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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The slogan of the Republican Governors in Cleveland -- seems to have changed. At first it was -- "Stop Goldwater!" Now, it's -- "write the platform!"

Apparently the Governors waited to see what former President Eisenhower would do about the Goldwater's bandwagon and the way it's rolling. What Ike did -- apparently nothing. In fact, one source reports that the former President even asked Governor Scranton of Pennsylvania -- not to join any anti-Goldwater move.

Another, none other than the titular head of the party -- Richard Nixon, added this:- that Senator Goldwater has changed his opinions to fit -- moderate Republican thinking.

If all this is true -- and many had predicted all along that the Arizona Conservative would modify his

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conservatism, now that he has the nomination almost locked up -- then the center of political gravity just naturally shifts to the platform, which the moderates -- hope to write.

And that's what the Republican Governors are now talking about -- at Cleveland.

SUPREME COURT.

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution - won a major victory for the U.S. Communist Party today. The Supreme Court upholding an Appeals Court ruling - that the Government cannot force the Reds to register as a "Communist action" organization. The reason for this? No one can register for the Party - without incriminating himself. And, under the Fifth Amendment - no one can be compelled to incriminate himself.

So once again the Fifth Amendment - has come to the aid of the Party. Which has the same right to democratic protection - that the rest of us have. *That* bulwark of American Democracy - the Fifth Amendment.

ROMANIA

There's something rather piquant -- about this next story. Little Romania, satellite of the Kremlin, being wooed competitively -- by Britain and America. Both countries anxious to sell Romania -- a nuclear reactor! American salesmen trying to win out over their British opposite numbers. And who would have believed this possible -- even a few years ago?

No deal as yet -- because the sale of atomic reactors to Communist countries -- is still barred. By -- Allied agreement. But all sides seem to think -- the embargo will soon be removed.

At any rate Romania is getting a demonstration of -- international free enterprise. And no matter who wins the contract, the end result will be -- to loosen still further Romania's economic ties with the U.S.S.R., bring that country -- closer to the West.

MINUTEMAN

One hundred and fifty Minutemen -- will be added to this country's armed strength this month.

Minutemen -- not the kind who answered the call at Lexington and Bunker Hill. These are instant ICBM missiles, that can be launched in thirty seconds flat. The land-based half -- of America's atomic punch. The sea-based half being the missile firing Polaris subs.

Each Minuteman can carry -- the nuclear equivalent of -- one million tons of TNT. And costs -- nearly three and a half million dollars. Can strike at targets -- over six thousand miles away.

These latest minutemen -- now being installed underground at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri -- will bring the total up to six hundred. The Air Force says it plans to have nine hundred and fifty -- in all. A ring of Minutemen right around the country.

POLARIS FOLLOW MINUTEMAN

Meanwhile the Navy was expanding its atomic punch by firing an advanced long-range Polaris A-3 rocket from the U.S.S. Daniel Webster. With a warhead equal to -- nearly a million tons of TNT, and a range of -- two thousand eight hundred miles. Enough to hit almost any target -- anywhere in the world. To be ready for action by August.

ZANZIBAR

When Zanzibar and ^{next door} Tanganyika merged their governments last April, the reason was thought to be - to counteract Red China's influence on Zanzibar. ~~which lies off the coast of Tanganyika.~~

If this really was the reason - there's something of a puzzle in the news tonight. According to today's announcement, Peking is to loan fourteen million dollars - interest free - to the island of Zanzibar. To help with - its development.

Meanwhile Red Chinese women and youth delegations ^{have just} arrived in Zanzibar, ~~this week.~~ And Chinese technicians are already working there - on tractors, ~~which their government has presented to Zanzibar~~ ^{by Peking.} Chinese films - showing at the local moviehouse. ~~is far~~ - Chinese influence far from disappearing, ^{in Zanzibar,} ~~on the island of - Zanzibar.~~

FLOOD

At Great Falls, Montana, the Sun River, at flood crest, spilling over a dam. And flowing into the suburbs of this important Montana city. With a weather bureau warning of "a series of major flloods downstream from Great Falls."

Spring floods in Montana, also -- in Idaho and Utah.

SKIERS

There is ~~a sad~~^{an} aftermath in the news from Switzerland - of the death in April^{of one} of our top skiers, Bud Werner of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and West German Olympic champion Barbi Henneberger.

You may remember how the two famous skiers were tragically buried under an avalanche - while making a movie near St. Moritz.

Now the Swiss Canton of Grisons has charged German skier Willy Bogner Jr., ^{who was the producer,} ~~Manager of the project,~~ with - homicide by negligence. ~~He~~ ^{Disregard} of avalanche warnings - from the Swiss Snow Research Institute. ~~and~~ ^{ing} Failed to take even - the most elementary precautions. So charges the Swiss State Attorney's office.

DOG

To understand the Administration's foreign aid policy -- take a look at a dog's tail. So said Secretary of State Rusk to a House committee.

The Secretary of State, arguing against -- drastic cuts in foreign aid, put it this way:- "You can take twelve inches off a dog -- if you are cutting his tail." Then Dean Rusk added -- his warning, Dick. "If you take off another twelve inches -- there is no dog left."

PADMA RIVER

When a ferry boat capsizes in India's Padma River -- well, it's an old story. The Padma flows through the Ganges Delta -- into the Bay of Bengal. The mouth of the Padma, so wide -- that ferries do a flourishing business. Most of them overage -- and overcrowded.

Like the one mentioned in the dispatch -- from Dacca, East Pakistan. Caught by a monsoon. Winds of seventy miles an hour -- over it went.

Twenty-six drowned. An old story in that wide Ganges Delta.