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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A ringing defense of American policy in Viet Nam -- and, indeed, throughout the world -- voiced today by President Johnson; in a speech, appropriately, at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs -- at Princeton University.

The President declaring that his Administration -- is not guilty of displaying an "arrogance of power" in Viet Nam -- as charged by recent critics. Rather -- said he -- "the exercise of power in this century -- has meant for the United States not arrogance but agony."

MCNAMARA FOLLOW PRESIDENT

Back in Washington -- Defense Secretary Robert McNamara was chief witness today -- before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. And at one point -- a question about the adequacy of U.S. military might; in view of the tremendous burden -- of America's global commitments.

Secretary McNamara replying that the United States armed forces -- are "militarily prepared to meet our political commitments" throughout the world. Citing as evidence -- the fact that we have been able to meet our troops needs in Southeast Asia -- so far -- without calling up the reserves or national guard.

McNamara adding that barring an emergency -- he foresees no such callup; at least -- for the balance of this year.

VIETNAM FOLLOW MCNAMARA

Halfway round the world -- at Saigon -- news today of a step-up in Communist aerial defenses. A U.S. spokesman reporting that American warplanes -- in one of their biggest attacks on North Viet Nam -- were met for the first time by Communists Migs armed with air-to-air missiles.

Two of the heat-seeking missiles -- fired at propellor-driven Air Force Skyraiders -- covering a pilot rescue operation. Fortunately, both missed -- but two other American planes were lost to intense enemy ground fire.

In addition -- American pilots today reporting discovery of a new surface-to-air missile site -- near the key Mu Gia pass; already twice closed -- by American jets. The newest Communist missile site -- closest yet to South Viet Nam.

JAPAN

Special emergency precautionary measures were put into effect today -- throughout Japan; to guard against possible danger from radioactive fallout -- resulting from Red China's third nuclear blast early this week.

According to Japanese scientists -- the bomb was apparently "significantly" stronger than a first believed. The new appraisal based on discovery of "giant radioactive particles" on Northern Japan's West Coast. The radioactive count of these particles -- said to be anywhere from One Hundred to Two Hundred times greater than that resulting from previous tests.

Japanese officials emphasizing -- there's no danger as yet to human life; but they are taking -- no chances.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW JAPAN

Here at home -- the Defense Department today estimated size of the Chinese nuclear explosion -- as the equivalent of about a Hundred and Thirty Kilotons of TNT; instead of the original estimate -- of only about Twenty Kilotons.

China pledge (today) -- that neither would be the first to use nuclear weapons against the other.

The U. S. ... said a State Department spokesman -- "that world powers must first 'stop aggression in any form,' and then proceed with general disarmament -- on 'a balanced basis.'"

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STATE FOLLOW WASHINGTON

On the same subject --/the State Department today admitted receiving and rejecting a Chinese proposal -- /more than a year ago; /a proposal that the United States and Red China pledge jointly /-- that neither would be the first to use nuclear weapons against the other. /

The U. S. stand then and now -/ said a State Department spokesman -/ ~~is~~ that world powers must first "bar aggression in any form;" and then proceed with general disarmament -- on "a balanced basis."

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE:

With Lowell Thomas in Europe -- another special report
tonight -- on this latest from the Arab World.

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SPAIN

A startling sight today -- in Barcelona. More than a Hundred Spanish priests -- staging a demonstration of their own; in protest against police suppression -- of recent student demonstrations.

The black-clad priests -- setting out from Barcelona Cathedral; intending to deliver an official protest -- to police headquarters. But they never made it. Police charging the clergymen and taking a number in custody -- to break up the march.

Nevertheless, it's believed to be the first demonstration by Catholic priests -- ever staged in modern Spain. And the police who broke it up -- technically liable to excommunication.

ROOSEVELT

Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. resigned his government post this evening. He is expected to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York tomorrow.

Roosevelt met with President Johnson, handed the President his resignation as Chairman of the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Roosevelt did not make himself available to reporters at the White House. He left immediately for New York after the meeting with Mr. Johnson.

In New York. A spokesman for him said Roosevelt "will make a major statement regarding the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York State" in the Hotel Lancaster at ten-thirty A.M. Thursday.

The New York Governorship was the job held by Roosevelt's father.

WEATHER

Snowmen sprouted amid the tulips -- and snow plows were back in action today in the storm-swept Midwest; thanks to a third consecutive day -- of record-breaking cold.

Ahead of the storm -- temperatures falling to a low of Twenty-Eight degrees at Philadelphia; with resulting crop damage -- as far South as Georgia; in the worst May weather -- in nearly a century.

More of the same -- on tap for tonight. In the form of tornadoes and violent thunderstorms -- predicted for sections of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa.

Warren -- I'd say that so far, May has been a total flop.

HEIRESS

From Waynesville, Ohio -- the story of a part-time waitress married to a truck driver; who woke up today -- to find herself a bona fide heiress.

Mrs. Giles Cavanaugh -- who thought she had been disowned by her late father for marrying against his wishes -- now chief beneficiary of his entire estate. Including a sizeable cash legacy -- substantial real estate holdings in Virginia and Kentucky -- a private golf course -- a Hundred and Fifty acre horse farm -- and Seventy-Two blooded race horses.

Mrs. Cavanaugh -- the mother of four -- delighted, of course, except for one thing: Turns out -- she's allergic to horse hair. But not, we hope, to cash.

Dallas Townsend says Goodnight.