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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- under heavy police guard tonight in Rome. After a raucous demonstration this afternoon -- outside Chigi Palace; while the Vice President was inside -- conferring with Italian officials.

The demonstrators -- about a thousand, in all. Waving signs reading -- "Humphrey Go Home;" shouting slogans such as -- "North Vietnam will win." A few even singing in English -- the American civil rights song, "We Shall Overcome."

For all the commotion -- the protest only embarrassing Italian officials. For his part -- Hubert Humphrey leaving calmly by a rear door -- while police were dispersing the mob.

## VIETNAM

A strange lull in ground fighting in Vietnam -- suddenly ended today with news of another "human wave" assault.

Hundreds of Viet Cong attempting to wipe out a company of U.S. Marines -- just south of that phony demilitarized zone. The frenzied enemy troops shouting: "Surrender or die."

For a time -- victory in the balance. The sneak attack -- quickly overrunning the U.S. command post; claiming the lives of the company commander -- and fifteen of his men.

And then -- the tide turned. With the help of U.S. artillery and air support -- the Marines beating back the Communist onslaught. Later counting nearly fifty enemy dead -- in addition to those carried off by their comrades.

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On the political front -- another of those big demonstrations today -- back in Saigon . Thousands of

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**Catholics -- protesting deletion of a reference to the  
"almighty"; in the preamble -- to the new South Vietnamese  
Constitution. The reference earlier taken out -- because  
of protests from Buddhists.**

UNAMERICAN

Massive anti-war demonstrations -- set for April Fifteenth in San Francisco and New York -- planned and led by known Communists. According to a charge today -- from the House Committee on Unamerican Activities.

One of two groups heading preparations -- identified as the Student Mobilization Committee. Created in Chicago last December -- says the <sup>House group;</sup> ~~committee~~ under the guidance of Mrs. Bettina Aptheker Kurzweil -- an admitted member of the Communist Party.

The tragedy -- says <sup>House</sup> Committee Chairman Edwin Willis -- that the demonstrations, if successful, will tend to create a false impression -- "particularly in Viet Nam." The impression "that a truly large segment of the U.S. population -- is vehemently opposed to this country's policy in Vietnam." When -- in fact, said he -- the exact reverse is true.



DETROIT

For the first time -- a legal move today to head off the government's new auto safety standards. Chrysler Corporation filing suit in ~~Detroit~~ <sup>Cincinnati</sup> -- to block the most controversial of the safety proposals. The one calling for installation -- of extensive padding to protect motorists from so-called "interior impact" -- in the event of an accident.

All four major U.S. automakers -- have already joined in opposing the requirement. ~~Calling it impossible to meet~~ <sup>CLAIMING THEY ARE UNABLE TO COMPLY</sup> -- in time for Nineteen-Sixty-Eight model cars. Indeed, the government yesterday ordered a hearing on the matter; to determine finally -- whether industry complaints are really justified. -3

Chrysler noting, however, that today is the deadline, by law -- for filing <sup>a</sup> court appeal of the safety standards. Company officials saying -- they can't risk losing in a public hearing -- they must "protect Chrysler's legal position."

ADD DETROIT

Later, Ford, General Motors and American Motors --

also filing similar suits. Ford adding it would have  
stop making cars by January First -- unless the rules  
are changed.

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## MOSCOW

One of Russia's greatest heroes of World War Two -- dead today in Moscow. Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Rodion Malinovsky -- a victim of cancer at age sixty-nine.

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# LINDBERGH

Elsewhere in Moscow -- "The Lone Eagle" ~~flies~~ flies again. Famed American aviator Charles Lindbergh -- scorned by the Kremlin for years; but as of today -- officially rehabilitated in Soviet aviation circles.

The Kremlin's beef against Lindbergh -- his trip to Germany prior to World War Two. When -- according to Russia -- he was so impressed ~~with~~ <sup>by</sup> the German Luftwaffe -- that he became, quote, "a prisoner of Hitler's new order."

All that changed, however -- in published memoirs of ~~General~~ General Alexander Yakovlev one of Russia's leading aircraft designers -- and former vice-commissar of the Soviet aircraft industry.

Yakovlev telling of his first meeting with Lindbergh in Nineteen-Twenty-Seven -- shortly after his solo flight across the Atlantic. Describing Lindbergh -- as "blue-eyed, modest, even shy -- but a very brave and heroic man."

Turning to later events -- the general saying that



Lindbergh soon discovered -- as did the world -- that Hitlerites were "barbarians and murders." At which time he "changed his attitude" completely -- said Yakovlev; even becoming a valued expert -- whose advice eventually helped to defeat the Luftwaffe.

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# THAILAND

Next dateline -- somewhere in Thailand. The reason we can't be more exact -- well, you'll see in a minute.

It seems an American serviceman stationed in that country -- recently sent a letter to "Dear Abby" back in the States. Airman Joe King saying that some of his buddies -- just weren't getting any mail. Urging anyone who could -- to write him a "pen pal" letter; so that he might pass it along to his friends -- to relieve their loneliness.

No sooner said -- than done. More than fifty thousand letter-writers -- burying Airman King under an avalanche of mail. To the point where he finally had to direct a second appeal -- to the U.S. Post office.

Please -- ~~no~~ no more mail -- said Joe King. In turn -- the Post Office today suspending deliveries. Agreeing with the airman -- it was simply too much of a good thing.

## CATANIA

This next -- from Catania, Sicily. Telling of strange goings-on -- at nearby Mount Etna; an often deadly volcano -- that has been puffing away harmlessly for the last year-and-a-half now.

Volcanologists assigned to monitor the mountain -- reporting today the kind of sight -- you normally see only in cartoons. Mount Etna -- the scourge of Sicily -- blowing big, beautiful smoke rings.

A final story -- in a moment.

SEATTLE

From Seattle -- the story today of a delicate deliquent. A fragile-type lady bandit -- who robbed a suburban branch of the Seattle Trust and Savings Bank. Escaping <sup>at</sup> the wheel of a waiting car -- with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The young woman -- all alone; except for a pistol in a shoulder holster -- and a hand grenade she used to threaten a teller.

I guess that's what you'd call -- a real ~~lady~~  <sup>femme</sup>  fatale.

This is Maury Webster -- and that's it for tonight.