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~~With that~~ ^{First a} ~~a hearty~~ welcome to our

newest CBS radio affiliate -- station WKOP in

Binghamton, New York which today joins the network.

~~And so long until tomorrow.~~

TAXES

President Nixon's long awaited tax reform package - finally presented to Congress today. In ~~it -~~ ^{it -} one way or another - a little of "something for everybody". Its main provisions including: one - virtual elimination of the "very poor" from the nation's tax rolls. Two, enactment of a so-called "minimum tax" on the "very rich". Third - immediate ~~repeal~~ ^{repeal} of the present seven percent investment tax; this - to help curb ~~inflation~~ ^{inflation}. And four - a drastic reduction of the present income tax surcharge; from ten percent down to five percent -- effective January One.

Ultimate effect of these changes - if they all go through - a ~~transfer~~ ^{transfer} of U S revenues to the tune of about four billion. According to Treasury officials - a trade off - "not penny to penny, but substantially balanced." In the words of President Nixon - an effort to "lighten the burden of those who pay too much -

and ~~increase~~ increase the taxes of those who pay too little."

As for Congressional reaction - mostly good so far. Senate Majority leader Mike Mansfield saying of the tax plan: "It is worthy of every consideration." House Speaker John McCormick adding: "It seems pretty consistent with good democratic policies."

FALMOUTH

From Falmouth, England, news today of one of the greatest sailing achievements of all time. After ten months at sea - Britain's Robin Knox-Johnstone returning again to British waters. His thirty two foot ketch - already in sight of land. Within a matter of hours - the former merchant seaman expected to become the ~~first~~ first man - ever to sail solo, non-stop around the world.

Knox-Johnstone's route - the same as that of Sir Francis Chichester, a ^{year or so ago,} ~~couple of years back~~. Except that the latter stopped briefly at Australia - before heading on home. Knox-Johnstone - on the other hand - completely on his own ever since last June. Now about to win - Britain's coveted golden globe trophy, offered only two years ago - to see if there was any yachtsmen who could possibly out-do Sir Francis. Robin Knox-Johnstone ^{thought} he could - and apparently he has.

NEW YORK

*From Secretary of State William Rogers
in New York - a blue print today for U S disengagement
in Vietnam. The Secretary saying we are still shooting
for mutual withdrawal of all foreign troops - as our
first order of business at Paris.*

*However, we have not placed all our eggs
in one basket - said he. Adding that the U S is urgently
strengthening South Vietnamese forces ^{to enable them} "to assume a
growing Share of the combat burden." And this -
said he "is why the government of South Vietnam is
giving such high priority - to developing the political
unity of the country."*

PENTAGON-YOKOSUKA

Meanwhile the Pentagon announced ^S~~today~~ -
formation of a twenty-three ship special naval task
force ^{with} _λ its area of assignment - the Sea of Japan;
in keeping with President Nixon's promise that U S
ships and planes operating there "will be protected."

And quite a force is it, too. The group
consisting of four aircraft carriers - three cruisers -
and sixteen destroyers. With back up strength including
the giant U.S.S. New Jersey - the world's only
operational battleship ^{which is} _λ scheduled to arrive at the
U S Navy base at Yokosuka, Japan some time tomorrow
morning,

NAPLES

also -
~~Half way round the world - a brace of war~~
games ^{are going on} ~~today~~ in the Mediterranean. Off the coast of Sardinia; an Allied armada of some sixty ships taking part in an operation called "dawn patrol." While close by - a Russian fleet of like size was conducting its own naval exercise.

Both sides insisting - it was all a coincidence. However, Nato officials at Naples adding
"It is quite obvious - that each side is keeping an eye on the other."

RUMSFELD

Here at home again - the new commander designate of the U S war on poverty - Congressman Donald Rumsfeld of ~~klax~~ Illinois - by appointment today - from President Nixon.

At the same time - an upgrading of the anti-poverty post. The President naming Rumsfeld an assistant on the White ~~xx~~^{Qax} House staff with Cabinet rank - instead of merely director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

This, in effect, raising Rumsfeld's new salary - to the same as that of a Congressman. Money aside though - the President ^{was} praising Rumsfeld's "great courage" _↳ In agreeing to give up a safe congressional seat - to take on "this immensely important assignment."

SUPREME COURT

Elsewhere in Washington - the Supreme Court was ~~again making waves~~ ~~today~~ First and foremost, rejecting as unconditional - state laws setting one year's residency requirements for welfare payments. In another case - reversing the conviction of a New York youth - who allegedly threatened the life of then President Johnson.

The court ruling that "a threat must be distinguished - from what is constitutionally protected speech." In a third case - declaring null and void a New York law - one that makes it a crime - to 1/2 "cast contempt: on the American flag - by words or acts. The issue here again - "free speech" - said the court.

MEXICO CITY

Found; a new use for cactus - as reported ~~today~~ from Mexico City. Research chemist Humberto Espinosa - ~~told~~ telling of experiments with the here-to-fore much maligned cactus plant; experiments which have finally lead him to ~~be~~ the discovery of two new ingredients said to be of great potential to the Mexican economy.

The first - says Humberto Espinosa - a ~~is~~ substance that whi's up into a magnificent beauty cream. The second - we are told a ~~some~~ scent comparable to that of the finest perfumes. The two of them combined - apparently guaranteed to make every ^{haven -} girl - like Lauren Bacall a real - "Cactus flower."

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MANILA

At Manila - a charge today that it's practically "a woman's world" at least, as far as the Philippine diplomatic service is concerned. This - according to Philippine Foreign Secretary Carlos Romulo; who complains that more than a third of the country's overseas representatives are women - and he just doesn't ~~like~~ like it.

What's wrong with women diplomats? Plenty - says Carlos Romulo. For one thing - they're too delicate for certain assignments - said he; for another - they usually bring along ~~xxx~~ unemployed husbands. Another source of potential trouble. And worst of all - said Carlos Romulo - they're always getting pregnant and ~~quitting~~ quitting.