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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A dramatic confrontation today in Selma, Alabama -- settled without violence.

Some Twenty-Five Hundred white and Negro civil rights demonstrators -- many of them clergymen -- ignoring a federal injunction -- and setting out on a "Freedom March" to Montgomery. The march a continuation of the one last Sunday -- when Negro civil rights demonstrators were routed with clubs and tear gas.

The marchers this time met by a force of state troopers on the outskirts of town -- an estimated three hundred of them. But instead of attacking the line of march -- the troopers merely standing shoulder-to-shoulder -- blocking the way. Dr. Martin Luther King then leading his followers in a brief prayer -- before turning back toward Selma.

To some -- only a token victory. But Civil Rights leaders call it a major psychological triumph for them.

JOHNSON FOLLOW SELMA

The Selma stalemate capped a day of concentrated effort -- from President Johnson on down -- to avoid a repetition of Sunday's violence.

Mr. Johnson calling on both white and Negro leaders -- to show "respect for law and order." But at the same time, condemning brutality against Negroes in the state of Alabama -- and expressing ^{his} concern for their ^{as he put it:} "deep and sincere interest -- in attaining the precious right to vote." The President ^{stating} ~~saying~~ that the "best legal talent in the federal government -- is now engaged in preparing legislation which will secure that right."

FRANCE

From Paris tonight -- reports of a new turn in French policy. The French government said to have warned Washington -- that it can expect no help from France -- in the event of a shooting war with Communist China over Viet Nam.

The French said to be convinced that victory in Viet Nam -- cannot be won militarily. And that negotiations -- in which Red China would have to take part -- are the only hope of ending the conflict.

DeGaulle supposedly 'aiming for a quick cease-fire -- followed by a general cooling off period -- to permit a long-term settlement of the Vietnamese crisis.

VIET NAM FOLLOW FRANCE

Meanwhile, from Viet Nam -- reports of a major victory by American-led mountain tribesmen. The fierce and primitive jungle people -- fighting with their women and children at their backs; smashing a Communist Viet Cong thrust at Vietnamese Second Army headquarters -- in the central highlands of South Viet Nam; killing at least one hundred of the attacking Communist guerrillas -- and seizing a small arsenal left behind by the fleeing Viet Cong. Government losses placed at thirty-three killed -- thirty wounded.

The fierce tribesmen recruited, trained and led by U.S. Army specially trained men who operate outside normal military channels and regulations. The families of the mountain people housed right in camp -- to protect them from Communist reprisal.

APPALACHIA

"The dole is dead -- the pork barrel is gone."

With those words President Johnson today signed into law -- the first major realization of his plan for a "great society" -- the one-point-one billion-dollar Appalachia bill.

Mr. Johnson calling the bill a piece of "landmark legislation" -- marking an end to "partisan cynicism" in dealing with problems of the poor. Warning, however, that the Appalachia bill -- will "work no miracles overnight." Adding that whether it works at all -- will depend not on the federal government -- but on energetic cooperation at the state and local level.

MOSCOW

In Moscow today -- the final communique from that nineteen-nation conference of Communist Party leaders. The conference calling for a world-wide meeting of Communist Parties -- eighty-one in all -- to deal with the ideological split between Russia and Red China.

~~However,~~ ^{also} The conference strongly urging a reconciliation -- between Moscow and Peking. This despite the fact that Red China and its satellites -- boycotted the meeting.

West Germany today formally announced its intention -- to establish diplomatic relations with the State of Israel. A move almost certain to increase tension -- in the seething Middle East.

Delegates to the thirteen-nation Arab League are already meeting in Cairo to discuss this, and thier talks are expected to lead to an urgent summit conference of Arabl leaders -- to decide on possible retaliatory action. In the meantime, Egypt is said to have called up several thousand reservists -- and has its armed forces in a state of alert.

No details on this.

CONGO

Death by violence -- still a continuing fact of life in the troubled Congo.

From Leopoldville today -- a report that at least two candidates for the Congolese parliament -- have been killed while campaigning. One a member of Premier Tshombe's party -- slain, also a tribal chief -- beaten to death in the province of Katanga.

And then, from Copenhagen comes a report of sudden death in the Congo. A Danish photographer and an Indian colleague -- executed by Congolese rebels at Aba -- near the border of Sudan.

No details on this.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today that the advisability of further U.S. aid to Indonesia -- or to the United Arab Republic -- is questionable ^{at best} under present circumstances. Rusk's remarks made before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee -- ~~in urging approval of~~ ^{concerning} the Administration's three-point-four-billion-dollar foreign aid program. The Secretary stating, however, that "foreign aid continues to be an indispensable arm of our foreign policy -- in building a society of free nations."

ANILINE

The Attorney General's office today accepted a high-bid of three hundred twenty-nine million dollars -- for government-owned stock in the General Aniline and Film Corporation. The winning bid submitted by an investment group headed by Blyth and Company of New York -- and including the First Boston Corporation.

General Aniline, ~~an~~^{the} giant chemical concern seized by the U.S. in Nineteen Forty-Two as part of the confiscation of Nazi ^{Germany's} assets in this country. Today's sale climaxing the government's twenty-three-year effort to resolve ownership of the firm -- and restore it to private

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ROME

Roman motorists today received their yearly blessing -- along with an unexpected warning against reckless driving.

Hundreds of cars massed in the huge square in front of the Colosseum -- to receive the blessing of Archbishop Ettore Cunial. This a part of the traditional observance of the feast day of St. Frances of Rome -- the patron saint of motorists.

But this year -- the blessing was followed by a special appeal. Mayor Amerigo Petrucci calling for unaccustomed restraint and caution in driving. Unaccustomed in Rome -- that is. The Mayor noting that the first sunny Sunday in March caused a mass exodus from Rome -- in which six persons were killed in traffic -- and many injured.

"Drive carefully" -- says Mayor Amerigo Petrucci.

HAMBURG

Yes, Dick, from, Hamburg, Germany; where police received a frantic call about a taxi cab driver -- said to be driving about the city with a "body" in the trunk of his cab.

Sirens blaring -- police flagged down the cab and forced it over to the curb. Guns drawn -- they ordered the startled cabbie to open his trunk.

Sure enough -- there was the body. The body of an automobile mechanic -- still very much alive. The cabbie finally permitted to explain -- that he hired the mechanic to ride in his trunk. Why? Oh, to listen for strange noises.

And now for something familiar -- solong until tomorrow.