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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Crisis in Red China apparently centered tonight in Canton and surrounding Kwang Tung province; with reports reaching Hong Kong saying that Army troops have been unable as yet to control anti-Maoists in that South China Area. This despite a series of battles between soldiers and peasants -- thousands of with/dead and wounded.

We hear massive reinforcements are pouring into Kwang Tung province, to bolster an estimated three hundred thousand Army troops already there.

BASTIA

French riot troops were flown today to Bastia on the Island of Corsica; in the face of threatened violence -- during a recount of crucial votes in Sunday's election -- with President De Gaulle's majority in Parliament hanging in the balance.

In the end the Gaullist candidate was declared a bonafide winner. Leaving the Gaullists in Parliament with a majority of exactly one vote. This in the wake of stunning election gains by Communist and other leftists.

Even so the outcome is not expected to make much change in DeGaulle's policies; which in a way remain -- above and beyond Parliamentary interference. Even his staunchest supporters admitting, however that De Gaulle's "strong man" image has been badly tarnished.

JAKARTA FOLLOW BASTIA

Speaking of "strong man" General Suharto of Indonesia is today recognized officially as the new power in that country. Suharto assuming the post of acting President, following that weekend vote by the Indonesian congress; stripping ex-President Sukarno -- of all his powers and titles.

In line with the vote pictures of Suharto quickly replacing those of Sukarno -- once on display everywhere in Indonesia. With Sukarno himself now confined to his Royal Palace and armed troops patrolling the streets of Jakarta to prevent possible violence.

But there was no violence. Suharto personally easing the transition by means of a nation wide radio broadcast, in part a tribute to Sukarno's past achievements. Further pledging that Sukarno will continue to receive all the courtesies due a Chief Executive because of ~~his~~^{his}, quote, "failing health."

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Suharto concluding, in effect: "Now let's stop talking about Sukarno and get on with the job of re-building our country."

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SAIGON

A footnote to history -- from Saigon. Laying to rest the legend of one of the Viet Cong's most exalted war heroes -- ~~N~~guyen Yan Be.

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VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- more ground action today -- near the Cambodian border. American troops on the frontier intercepting an estimated six to eight hundred would-be enemy infiltrators; North Vietnamese regulars, members of the elite "Le Hoi" division. Twenty-Nine of them killed.

Here at home President Johnson conferred today with top diplomatic and military advisors, in preparation for Vietnam strategy talks set for next week in Guam -- with the White House warning: Don't expect any startling developments!

KINSHASA

Former Congolese Premier Moise Tshombe -- back in the news today. A military court at Kinshasa -- once Leopoldville -- sentencing Tshombe to death for treason, on grounds that he organized a rebellion -- against the government of President Joseph Mobutu; also that he tried to set up an independent country -- in the Congolese state of Katanga.

However there is little likelihood -- that the sentence will ever be carried out. Tshombe currently is living regally we hear, in Spain -- and has no intention of returning.

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NEW YORK

One of the shortest political campaigns in history -- ended today in New York. With negro civil rights leader, James Meredith -- withdrawing suddenly as a candidate for Adam Clayton Powell's now vacant House seat.

Meredith -- an Independent -- saying he agreed originally to run on the Republican ticket -- under a guarantee of full party support -- including financial and organizational backing. This support -- said he -- the Republican party is now either unable or unwilling to give.

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BIMINI FOLLOW NEW YORK

Meanwhile, a promise today from Powell -- at his home away from home on the Isle of Bimini. A promise that he will appear in New York next week to campaign for re-election; and thereby risking possible arrest on a long standing charge of contempt of court.

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OKLAHOMA

Predicting the future seems to be a favorite pastime, with Vice President Hubert Humphrey the latest to look into his crystal ball; for the benefit of a panel discussion today at Oklahoma State University.

Within fifteen years said Hubert Humphrey, transplanting of human organs will become routine; drugs will be in common use in psychiatry "to modify the personality"; automation will take over many decision-making duties; and "teaching machines" will become "far more sophisticated than today."

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PRESIDENT

U.S. SUSTAINING, THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1961

A moment of tension today -- at the White House.

With visitors and Presidential advisors alike -- holding

their breath, at the unveiling of the winning portrait

-- in the "Paint the President" contest sponsored by the

Omaha World Herald.

The winner, a small drawing from postal worker Carl

Bieber of North Platte, Nebraska. Studied by the President

for a moment -- after which he finally commented: "I like

it." Then -- a collective sigh of relief.