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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Serious words, but also humor, here in California this morning, as former actor Ronald Reagan became the state's thirty-third governor.

The ceremony -- at sixteen minutes after midnight -- just about as early as the law allows.

Mr. Reagan -- placing his hand on a four-hundred-year-old Bible -- and recalling Benjamin Franklin's advice that public office-holders try to bring the public the teachings and precepts of the Prince of Peace.

A lighter note too -- an aside from Governor Ronald Reagan to U.S. Senator George Murphy... "well George, here we are on the late show again."

OTHER INAUGURALS

Other ceremonies for Governor's today. Nelson Rockefeller began his third term in New York -- dedicating himself to a "just society."

And in Michigan -- Governor George Romney took the oath for a third term -- promising to resist what he termed -- the evils of excessive federalism.

TAXES

A new hint on taxes tonight. President Johnson's former economist -- Dr. Walter Heller suggests that a modest increase in taxation would be desirable as of July first.

Dr. Heller -- now a professor at the University of Minnesota says there's no clear-cut economic path to follow in determining taxation. He favors a surtax -- a percentage tacked on to the levies a person ~~or~~^{or} a company already pays. Says Heller -- it would provide monetary ease, and more budget leeway for the great society. Why not BEFORE next July? Dr. Heller says he finds a slowing down of the nation's over-heated economy at the moment, and he'd rather not add ~~to~~^{to} it's de-flationary influence right now.

CASTRO

The almost forgotten name-- Che' Guevara--heard again in Cuba tonight.

Premier Castro--celebrating his 9th year as head of government --saying the long-missing guerrilla fighter-- Ernesto Che' Guevara--will show up " when and where the imperialists/ least expect it."

Guevara --once Castro's closest friend---~~###~~ with the powerful job of minister of Industry--vanished in March 1965. Some reports say he's dead; others that he's directing the communist underground in south america.

Castro adding to the mystery tonight--comparing Guevara to the Phoenix--the mythical Sun God of Egypt who consumed himself in fire, and then rose from his own ashes.

"Some day soon"--said Castro"--we shall have very concrete news about him."

The New Year's truce was scarcely over in Viet-Nam, before the biggest aerial battle of the war developed.

Seven communist migs shot down. NO ~~AM~~ American planes reported lost .

The victory--credited to airforce phantom jets, flying cover for thunderchief-fighter-bombers. The scene---that industrial complex between Hanoi and Haiphong.

BRITISH:

A futile trip back to London today for British Prime minister Wilson.

Hurrying ^{home} ~~back~~ from vacation to see how his Viet-Nam cease fire proposal had been received, Wilson learned it was a dead issue.

North Viet-Nam scoffed at the plan, as "a trick to deceive world opinion."

British foreign secretary George Brown was denounced by Hanoi Radio--as President Johnson's mouthpiece. .

FOLLOW British

Another unfavorable note on Viet-Nam peace talks.

Informed sources in Saigon say that repeated communist attacks during the New Year's truce--have raised serious doubts that a longer cease fire will ~~be~~ be tried for the upcoming lunar New Year .

The allies suffered 66 casualties , during ^{the} ~~A~~ period when no shooting was to have occurred.

PAN-AM

It has taken a phone call from the U.S. Embassy in Saigon to Premier Khy -- but Pan-American airways is flying again in South Vietnam.

The Khy government had withdrawn landing rights from Pan Am, delayed a jetliner for several hours, and refused to let twenty-three passengers make the outbound flight. A U.S. spokesman called it -- a mis-understanding.

However -- informed sources say its a pressure move on the part of the Khy regime to let Air Vietnam fly to the United States; South Vietnam's own airline, with just one jet -- a French Caravelle.

In Alaska this past week, nearly every day we ran into Pan Am crews going or coming to Vietnam -- carrying American military personnel -- hundreds making the stop at Anchorage airport -- every day.

ART Gallery

No word of progress yet, ^{toward} solving Britain's 8½ million dollar art theft.

Now, Scotland Yard says a woman may have been the tiny person who slipped thru a hole in a door, to steal the eight masterpieces. Detectives ^{are not} ~~saying~~ saying why they suspect a woman.

They've also called in nuclear scientists to analyze the only clue----a two inch tip of a broken drill. Not much to go on, with history's biggest art theft at stake.

ROSE PARADE

A warm, clear day for the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. One-and-a-half million ~~xx~~⁹ spectators crowded the route -- as morning temperatures approached seventy -- the finest day many old-timers could remember.

The floats got underway with only one crisis, someone had forgotten that Rose Queen Barbara Hewitt should have been placed atop her float before the last flowers were installed. Otherwise -- the blossoms would be crushed as she climbed to her throne. How solve it?

They put Queen Barbara in a harness, and attached pulled alongside with a derrick to it a pulley -- and hoisted Queen Barbara to the top.

Rising to the occasion -- would you say.

And now Warren who always rises to the occasion.

END

A Twenty-Five-Thousand-dollar mystery at Escondido,
in southern California.

A paper bag, with Twenty-Five-Thousand in cash was
left at Colleen's Coffee Shop. A man and boy eating there
went off casually leaving the bag behind.

Waitress Sharon Malty finds the bag, is startled by
the money, -- turns it over to the police.

Later -- the boy returns and asks for the bag. She
refers him to the police. So far no one shows up at
the police station.

Twenty-Five-Thousand-dollars -- anybody???