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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Exploding oil tanks sent balls of flame hundreds of feet into the air and set off a river of fire in New York harbor today. The disaster occurred along a narrow channel of water which separates New Jersey from Staten Island. First report said at least three were injured -- two critically. The first explosion came on the New Jersey side when a pipeline burst, touching off a chain of exploding oil tanks belonging to the Hess Oil Company. Towering columns of black smoke and flame visible twenty miles away. The fire leaped across the channel and for a time -- threatened to reach the huge Socony oil tank field on Staten Island. Firemen converged on the scene by land and sea, coming from both sides of the nation's busiest harbor.

STRIKE

The summer travel plans of thousands of Americans were thrown into chaos today by the biggest strike in American commercial airline history. More than thirty-five thousand members of the machinists union walked ^{ing} off their jobs with five major ~~airline~~ airlines early this morning - and ~~there~~ no indication of an early end to the tie-up. The ~~struck airlines~~ ^{affected} Eastern, Northwest, National, ^{TWA} ~~Trans World~~ and United. Contract talks are scheduled to resume tomorrow morning in an effort to break the deadlock over wage and fringe benefits, -- the main issues.

As the picket lines marched around the airports, thousands of tourists, businessmen, and big city conventioners scrambled for seats on other airlines, buses and trains. At New York's Kennedy International airport, an elderly executive reminisced about the days when trains were king by saying - "flying is the only way to go now, but I'm a little dubious about it today," said he.

Members of the machinists union ^{-have even} carried their
airline strike to the space center at Cape Kennedy,
disrupting some work on the project Apollo moonport. That is,
More than a thousand machinists struck against ^{TWA} ~~PANA~~
~~which~~ which provides support service at the space center.

BUCHAREST

The seven Communist Warsaw Pact nations have called for a summit conference of all European powers - to end the cold war and ~~forward~~ forge a lasting peace on the continent. They ^{have} also called for the abolition of both the Warsaw Pact and Nato military alliances.

Diplomatic observers in Bucharest said the manifesto apparently ~~is~~ ^{is} aimed at driving ^a wedge ~~between~~ between the United States and its Nato allies.

VIETNAM

U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg met with Pope Paul and Italian government leaders in Rome today -- in an effort to allay any anxiety over the American bombing of oil depots in North Vietnam. Ambassador Goldberg declined to comment on his forty-five minute private audience with the Pope, but he's understood to have explained President Johnson's reasons for the air raids which have been sharply criticized in official Vatican newspapers. Ambassador Goldberg also met with the Italian Premier and President. The Rome government also had expressed concern over the bombings.

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Britain and France have announced agreement on the belief that a settlement of the Vietnamese war can only be reached through the Nineteen Fifty-Four Geneva Agreements.

← An official communique to this effect was issued in

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London -- after three days of talks between French Premier Pompidou and Prime Minister Wilson. In addition to Vietnam, they also discussed the Common Market, East-West relations, and that long talked-about project to build a tunnel beneath the English Channel.

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Getting back to Vietnam -- American Navy jets attacked and destroyed four Communist torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin about twenty-five miles southeast of Haiphong.

Action was light elsewhere on the fighting fronts -- but the Hanoi Radio has begun broadcasting propaganda demands for the execution of captured American fliers. But there's no indication that the pilots will be brought to trial.

PURGE

A spokesman for the Indian government in New Delhi says that Red China ^{recently} purged eighty-five of its high-ranking Communist ^{leaders.} They were reported to have been downgraded in rank or expelled from their jobs in a new campaign to weed out "undesirables, revisionists and reactionaries."

SUKARNO

Five thousand shouting and jeering students demonstrated in Jakarta today - demanding that President Sukarno resign from office. It was the sharpest outburst of anti-Sukarno sentiment ever displayed in the Indonesian capital. ~~Only~~ Only a few days ago, the Indonesian Congress stripped Sukarno of his powers, leaving him only the figurehead title of President.

COSMOS

An unmanned Soviet satellite was fired into orbit today - joining the heavyweight Sputnik sent up three days ago to study radiation in outer space. It was the one-hundred twenty-third in the Cosmos series - to gather information needed for space flight and -- according to some ~~American officials~~ - to spy on the West. There's still no word on when Russia's next manned shot will come - but there is much speculation that the Soviets are developing a new and mammoth type spacecraft.

SURVEYOR

The battery on board America's Surveyor mooncraft is showing signs of fading out -- with scientists at Pasadena, California, in the meantime frantically trying to get as many pictures as possible. The battery may have developed a short circuit, and its temperature is steadily rising at about three degrees an hour.

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Prisoners at the Maryland penitentiary in Baltimore staged a riot in ninety degree ~~temperatures~~ today, setting three fires and looting a commissary. Every available policeman in the city ~~pushed~~ rushed to the scene and the outbreak was quelled a few hours later, with ~~Hundreds of prisoners were~~ forced back into their cells by tear-gas.

The only casualties, ~~were~~ two injured firemen - but damage to the prison ~~was~~ considerable. Authorities say ~~the~~ riot apparently ~~was~~ resulted from a recent incident in which the prisoners charged excessive brutality by the guards.

DIVORCE

Ninety four year old Mat Robinson, ~~has been~~
granted a divorce in Ocala, Florida, In his court petition,
~~he~~ claimed that his sixty-six year old wife - Charity -
had bestowed all her affections and attention on a third
party - a dog. He said she cooked meals for the pet - Warren
but none for him, even though he picked up the grocery
tab.

JOHNSON

The United States will celebrate its two-hundredth anniversary of Independence in Nineteen Seventy-Six -- ten years hence -- and President Johnson has signed a bill creating a commission to start planning for its observance.

In making the announcement at his Texas ranch, the President also issued the annual "captive nations week" proclamation, expressing American hope for eventual liberation of other nations from Communism.

And so long until Monday: