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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There was another clash today between U.S. infantrymen and the Communist Viet Cong, in dense jungle near the Michelin Rubber Plantation -- some forty miles northwest of Saigon. American troops of the "Big Red One" -- searching the jungle for elusive remnants of a big Communist force, the one with which they clashed -- only two days earlier, when they were met -- head-on -- by the fresh Communist assault. The outcome -- still in doubt -- at last report.

Meanwhile, U.S. Naval authorities in Saigon -- today summoned a special board of inquiry. To determine the cause of the fire -- aboard the Aircraft Carrier Kitty Hawk in the Tonkin Gulf, the one that killed two sailors -- and injured twenty-nine others.

SPACE

The verb "tweak" -- according to the dictionary -- means "to seize and pull with a sharp jerk and twist -- as to tweak someone's ear."

Astronauts Frank Borman and Jim Lovell were performing a so-called special "tweak" today, in their fourth day of flawless flight -- in the Gemini-Seven.

The "tweak" -- by space definition -- a "very fine adjustment;" calling for a quick blast -- from the thrusters of the spacecraft, to hurl it from an elliptical orbit -- into one more nearly round.

This a necessary preliminary -- to get the spacecraft in position for a projected rendezvous -- with the Gemini-Six.

This maneuver has been completed -- according to plan we are told.

SUBSTITUTE FOR CAPE FOLLOW SPACE

As for the Gemini Six - still on the pad at Cape Kennedy - a malfunction ^{was} discovered today in the spacecraft's main computer, [^] Dimming chances for a head-start -- possibly as early as Sunday - on that attempted rendezvous in space.

The next big hurdle ^{is} a twelve-hour flight rehearsal [^] ~~set to begin at~~ ^{scheduled for} midnight tonight ^{but} [^] now set back until tomorrow.

DEGAULLE

French President DeGaulle -- returned to Paris today.

Not in triumph -- as he had hoped -- but apparently

determined to face the French electorate once again -- in

the run-off race for President. All we know is that

Presidential Palace sources confirm that he has decided to

run -- and is convinced -- he will win a big majority, over

Leftist Francois Mitterand. The run off^{set} for

December Nineteen

EGYPT

At Cairo -- a total of twenty-five ^{today were} men charged ~~today~~ -- with conspiring to overthrow the Egyptian government. Fourteen of them -- specifically accused of plotting the assassination of Egypt's Nasser.

The alleged conspirators -- are said to be members of the Arab Communist Party, ~~Some~~ military men -- others civilians -- all with apparent leanings toward Red China.

The plotters so sure of success - we ^{re} told -- that they even prepared a statement -- proclaiming establishment of a so-called "Egyptian Peoples Republic," ~~Apparently~~ for release -- after the successful coup. The statement -- as it turned out -- a bit premature.

BOMB

From Caracas--news today of the death of a twenty-two-year-old woman--the wife of a Venezuelan Congressman. Killed instantly by a terrorist bomb--mailed to her husband.

The young wife removing Christmas wrapping from the package--when it exploded in her hands. The bomb concealed in a statuette--of the Virgin Mary.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome--Pope Paul today proclaimed as
church law--the ^{last} four ~~statements~~ decrees of the Ecumenical Council,
including an historic document on religious liberty--to help
pave the way toward Christian unity. Also a new teaching on
marriage--that ^{does} ~~opens~~ way to eventual change in the church's
stand on birth control.

In a separate but related action--the Pontiff issued a
brief of reconciliation with the Eastern Orthodox Church.
Healing a breach with that church--that has existed for more
than nine hundred years.

PRESIDENT

A change of plans -- announced today at the Texas White House. President Johnson to confer with Pakistan's President Ayub Kahn early next week in Washington -- and not at the ranch, as originally indicated. The President further to remain in Washington -- for scheduled talks with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson -- later in the week.

As previously announced -- he'll confer with West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard on December Nineteenth and Twentieth -- at the Texas White House.

PATMAN

Congressman Wright Patman of Texas -- Chairman of the joint House and Senate Economic Committee -- today summoned all seven members of the Federal Reserve Board to committee hearings next week. Purpose: a full inquiry into the Board's recent decision to raise bank interest rates ~~in~~ in the face of Presidential opposition. Said Patman -- it's time to find out "who is in charge of this country" -- the Federal Reserve Board or the President of the United States.

HALLIBURTON

I wonder how many hundreds of thousands of Americans still remember young Richard Halliburton, who was so popular in the years before World War Two? I suppose there are millions who still recall him, and his adventures.

The question is often asked what happened to Richard Halliburton? Did he really disappear on board a Chinese junk he was attempting to sail across the Pacific?

The exciting story of Richard Halliburton, in detail, is just out in a book entitled "The Magnificent Myth;" a thrilling biography of a most unusual young American who caught the imagination of millions of his countrymen; the first biography ever written that tells the story of Richard Halliburton, of Royal Road to Romance fame -- Warren -- the story of his final voyage.

NORWAY

For the first time since World War Two -- the city of Narvik in northern Norway was alerted last night -- to the ominous approach of a German warplane. The aircraft -- a supersonic jet fighter -- that crashed a few miles south of the city. The West German Air Force left today with the problem of determining how it flew some two thousand miles -- with a dead man at the controls.

According to German officials -- radio contact with the plane was lost shortly after take-off from Noervenich near Bonn. Danish and Norwegian pilots who took up the chase -- noting that the German pilot was slumped forward in his seat. The plane -- equipped with auxiliary wing tanks -- apparently on automatic pilot.

Fortunately -- no one hurt except the pilot. Found dead -- in the wreckage. But how or why it happened -- still a mystery.