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Good Evening Everybody:

*That story by Scripps-Howard newsman
Jim Lucas about Douglas MacArthur is causing - both
talk and silence. Angry rejoinders from some.
Discreet silence from others.*

*Consider the list of names MacArthur mentioned,
according to the Lucas report. Harry Truman, Dwight
Eisenhower, George Marshall, Maxwell Taylor, Matthew
Ridgway - to mention a few.*

*How's the heard - of what the late general
said. He felt that he would have won the Korean War -
if he hadn't been betrayed. How - betrayed? Well,
he charged that his correspondence with President
Truman and the State Department - was shown to the
British Ambassador, and that the information went*

from London to Red China - by way of India or the Soviet Embassy in London.

So Mao Tse - Tung knew MacArthur's strategy in advance. Also the Presidential orders countermanding that strategy. Hence Mao was able to intervene in Korea - because he knew that MacArthur would not be allowed to strike at the supply bases in Red China.

It's quite a story! One likely to be discussed and quoted for years to come - what he says about President Truman , General George Marshall , General Matt Ridgeway , the State Department - and about the future. It almost burns up the pages of the New York World Telegram.

REACTION FOLLOW LUCAS

In fact the MacArthur charges were so serious - that Jim Lucas sat on the story for ten years. Refusing to release it - until the General's death. Spiced with an old Soldier's language that is pretty strong. Such pungent epithets as "betrayed by fools",

The first reply comes from - the British. The Embassy in Washington, flatly denying - the accusation of betrayal. Pointing out that betrayal would have involved the British forces - in Korea.

From former President Truman - silence. MacArthur's old boss, preferring to stand on - his past remarks about the General. Including his charge of insubordination - at the time of MacArthur's dismissal. And his comment two days ago - that MacArthur will be remembered as one of America's greatest military heroes.

MACARTHUR

Even the weather seemed to be in mourning today - as that horse-drawn caisson to muffled drums rolled through the grey, umbrella-lined streets of Manhattan. In spite of the weather crowds blocked the streets, people from every walk of life in a farewell to a man who already is a legend - General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur.

Later today, in Washington, the cortege continued its way through the rainy streets, past the White House, up Pennsylvania Avenue - to the Capitol Rotunda. With the Avenue lined - with West Point Cadets, Annapolis midshipmen, men from the Air Force, and veterans of the wars in which General MacArthur played a major role.

As they watched the caisson, led by the riderless black-draped horse, followed by the President, the leaders of the Armed Forces, the Supreme Court Justices, members of the Cabinet, Governors,

Ambassadors and representatives from all over the world, the minds of many must have returned - to a similar day not five months ago. When President John F. Kennedy was laid on the same simple catafalque where General Douglas MacArthur rests tonight; MacArthur, a Republican who had words of high praise for the young Democrat President who had commanded a PT boat.

STRIKE

The country is threatened once again - by a nationwide railway strike.

About seven thousand two hundred train workers on the Illinois Central went on strike today. And unless agreement can be reached with management negotiators, the nation-wide unions may follow suit.

The dispute, now four years old - is over new work rules.

WEATHER

Fog seems to have been the culprit - in those plane accidents at Kennedy Airport and La Guardia in New York. Fog so dense - all three passenger airliners overshot their runways. At least thirty-seven people injured - twelve hospitalized.

KHRUSHCHEV

We have a dispatch tonight - rather derogatory of the Soviet economy. Specific charge - failures in the delivery of goods to other nations. Yugoslavia's Tito ordered Soviet steel - for his shipyards. But the Russians - are far behind schedule. The same with motors for Hungary. Contracts signed - months ago, the hungarians still waiting.

Nor is this a Western appraisal of Soviet economy. It comes - from Budapest. And the critic of Soviet performance is Khrushchev himself.

Where does he put the blame? On his subordinates in the Soviet bureaucracy.

SPACE

Today's launching a complete success. The Gemini space capsule - no astronauts aboard on this experimental shot - went through what they call the "keyhole in the sky". The Titan-Two rocket, blasting up - at a speed of seventeen thousand miles an hour. Putting the capsule into a perfect orbit that ranges between one hundred miles - above the surface of the earth. and two hundred and four miles.

Tonight, tracking stations around the world - are jeeoubg tracj if Gemini. But the most interested watchers are twenty-nine American astronauts, two of whom will be tapped to ride a Gemini capsule into space - perhaps before the end of this year.

LE MAY

When a President extends the tenure of one of his military men - that usually is not much of a story. But in the case of General Curtis Le May - President Johnson makes it a story. With - a special statement. Mr. Johnson, calling the General - "our top airman, in every sense of the word." Extending his term - for another year.

Still boss of the Air Force - now. Old Ironpants - General Curtis Le May.

AVIATRIX

Last night we heard about - aviatrix Joan Smith. The lady from Long Beach, California - arriving at Khartoum, in the Sudan.

Tonight - the second around-the-world lady. Jerry Mock of Columbus, Ohio - landing in Manila. Behind schedule on her hop from Bangkok - because she drifted off-course over the China Sea. That old navigational problem - but Jerrie is still covering space in big chunks, Dick.