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Again from KFQD-Anchorage, Alaska,

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Labor Union leaders in Saigon have ordered a
twelve hour general strike that would paralyze the city.

The walkout has been called to protest the use of
American troops in unloading war supplies at the city's
port facilities. The general strike order was issued
by the Saigon workers council, which represents one
hundred and twenty unions and sixty thousand workers.

WAR

The Soviet Military newspaper -- Red Star -- has
**American air calvarymen -- supported by helicopters,
artillery and planes -- are again locked in battle with the
same Communist force that overran an American artillery
company in Vietnam two days ago. At least sixty five Viet
Cong dead were counted on the battlefield during the first
few hours of fighting which continued on after nightfall.**

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CHINESE

The Soviet Military newspaper -- Red Star -- has charged Communist Chinese leader Mao and his clique with trying to use China's Army as a weapon of anti-Soviet policy. Readers of newspapers in Moscow already have become used to the hints that Peking is preparing to launch a "preventive war" against Russia. And the Red Star's comment was regarded as another ³displaced warning of the Red Chinese military threat to the Soviet Union.

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FOLLOW CHINESE

Japanese government sources speculated today that Red China's latest atomic explosion may have involved a small plutonium device. This, these sources say, could be a very serious matter. The use of plutonium would indicate that the Chinese have mastered the art of packaging a big explosion in a small container. A Japanese foreign ministry statement deplored the fact that the blast came at a time when efforts are being made to ban nuclear weapons.

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OFFICER

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KOREA

The United Nations command in Korea today lodged a strong protest with the North Korean Communists -- over an attack on an American guard near the neutral buffer zone that divides the Korean Peninsula. The attack occurred late yesterday. Forty rounds of Communist machine gun fire pouring into the guard post. The announcement made no mention of casualties among the Americans.

JORDAN

The government of Jordan charged today that Syrian troops crossed its boundary and killed an off duty Jordanian border guard in his home. A deliberate murder plot says Jordan officials. The charge is expected to add new fuel to the long standing feud between King Hussein of Jordan and the left wing government of Syria. Reports reaching Cairo ~~in~~ tell of a series of small explosions in Jordan's capitol of Amman earlier this week, including one near the Royal Palace.

QUAKE

MED: A strong new earthquake struck the central part of Chile today -- in the same area where a disastrous quake took hundreds of lives last year. And new tremors were also felt today in Northern Chile, where only yesterday an earthquake drove thousands from their homes.

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MEDICARE

During the first six months of the Medicare program, about six million people received hospital and medical services at a cost of one Billion dollars. Robert Ball -- Social Security Commissioner -- says he is pleased with the way the Health-Insurance -For-The-Elderly program is operating. But he warns there will be a shortage of hospital beds in the nation's capital in some New England States, and in most rural areas when the new-benefits-extended-hospital-care goes into affect January First.

DAILEY

One of the nation's most powerful political figures --
**Richard J. Dailey -- announced today that he will seek
a fourth term as Mayor of Chicago. Dailey -- a Democrat
who has been called the last of the big city political
bosses -- will probably be opposed in the spring election
by John L. Waner -- a millionaire industrialist. Waner
has already received the Republican party's endorsement.**

POWELL

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's wife failed again today to appear under subpoena before a House Committee that is investigating her husband's conduct. The group's chairman -- Wayne Hays of Ohio -- threatened to have her fired from her job, or cited for contempt of Congress. Hays said that if Mrs. Powell doesn't show up tomorrow, he will recommend that the House clerk take her off the payroll.

The investigators want to question Mrs. Powell about her twenty thousand dollar a year job as her husband's secretary. Under the law, such employees are not to be paid unless they do their work in Washington or in a Congressman's home district. Mrs. Powell lives in Puerto Rico with her four year old son. She says she can't come to Washington because there is no one available to look after her child.

WYOMING AND MT. MCKINLEY

As you perhaps have heard ten adventuresome mountain climbers are hoping to ring in the New Year from the loftiest peak of the Grand Tetons in Northwestern Wyoming -- one of the country's most spectacular mountains. Led by veteran Paul Petzholdt of Lander, Wyoming, a famous climber, they already have "checked out" with forest rangers near Moose, Wyoming, and are now on their way to the mountain, on crosscountry skis in eight degree -- mild weather. This was the last communication the climbers were to have with the outside world until they return on January 2nd or 3rd -- that is unless an airplane happens to fly over the ^{Great} Grand Teton and spot them up there at thirteen thousand seven hundred feet -- on the summit.

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But up here in Alaska something more exciting in mountaineering is coming up! A group of experienced ⁹ skiers climbers -- some Alaskan, and some from the outside

WYOMING AND MT. MCKINLEY--2

-- are getting ready to attempt a thing never done before. They will try to scale the highest mountain in North America in mid-winter. Dr. George Wichman of Anchorage, one of the mountaineers -- admitted to me that they may encounter temperatures on Mt. McKinley of one hundred degrees below zero -- or even colder. Arch Deacon Stuck and Harry Karstens -- first to reach the highest summit of McKinley many years ago, left a thermometer up there. The next expedition -- Erling Strom, Al Lindley, Grant Pearson and Harry Leak, found that thermometer. The temperature recorded? The mercury had burst right out of the bottom of the bulb. Erling Strom told me they figured it might have gone as far as one hundred ten degrees below.

The lowest temperatures ever recorded on this planet were at a Russian Antartec base --

WYOMING AND MT. MCKINLEY--3

The real Santa Claus can be back at the North Pole one hundred twenty below. So, that's the sort of cold world Dr. Wichman and his climbing pals may find when they make their mid-winter assault on Mount McKinley.

Eight year old Bob Weibel has been given a two year sentence for non-support of his family. He was arrested just a few days before Christmas and brought to the county jail, all rigged out in his Santa Claus beard and costume. A local newspaper wrote stories about "Santa's plight" along with warnings that he might not be able to make his usual trip on Christmas Eve. Whereupon, for hours, anxious children flooded the police headquarters with telephone calls. However, the uproar subsided Christmas morning when the children discovered that the real Santa had made his visits, after all. He had arrived as usual, with his reindeer and sleigh. El ho! Mi ho. Warren

SANTA

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INDIANS

Whoever decided to build a new apartment building on an Indian reservation in Wyoming, just didn't know his Indians. The Federal government spent two hundred and twenty five thousand dollars to build a low rent apartment house on the Wind River reservation to help take the Shoshone and Arapahoes out of their log shacks. But somebody failed to ask the Indians about it first -- and only one family has moved into the new building with ~~two~~^{its} twenty apartments. By nature, Indian families like to live more to themselves, and apart from other families. So phooey on those apartments built by the pale face. And from KFQD -- so long until tomorrow.