

Good evening. At the United Nations - debate and argument and suspense - on the big China question. U.S. Ambassador George Bush predicts a close victory for the United States' battle to prevent the ouster of Nationalist China from the U.N. But other diplomats are uncertain - and some think the United States will lose. The General Assembly is expected to begin voting on the China question Tuesday afternoon.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The latest troubles in Northern Ireland - a riot by some two-hundred-fifty prisoners in a British Army detention camp. It all started with complaints against camp living conditions and then - apparently - threatened a mass break-out. British troops moved in - using rifle butts and riot shields - against chair legs, stones and broken furniture - being wielded by the prisoners. For two hours it went on - until the troops finally won out. The prisoners gave up their fight - and four guards who had been seized as hostage - were released - unharmed.

ARLINGTON

Here at home - Veterans Day, Nineteen-Seventy-One; with Vice President Spiro Agnew - heading the nation's tribute. In a speech at Arlington National Cemetery - paying a special salute to America's Vietnam veterans.

"In no other war" (said the Vice President) "have we had so many Medal of Honor winners - and so few recognized heroes; in no other war has the uniform been so disparaged - or the returning veteran received less assistance." Spiro Agnew adding that the five-and-a-half million Vietnam veterans - have thus "paid a higher price than usual."

BOSTON FOLLOW ARLINGTON

Incidentally, this marking^{8d} the first U.S. Veterans Day - ever celebrated on any date other than November Eleventh; a fact duly noted by Senator Brooke of Massachusetts - at another Veterans Day rally in Boston. But Brooke also said - the date is unimportant. What "matters most" - he went on - is "that we remember so well the sacrifices that have been made." Brooke adding that Americans can disagree on the Vietnam war - "but we cannot disagree on the sacrifices" of American fighting men.

VIETNAM


In northernmost South Vietnam - the death toll from Typhoon Hester continues to mount; hitting more than sixty - at last report; with hundreds more injured - and tens of thousands left homeless. South Vietnam's President Thieu - ^{went on} taking to nationwide radio and TV; pledging that he himself - will personally direct relief efforts.

At the same time - the U.S. ^{is} sending in all available helicopters. American officials stressing, however - this is a Vietnamese show. The U.S. Command ^{ed} adding that typhoon or no - U.S. withdrawals will continue as planned. Indeed, another seven hundred and twenty G.I.'s - ordered today to pack up for home. ^{that leaves} Leaving ~~about~~ two hundred thousand men - where once there were more than half-a-million.

PARIS

Soviet Communist Party Leader Leonid Brezhnev -
a visitor today in Paris. Receiving a warm welcome - from
French President Pompidou. In return, expressing hope that
subsequent talks - "will clean up the dust of the cold war."
All this coming amidst the heaviest security - ever afforded
a visiting foreign dignitary.

CORAL GABLES

At Coral Gables, Florida - death today to one of America's most versatile and most controversial writers. Philip Wylie - the author of books such as: "Generation of Vipers" - "Night Unto Night" - "Essay on Morals." Along the way, he attacked so-called "Momism" - the church - public schools - marriage. But he also wrote a number of science-fiction thrillers - as well as an occasional movie script; along with countless short stories - including the once-popular "Crunch and Des" fishing ~~yarns~~ yarns. More recently -  had taken up the cause of man and his environment.

Philip Wylie - age sixty-nine.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "DIAPERS"

Next - Lowell Thomas; discussing tonight, of all things - diapers. Lowell...

DIAPERS

My friend, Jimmy Madden, Olympic skater - and a star skier too - is with a big paper company and he tells me - hold your hat - that making baby diapers - is now a two and a half billion a year business. He says this diaper boom to a growing clientele that now numbers some nine million babies. Personally, I'm no longer interested. In fact I don't believe I ever did attend to that all-important parental duty. But the figures on this are impressive. Jimmy Madden says the European market is booming too - Sweden - where an estimated ninety percent of all young mamas are now using throw aways; also over here in Britain where they call them "Tufty Tail nappies."

On the other side of the Iron Curtain, in Russia they are still swaddling their infants as of old. Seems odd when they control one-third of all the timber in the world. And the Japanese somehow managing to train their infants so they don't have to bother. But, the Japanese, as you may have

*heard are now Alaska's number one customer in timber -
from which these things for babies are made. They have
a huge new paper pulp mill at Silka, the old Russian capitol
of Alaska.*

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "DIAPERS"

Thank you, Lowell .

WORLD

Down Florida way - just a little bit south of Orlando - the formal opening of Walt Disney World. It drew hundreds of celebrities - from all walks of life. Among them, White House News Secretary Ron Ziegler - Chairman Edwin Gott of U.S. Steel - former "Mousketeer" Annette Funicello - actor Rock Hudson; also, famed musician Meredith Wilson.

As for master of ceremonies - who else but Bob Hope; who said of Walt Disney World - even "Ralph Nader would like it." Bob Hope adding: "Just think - this all started with a gentle mouse - a bad-tempered duck - and seven mixed-up dwarfs."

Now for Lowell Thomas - so long.