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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

First about that DeGaulle triumphal arrival in Moscow. The Russians rolling out their brightest red carpet -- with a warm welcome by President Podgorny.

The French leader, resplendent in his World War Two uniform, saying modestly:- "The whole universe knows what importance -- is attached to this visit." Then a few hours later he dropped a verbal bombshell at a state dinner - urging French and Russian cooperation -- in arranging talks aimed at an East-West settlement for Europe. These arrangements to be made -- said he -- without American participation.

Political talks begin -- tomorrow. With DeGaulle sleeping tonight in the Kremlin -- first Frenchman since Napoleon to have that honor.

FOREIGN

Meanwhile here at home the Foreign Relations Committee under Senator Fulbright -- took up the current Nato crisis with lead off witness -- former presidential advisor McGeorge Bundy; contending that DeGaulle's recent actions -- have been disappointing and painful; ~~xxxxxxxx~~ but, said he -- nothing "we cannot endure." Also calling it "sheer fantasy" -- to suspect that DeGaulle might hand over Europe to Russia. He couldn't do it if he wanted to -- said Bundy. Adding that the time has not yet come -- "to put an end to Nato or even DeGaulle."

UNITED NATIONS

At the same time, Russia today was renewing its demand -- for a U.S. withdrawal from Viet Nam and from the Dominican Republic. This as the Soviet price for entering into a nuclear armament agreement. That demand, previously made at Geneva, renewed today at the U.N. Also urging the establishment of nuclear free zones -- in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

FOSTER

There are now sufficient nuclear weapons in existence -- to kill every person in the world several times over. So said America's chief delegate to Geneva.

It is vital, said Delegate Foster -- to halt the spread of nuclear weapons. To do it -- said he -- by banning underground nuclear tests -- as well as those in the atmosphere, under water and in outer space.

VIET NAM

America's One Hundred and First Airborne Division -- once again in the thick of battle about two hundred and seventy miles north of Saigon. The enemy apparently bent on gaining revenge for the humiliation suffered at the hands of the same paratroop unit only last week.

For a time -- "the screaming eagles" of the One Hundred and First were surrounded -- under fire from all sides. Then with the help of helicopter borne reinforcement -- they broke out of the trap, eluding the Viet Cong in what appeared to be the start of a major new battle.

On the political front -- Premier Ky today signed an official decree calling for a national election on September Eleventh with a civilian government -- to take control late in "Sixty-Seven.

WHEAT

Canada signs a new eight hundred million dollar wheat deal -- with the Soviet Union. The announcement today from Ottawa with Canada to ship Russia a minimum of three hundred and thirty million bushels over the next three years.

ALASKA CENTENNIAL

Visitors to Alaska next year, centennial year, will spend more on their visit to the North, and Alaskans will spend more to entertain them, than Uncle Sam spent to buy what is now by far our largest state. Two Alaskan cities, alone, Fairbanks and Anchorage, probably will spend that much. Fairbanks, sometimes referred to as "the Chicago of Alaska", is busy working on plans for an exposition that alone will be worth a visit to what Fairbanks citizens call the "golden heart of Alaska." They are building an old time "gold rush" town -- gambling houses, saloons, and all the rest.

As for Anchorage, the booming city at the head of Cook Inlet, an expert on such celebrations has been brought north to help on their centennial program. And Carl Sullivan tells me he and his Anchorage Committee have laid out forty-two projects. That sounds big enough for San Francisco, Seattle, or Denver, or New York.

To mention a few of the fortytwo: seems incredible, but up to now there has been no memorial to Secretary Seward,

who bought Alaska for us ninety-nine years ago. So Anchorage is going to fix that either with a marble column or a statue of Seward, with marble from Tokeen, a quarry in southeastern Alaska on Prince of Wales Island.

Anchorage also will have something of an exposition, with a four or five acre village at the International Airport, with Eskimo igloo, the half-underground homes of the Aleuts; and the Huts and Wigwams of the Athbaskians of Central Alaska and the totem pole Indians of the Southeast.

Another exciting project, a wildlife park of one hundred acres. This to become permanent, with all the Alaskan animals that have made our northern state second in rank to East Africa: -- wolverines, walrus, seals, sea lions, mountain sheep and goat, giant moose, polar bear, grizzlies, and of course, the largest bear in the world, the kodiak.

With a special railway train from the airport to downtown Anchorage, drawn by a Nineteen Five steam locomotive. If you ride this train, you'll probably be held up by "Soapy"

Smith and his bandits who were at Skagway in the days of 'Ninety-Eight.

Also an aviation museum, with planes that represent the exciting flying that has been done here in the North by such veterans as Bob Reeve, Joe Crossan, Noel Wien, Ben Eielson and scores of other glacier and bush pilots.

They are even planning a big Alaskan musical extravaganza with Baranoff as the central character.

For all of which I am making a reservation for you, Warren.

GLASSES

This next -- a brief item from London. The story of a British official -- who recently lost a pair of spectacles -- while visiting the Vatican in Rome.

We're told that the glasses -- have just been returned by diplomatic courier from Rome. The pouch in which they arrived -- marked "Holy See."