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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Greetings again from Alaska! With snow capped mountains on one side of me, and the waters of the North Pacific on the other -- let's take a look at the world.

From Alaska, Switzerland doesn't seem far away -- just over the pole.

GENEVA

At any rate, the Russians were back at the old stand today -- with the resumption of the Seventeen-nation Geneva disarmament conference. Soviet delegate Roschchin declaring there can be no new agreement on disarmament -- until the United States gets out of Vietnam. Roschchin also accusing the United States -- of so-called "provocations and hostile actions" toward Communist China.

American delegate Foster later calling the Russian stand -- nothing more than "a propaganda blast." Be that as it may -- it quickly deepened pessimism over chances for breaking the current East-West deadlock.

RUSK FOLLOW GENEVA

A related item -- from Denver. Where Secretary of State Dean Rusk today asserted that American aims in Southeast Asia -- are the same as those of NATO in Europe. The goal simply this -- said he: "To establish peace -- by deterring or repelling aggression."

"We are fighting" -- said Dean Rusk -- because we know from experience that aggression feeds on aggression; that the penalty for failing to repel aggression against South Vietnam -- almost certainly would be a larger war later on."

Thus -- said he -- America's commitment to South ~~and~~ Vietnam is, in truth, the "backbone of world peace."

THAILAND

After weeks of silence -- an official explanation today from Bangkok. For Thailand's continued refusal -- to recognize the existence of American bases in that country.

Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman admitting first-off -- that there are several such bases; that they are, in fact, used for launching American air strikes -- against Communist North Vietnam.

Khoman adding, however, that the bases are "legally" non-existent -- which means they are not provided by treaty. Because -- said he -- for Thailand to formalize the existing arrangement -- would be to surrender control of its destiny to a foreign power. And that Thailand will not do -- said he.

As for Thailand's earlier refusal to discuss the matter -- Khoman telling an American newsman: "It is not to the advantage of your country or mine -- to tell the enemy everything."

VIETNAM

Meanwhile the political crisis in South Vietnam seems to be building toward a new climax; with militant Buddhists in Siagon -- staging a day-long series of anti-government demonstrations. This in protest against Premier Ky's decision to put off until next year -- the promised election of a civilian government.

The rioters shouting -- "down with President Johnson." Burning American and South Vietnamese jeeps -- stoning police -- and fighting with troop reinforcements; until finally routed -- by tear gas and clubs.

Budhist leader Phich That Minh -- later threatened to launch an "America go Home" campaign; if Washington continues to support -- the ~~present~~⁹ present military government.

WAR FOLLOW VIETNAM

On the fighting front--something of a mystery early today. In the sudden appearance of two unidentified propeller-driven aircraft -- over the South China Sea. This in the vicinity of ships -- of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

One of these was quickly blasted from the night sky by a U.S. Navy jet; the other -- turning tail toward the North. Who they were -- or where they came from -- nobody knows.

U.S. officials saying that as far as we can determine -- the North Vietnamese Air Force has no propeller-driven fighter craft.

PYRAMID

An agreement today between American and Egyptian officials -- calling for the biggest X-Ray job in the history of man. In effect -- a photo-electric treasure hunt -- into the massive Pyramid of Kufren.

Kufren -- an ancient Pharaoh -- who is said to have been immortalized by the Sphinx, and one of the three pyramids near Cairo -- one of the world's great tourist attractions. Down through the years all accessible corridors and walls have been thoroughly explored -- by grave robbers and archaeologists.

The question now -- whether there is anything left. To find out -- American scientists will set up electronic equipment -- in the corridor that extends into the center of the Pyramid. They will bombard all the hidden interior of the pyramid with cosmic rays -- to see what's there.

The cost -- about a quarter of a million dollars. With

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the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and the Smithsonian Institute -- providing most of the money; Egypt -- the rest.-- in what they are calling "a happy marriage of ancient Egyptology -- and modern physics."

GLACIER BAY

I have just come from my third visit to one of the most spectacular parts of our most spectacular states. If you live in Colorado, Arizona or one of our other Western states you might want to argue with me about that. But, Alaska is so vast and so full of wonders that -- well, come up and see for yourself.

At any rate, we have just been to Glacier Bay, a national monument that covers more than four thousand square miles, includes eighteen or twenty giant glaciers, and for a background a range of snow-capped mountains rising right out of the sea.

A huge new lodge has just been opened, for you, at Glacier Bay, by the National Park Service; and new boats have just gone into service to take you for a tour of the glaciers.

It's only a short run from Juneau, by boat, or in an amphibian plane. So, don't miss Glacier Bay -- until now one of the least accessible of the scenic wonders of the world.

PLANT

From Lima, Peru, comes the story today -- of a strange new plant. Peruvian Agronomist Diomenes Zevallos -- reporting that he has successfully crossed a turnip with a cabbage. The resulting Hybrid -- product of ten years research -- is said to be a root rich in oil; supposedly far better than olive oil -- and far cheaper than domestic cooking oils.

The name of this cross -- between a turnip and a cabbage? In combining those two words Diomenes Zevallos had a choice between "Turbage," and "Cabnip", and Diomenes, of course, chose "turbage."

Up here in Alaska, where at this season you have daylight both night and day, a single cabbage may be almost as big as a bushel basket. So I can just see Fred Machatanz and his neighbors in the Matanuska Valley having a field day ~~raising~~^{raising} Diomenes Zevallos' turbage!

Warren, will you have some turbage?