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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Johnson can rely on Congress -- in the latest Caribbean crisis. That's clear. After a quick poll of the lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Congress to be supporting the President -- with regard to partisan politics.

This includes the so-called "Viet Nam Rebels" in the Senate. Morse of Oregon, Fulbright of Arkansas and Church of Idaho -- have all criticized the Viet Nam policy of the Administration; but they are all behind Mr. Johnson -- with regards to the Dominican Republic.

At least, with regard to -- the rescue mission. After that -- well they are not so sure. But the majority of their colleagues appear to feel -- that evacuation of the refugees is only part of the ~~an~~ problem. That the issue of democracy for the Island -- is something that we cannot sidestep. The solution most often suggested -- hand the problem to the Organization of American States.

DOMINICAN

There is no point in saying tonight -- that the Dominican situation is confused. A stronger epithet -- would be in order. "Chaotic" might do -- or "anarchic."

But however you describe the Dominican situation -- one thing is clear. President Johnson is keeping our strategy fluid -- to allow for whatever develops. The President said to be determined -- to prevent another Castro; another Red police state -- in the Caribbean.

So, let's take a look at -- the latest from the Dominican Republic. Loyalist troops are pressing the fight -- against the rebels in Santo Domingo, with General Elias Wessin, trying to put down the insurrection -- that has been infiltrated by Communists.

Around the American Embassy in the Capital -- American Marines and paratroopers. They moved in behind ~~sank~~ tanks -- when the rebels opened fire on the Embassy. The American troops were ordered -- to defend themselves if attacked. That's how they became involved -- in the shooting. ~~am~~ And caused --

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their first casualties.

Tonight, the Americans are holding nine square miles -- in the center of Santo Domingo. This area includes the American Embassy, the American Chancellory -- and the Dominican Presidential Palace. Since the streets and bridges leading to the airfield are in American hands -- refugees have a safe escape route. Which means that the Marines and paratroopers have carried out their primary assignment.

REDS--FOLLOW DOMINICAN

THE QUESTION OF HOW RED THIS DOMINICAN REVOLT IS--APPEARS TO DEPEND ON THE EXPRESSION "SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION."

THAT'S WHAT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON--ARE SAYING. "SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION" BY COMMUNISTS--BOTH DOMINICANS AND FOREIGNERS. MANY OF THEM TRAINED AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT--IN CUBA.

STILL, OUR PEOPLE ARE BEING CAUTIOUS--ABOUT THE NATURE OF THIS REBELLION. THEY POINT OUT THAT SOME OF THE REBELS--ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAND. THEIR MAIN INTEREST--LOOT. A CHANCE TO CLEAN OUT THE STORES--WHILE FIGHTING RACES IN THE STREETS.

VIET NAM

Most of the American planes in action over North Viet Nam today--came from our Seventh Fleet. Skyraiders-- from the carriers "Hancock" and "Midway," bombing and strafing military targets--less than a hundred miles from Hanoi.

On the ground, Vietnamese forces made--two important captures. First, a Viet Cong arsenal--of about one-thousand weapons. And second, documents outlining Viet Cong strategy--against the American base at Da Nang.

Tonight, Counter measures are being worked out-- by the Marines who are holding the position. And Commandant Wallace Greene States flatly "We are going to stay in Da Nang."

STEEL

Another disputed election in the American Labor Movement--will be decided by a recount. At least it will--if Dave McDonald has his way.

Dave McDonald, running for a fourth term--as President of that union; apparently defeated by I.W. Abel--by ten thousand votes. But McDonald charges--that irregularities were committed and insists that he won't accept the results of the election--until these irregularities are ironed out.

As for Abel, he's preparing--to take over; and begin bargaining with the steel industry--for a new contract.

BRITAIN--FOLLOW STEEL
~~AND~~ ^{also} STEEL IS A BIG STORY--ACROSS THE
ATLANTIC. EVEN BIGGER THAN HERE--
BECAUSE HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS
DECIDED TO DROP THE GUILLOTINE.

PRIME MINISTER WILSON DOESN'T USE THAT
PHRASE--DATING FROM THE FRENCH
REVOLUTION. BUT SOME CONSERVATIVES ARE
CALLING HIM "ROBESPIERRE"--ALL THE SAME,
BECAUSE WILSON ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE
BRITISH STEEL INDUSTRY IS GOING TO BE
NATIONALIZED. THE STATE TO TAKE OVER--
IN PLACE OF THE PRIVATE OWNERS. REPLACING
FREE ENTERPRISE--WITH SOCIALISM.

BUT THE CONSERVATIVES BELIEVE THEY CAN
PREVENT THIS--BY A SIMPLE EXPEDIENT.
NAMELY--BOOT WILSON OUT OF OFFICE BEFORE
HE CAN GET HIS BILL THROUGH
PARLIAMENT. WHERE HE HAS ONLY--A MAJORITY
OF FOUR VOTES.

FRENCHMAN

And now the story of--"Marcel and the two Mariés."
Marcel Pigou--of Bordeaux, The ladies in the case--both
named Marie. Both--young and attractive. Both residents of--
Bordeaux, where during the past year--both became acquainted
with Marcel.

Result--one Marie began to pay the rent on Marcel's
apartment. The other Marie began to pay the installments--
on Marcel's new car. Lucky Pierre? Lucky Marcel--they
were saying in France.

But Marcel pushed his luck--as they say in America.
He made the mistake of going for a drive through Bordeaux--
with the wrong Marie. The Marie--who was paying his rent.
You can guess--what happened. He was spotted by--the other
Marie. The Marie--who was paying for his car.

That led to a meeting--of the two Mariés and they
decided to blow the whistle--on Marcel. Ah, but he hadn't
committed any crime. The girls admitted in court today--that
they both liked the arrangement; until--they found out about

one another.

So tonight--Marcel is a free man. What about the two generous girl friends? Around Bordeaux the betting is-- that he ~~is~~ soon be back in business. That is the business of being a gigolo and living without working. Compliments of whoever happens to be the next lady in the case.

Where does that leave--the two Maries? Well, Dick--one spectator emerged from the courtroom--to make the following statement: "If the girls want a substitute for Marcel--why I'm available."

LIFE

WE'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT THE CHANCES OF LIFE ELSEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE--THAT PERHAPS WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE CHANCES OF LIFE ON OUR OWN PLANET. THE CHANCES, RATHER LOW--ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR HAROLD BLUM OF PRINCETON.

PROFESSOR BLUM HAS CALCULATED--THE ANTECEDENT POSSIBILITY. THAT IS, THE MATHEMATICS OF THE PROBLEM--PROJECTED BACKWARD IN TIME FOR ABOUT THREE BILLION YEARS. CONCLUSION--^{That} LIFE WAS A VAST IMPROBABILITY. TO SEE HOW VAST, WRITE THE NUMBER "ONE"--AND THEN FIFTEEN ZEROES.

AS FOR THE EVOLUTION OF HUMANITY--YOU AND ME--WE HAD TO BUCK EVEN BIGGER ODDS. THE NUMBER "ONE"--FOLLOWED BY EIGHTEEN ZEROES.

I WONDER HOW--WE EVER DID IT.