Soviet Premier Kosygin - in which both leaders advocated mutual understanding and cooperation as a basis for lasting peace. The exchange was prompted by a letter from Kosygin this month - on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Potsdam Conference which mapped the future of post-war Europe.*

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MID EAST

Diplomatic sources ~~and~~ in London say the Soviet Union is continuing to ship large quantities of new and heavy weapons to Egypt. If anything, these sources say the shipments have increased since the cease-fire went into effect - even though that in itself does not constitute a violation. In Washington, the State Department - noting the continuing flow of arms - made a new bid for a big power agreement to limit the shipment of weapons to the ~~Middle East~~ Middle East - something the Russians have consistently refused to do.

In New York, a U N spokesman says Gunnar Jarring - peace talks ~~and~~ mediator is ~~proceeding~~ proceeding with his work and consultations. But in Cairo, the Egyptian Minister of Information - Mohammed Hassanein Heikal - <sup>predicts</sup> ~~says~~ the peace talks almost certainly <sup>will</sup> ~~will~~ fail. Said he: "The issue of withdrawal from occupied Arab

*territory will force Israel into an impasse - not being able to say yes, or no.*

*In Tel Aviv, Israeli Premier Golda Meier received a personal message from President Nixon today. Later she announced she would go to the United States in October to attend the U N General Assembly - and perhaps have discussions with President Nixon.*

## COLLECTION

Automobile heir Walter Chrysler<sup>JA.</sup> is giving his sixty million dollar art collection to the city of Norfolk, Virginia. Norfolk was one of fifty cities, seeking the collection and Chrysler says he's moving the collection there because his wife is a native of the city - and he likes its urban development program. The collection includes pre-Colombian gold, Iranian and Persian ~~pottery~~ pottery, Chinese porcelain, paintings by numerous American and European artists, and an art ~~collection~~ library of nearly thirty thousand volumes.

## FOSBERG

An expert on tropical biology - Smithsonian's Doctor Raymond Fosberg - says nations should rid themselves of the notion that the problem of supplying food for the world's ~~many~~ hungry millions can be solved by clearing tropical rain forests and turning their presumably "rich" soils into gigantic bread baskets. For instance, the doctor says, the vast Amazon ~~basin~~ basin in South America - on the surface at least - appears to have the richest soil on earth. Its forests are immense - its lushness manifest even to the untrained eye. Still, time and again, efforts to change this area into a food larder for the world has failed. Farming has yet to succeed in the verdant reaches of the Amazon. The reason Dr. Fosberg says is that - unlike other regions - the chief resources of the humid tropics are solar energy and water. Vegetable humus, sunlight, and lots of water give the

rain forest that image of richness. But tear down the trees, and you'll find how really poor and thin the soil is, ~~not~~ compared to that of more temperate zones.

Its nutrients<sup>are</sup> constantly bleached by heavy rains, dissolving and washing them away and once the tree cover is gone the soil has no power. "You can always get enough soil for one crop of bananas or maize," says the doctor, "but after that, you get nothing."

A better plan - to tap the ocean or water under the Sahara and then do a vast irrigation job.

## ECONOMY

*The Commerce Department reports that a government index - regarded as a reliable barometer of economic trends - took a sharp upturn last month - indicating there will be an upturn in business this autumn.*



## WOMEN

Women's liberation day is over - but the tumult and the shouting lingers on. It was a day when <sup>50 1/2 some</sup> thousands of women were on the march - twenty-thousand in New York - three thousand in Boston - more than two thousand in San Francisco marching in a demand for fuller equality. <sup>^</sup> In New York, Mrs. Betty Friedan -- leader of the womens strike for equality - was twenty minutes late for her first scheduled appearance because of an appointment with her hair-dresser. And seventy year old Dorothy Frooms, a veteran leader of the Womens Suffrage Movement - doesn't approve of this modern campaign for equality. She believes women have a historic and genetic place in society - to be protected by the male of the species. "Why, if we're not careful" Miss Frooms says, "the men might get fed up with the whole thing, ~~and~~ leave us <sup>and</sup> go fishing." <sup>1/2</sup> Shall we all go fishing, Warren?

## TEETH

*By the way - a housewife in Daytona Beach, Florida, is reported to have lodged an unusual complaint with her dentist. That she is being awakened at night by music coming from her teeth, including a rousing rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." A dental association report - which doesn't name the housewife - says her dentist explains that the gold crowns in her teeth, conceivably could set up a "potential receiving system." I wonder if the Daytona Lady's teeth are tuned in to us at this moment as we say -*

**SOLONG UNTIL TOMORROW.....**

Friday, August 28, 1970

**GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:**

*Interior Secretary Walter Hickel says he expects construction to begin on the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline late this winter or early next spring; the line to bring oil from the North Slope to the all-weather port of Valdez on the Gulf of Alaska.*

*Hoping to keep alive what he calls the most important piece of domestic legislation in thirty-five years President Nixon today agreed to postpone the effective date of his four billion dollar family assistance program. If enacted into law, the measure would, among other things - guarantee a minimum income for every American family with children.*

*The Agriculture Department citing environmental dangers - announced further restrictions on the use of DDT - this time involving food crops, livestock and forestry industries.*