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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Senate today adopted the first significant amendment -- to the President's six-point-eight-billion-dollar Medicare package. A measure to lower the retirement age -- under Social Security -- to sixty years of age -- for both men and women. Those who retire at the earlier age -- to get two-thirds of the amount they would have earned -- at age sixty-five.

THANT

While at Geneva --

U.N. Secretary-General U Thant ^{said} ~~asserted~~ today --

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that there is no longer a choice -- between victory and defeat
in Viet Nam. If there is to be any peace -- said Thant -- it
must start with a cessation of all hostilities, to be followed
by negotiations -- toward a permanent cease-fire. Based on
major concessions -- by both sides.

He added that these discussions -- "must involve all
those who are actually fighting." This including presumably --
the Communist Viet Cong. Although they have already been
barred from any such negotiations -- by order of President
Johnson.

VIET NAM

The vanguard of another eight thousand American Marines landed today in Viet Nam. In full battle gear -- and ready for combat.

The Marines -- bolstered by their own tanks and artillery. About half assigned to Da Nang -- the rest to Qui Nhon, where they will attempt to turn back -- a mounting Communist offensive. One that now threatens to cut the country in two -- along the fifteenth parallel.

In the meantime, ~~Massachusetts~~ U.S. and Australian troops ^{— were} reported in heavy fighting today, in that guerrilla-infested Zone D-for-death -- some thirty miles north of Saigon. Early reports indicating at least five American dead -- as against five of the Viet Cong.

CHICAGO

In Chicago -- a powerful bomb exploded with a blast today -- outside a ten-story office building in the West Loop area. The pre-dawn explosion causing damage -- estimated at more than two hundred thousand dollars. With windows blown out of a facing building -- all the way up to the ninth floor.

According to police -- no apparent reason for the bomb attack, Except that it may have been -- a "test device," Set off by someone -- who ~~may have~~ wanted to determine the efficiency of such a bomb.

If so -- said police -- they know now. It works! --

~~just fine.~~

ARAB

A Russian-built military transport -- today crashed in the desert near Cairo. Killing twenty-seven -- of the twenty-nine on board. Six of them -- members of the Russian crew. The rest -- Egyptian soldiers, en route to join Egyptian forces -- now fighting with Republican troops -- in the Yemen civil war.

In Yemen itself -- President Abdullah Al-Sallal today appointed himself the new Premier, and immediately ordered the arrest -- of all supporters of former Premier Ahmad Noman, a moderate in the Republican movement, who resigned from the Yemen government last week -- in a feud with the President. He has since fled to Cairo.

WILSON

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson today shrugged off as "accidental" -- those two defeats he suffered last night in the House of Commons. The Labor leader letting it be known -- that he has no intention of resigning. The double setback said to be at worst -- a blow to his pride.

Nevertheless, Conservative Leader Sir Alec Douglas-Home -- today called Wilson's pledge to carry on -- "an empty boast." Sir Alec suggesting that there is just one reason -- that Wilson doesn't resign, ~~the fact~~ -- ~~said to~~ -- ~~the fact~~ that latest polls indicate a Conservative victory -- if an election were held now.

BASEBALL

A grim story today -- from San Pedro, California.

Where Mrs. Delores Stanford was watching her son -- in a Little League baseball game, When the youngster -- hit a mighty home run.

According to police -- Mrs. Stanford leaped to her feet to cheer -- then fell ~~over in a faint.~~ ^{and} She was pronounced dead on arrival at a nearby hospital -- a few minutes later.

Doctors reporting that in her excitement at the home run -- Mrs. Stanford apparently swallowed a wad of chewing gum, That lodged in her throat -- and literally choked her to death.

SPAIN

A major shake-up today -- in the Spanish government. With Generalissimo Francisco Franco -- firing six Cabinet Ministers -- and appointing six others, In an attempt to find a solution -- to Spain's worsening economic and agricultural outlook. The problem aggravated by a lengthy drought -- that has caused a mass exodus of farm workers to the cities. This the second Cabinet shake-up in Spain -- in less than three years.

CIRCUS

The Greatest Show on Earth -- has a "for sale" sign on it tonight. The Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus-- priced at about ten million dollars. With the Madison Square Garden Corporation -- and the American Broadcasting Company -- said to be named as would-be buyers.

If completed -- the sale would mark the second joint entertainment venture -- for Madison Square Garden and ABC. Following the pattern of diversification -- set by the Columbia Broadcasting System, when it purchased ~~controlling~~ control of the New York Yankees recently -- at a cost of fourteen million.

BEATTY

World famous animal trainer and circus star, my old friend, Clyde Beatty -- is reported seriously ill tonight; confined to a hospital at Ventura, California -- with a lung ailment. His condition -- listed as "poor."

Clyde Beatty -- who has been hospitalized more than ⁹ sixty times before -- for ~~many~~ injuries suffered in the center ring -- with his lions and tigers and leopards. But he has always come back; and here's hoping he does it again.

CHURCH

London workmen today began the task of dismantling --
brick by brick -- the little St. Mary Aldermanbury Church --
near famed St. Paul's Cathedral.

St. Mary's -- built by Christopher Wren in
Seventeen Seventy-Six. Later gutted by German bombs -- in
World War Two.

Now a gift from the Anglican Church to the people
of Fulton, Missouri. There to be reconstructed -- again brick
by brick -- as a memorial to the late Sir Winston Churchill.
Marking the spot -- where he made his famous -- "Iron Curtain"
speech -- so many years ago.

RINGO

Time waits for no man -- not even the Beatles. And no one more aware of that -- than Beatle drummer Ringo Starr, who today achieved the tender age of -- twenty-five.

If he were an ordinary mortal -- living here in America --Ringo might have reflected on the fact -- that he could now get auto insurance at a cheaper rate. But being a Beatle -- Ringo reflected instead -- on the fact that he has now reached a ripe old age -- at least for a pop entertainer.

"This is terrible" -- said Ringo, ^{Dick.} "If I keep going at this rate -- why by next year I'll be -- twenty-six."

JUMP

Thousands of people -- gathered along the banks of the Niagara River today; to watch a Buffalo man -- who had climbed out on the International Peace Bridge -- near the Niagra Falls, one Earl Harmon -- who threatened to jump the seventy feet into the boiling river.

One of the onlookers -- Edgar Schaffer -- thirty-six -- also of Buffalo, stepped out on a dock to get a better view -- fell into the river, and in so doing struck his head on a boat -- never came up. His body recovered from the water -- fifteen minutes later.

Harmon -- a witness to that tragedy -- at the urging of a Catholic priest -- now decided -- not to jump.

A life saved -- a life lost.