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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: Did they -- or didn't they?

The debate rages tonight -- throughout the world.

Communist leaders in Hanoi, Moscow and Peking -- charging that American warplanes have, indeed, attacked the North Vietnamese capital -- on two successive days. Calling it another dangerous escalation -- of the war in Southeast Asia. United Nations Secretary General U Thant -- further deploring the alleged air attacks; which might lead -- said he -- to a far "wider war."

The U.S. State Department -- for its part adding fuel to the controversy; by stating there's a "possibility" -- that American planes did hit residential areas of Hanoi. Officials this evening firmly denying that planes dropped bombs within the city limits.

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U.S. pilots who took part in the action -- still insisting they hit only military targets. Suggesting the possibility that suspected U.S. bombs -- were, in reality, spent shells or missiles -- originally fired by Communist air defenses.

Fifty-Three laborite members of the British
Parliament -- describing themselves as "gravely
concerned" -- sent President Johnson a cable tonight
-- ~~urging~~ urging him to stop air attacks involving main
population centers.

PARIS

In Paris -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk today laid it on the line -- at a meeting of the NATO Council of Ministers.

Rusk quoted as saying the U.S. will stand firm in its commitment to Europe and NATO -- come what may in Vietnam. ^{Asserting,} ~~Asserting,~~ however, that the United States will not back out of the war -- even if it means jeopardizing East-West relations. The reason -- said he -- the United States can not honor one treaty -- such as NATO's -- and fail to live up to another -- such as that of the South East Asia Treaty Organization.

Earlier, the NATO ministers agreeing to a full study -- of their Seventeen-year-old defense alliance. With a view ■ to streamlining the organization -- to meet new and changing situations. Not the least of which -- French withdrawal from NATO -- now virtually complete.

WASHINGTON

Dr. Martin Luther King was the chief witness today -- before a Senate subcommittee studying urban decay. Utilizing the forum -- for another strong anti-war declaration.

Dr. King charging that the United States is spending billions -- on what he called an "ill-considered" war in Vietnam; while here at home -- the "war on poverty" is "scarcely a skirmish" -- as he put it.

Dr. King adding that "the security we profess to seek in foreign adventures -- we will lose in our decaying cities." For "the bombs in Vietnam also explode at home" -- said he; destroying the hopes and possibilities -- for a decent America."

Lowell Thomas is in London tonight -- wrapping up the odds-

and-ends on another overseas adventure -- before heading home.

In the meantime -- another special report tonight -- on his

favorite sport. Lowell....

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But, it's full of terrific stories including the one about Toni Matt, Toni telling how he schussed

the Headwall straight. Perhaps the number one thriller in the history of skiing. The book also tells the glorious story of how skiing came to this country, to America - and a lot about the colorful people who have made it so much fun, the Fred Iselins, the Sepp Ruschps, the Luggi Foegers, the Alf Engens, the Otto Langs, the Hannes Schneiders, the Frasers, Roland Palmedos, Averell Harrimans, and I could go on and on.

The pictures in it are "extraordinary". So three cheers for John Jay and John and Frankie O'Rear and Ski Magazine for giving us a book that will make nearly every skier howl with glee, and make him feel like doing a down-mountain jump over highways, with cars below and right over the heads of people, as the chap is doing on page seventeen. Don't miss that one! Solong,

COPPOLINO

Dr. Carl Coppolino this afternoon was found Not Guilty of murdering William Farber, a neighbor, in 1963. The jury at Freehold New Jersey deliberated Four and a half hours before bringing in its verdict. Coppolino was reunited briefly with his mother and his second wife -- then he was taken back to jail. Tomorrow he'll be sent to Florida for another trial -- on charges that he murdered his first wife in 1965.

Today's acquittal of Coppolino in Freehold -- represented the second courtroom victory in a month for his attorney, F. Lee Bailey -- who represented Samuel Sheppard at his second murder trial in Cleveland. That much-publicized case today was officially closed. Following the acquittal of Sheppard on November 16th. a grand jury now says there is absolutely no evidence to warrant the indictment of anyone else. The Grand Jury was sharply

one of history's greatest showmen -- died today
critical of defense attorney Bailey -- who charged in
public that Marilyn Sheppard was murdered by the
jealous wife of an alleged lover. The report declaring
-- there is not one iota of evidence to support that
charge. To which Bailey replies -- it's a ridiculous
whitewash.

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BURBANK

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investment of more than Fifty Million dollars -- making it easily the worlds most costly and most famous amusement park. Also -- inadvertently -- the cause of an international incident; when Nikita Khrushchev was barred from the park for security reasons -- during a visit to Hollywood.

Perhaps the best epitaph to Walt Disney -- his own words in a recent interview. The showman was asked: "What was the most rewarding thing in your life?" His answer: "The whole blankety-blank thing." From every standpoint a most eminent American.

Good Night