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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

First, a salute to Dallas Townsend who has been taking my place while I have been off on a hurried trip to Europe, Asia and Africa -- much too hurried.

Just off the plane, before I give you a few highlights of today's news, one brief comment on the journey from which I have returned.

One of the places I visited was the new high dam above Aswan on the Nile, the dam the Russians have been building. If you have been wondering^{if}/the huge images of Rameses the Second at Abu Simbel, would be rescued -- yes, Ramses is out of danger. The flood waters from the dam have risen above where the Abu Simbel temple was -- but those of you who have contributed -- you have rescued the stunning temple of Ramses.

~~Now Rameses~~ ^{He} high up on the bank out of danger. But, more money is needed to put the temple in shape, make it presentable for those of you who will be journeying up the Nile in years to come.

We made a five hour trip down the Nile ~~as~~ from Abu Simbel, and across the huge new Aswan Dam, in a hydrofoil which was quite an experience.

But more about that later.

MADRID FOLLOW LONDON

Another bizarre story - comes today from Madrid. The story of an alleged plot by Spanish anarchists - to kidnap U S Ambassador Angier Biddle Duke -- as well as other ~~prax~~ prominent Americans living in Spain. Purpose: to dramatize ~~their~~ opposition to the Franco regime.

The plotters - according to Police - four men and a woman. Members of an anarchist group called - "Juventudes Libertarias" - meaning - libertarian youths. The same group responsible for the kidnappin^g earlier this year - of the Spanish ecclesiastical envoy to the Vatican.

The case cracked when police spotted one of the anarchists aboard a train - and through him traced the four others. ^{Now} All in jail -- before they had a chance to put their latest kidnap plan into effect.

PARIS

*DeGaulle of France - "Le Grand Charles" -
again a thorn in the side of American foreign policy -
at his regular semi-annual news conference - today in
Paris.*

*In response to questions he had planted
himself - as usual - DeGaulle calling U S bombing of
North Viet Nam -- "absolutely loathsome," as he put it.
Adding that military victory in Viet Nam - is impossible
for either side. Further, that there can be no peace
in southeast Asia - without the direct participation of
Red China. In effect, urging establishment of formal
diplomatic relations - now - between Washington and
Peking.*

*DeGaulle conceding - ~~it~~ is true that France's
position angers many Americans." "But we stand by it" -
said he -- "because there is no other conceivable
solution."*

BANGKOK FOLLOW DEGAULLE

Meanwhile, on the other side of the globe -
another rip-roaring welcome today ~~for~~~~for~~~~for~~ for touring
President Johnson; in the fabled city of Bangkok, - *city of*
pagodas and Buddhas -
Temple, ~~named~~, capital of Thailand.

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A crowd estimated at a hundred thousand - waiting
to greet the President; when he arrived by helicopter -
at the Thai Royal Palace. The President responding with
a brief speech - followed by thunderous applause. One
day - said he - even Red China and North Viet Nam will
join us - in a "Pacific brotherhood" of peace.

Be that as it may - no peace as yet in Viet Nam, where American forces today suffered their second spectacular disaster - in just three days.

The first - that tragic fire aboard the aircraft carrier Oriskany. And now - a series of fiery explosions - in one of the biggest U S ammunition dumps in Viet Nam. A tremendous blow-up - killing and wounding an undisclosed number of American soldiers. Force of the chain-reaction so great - that it shattered windows in downtown ~~sa~~ Saigon - ~~fully~~ eleven miles away.

The blast that set it off - said to have been the result of a Viet Cong sneak mortar attack. American officers ~~re~~porting that one of the Red Shells - apparently hit home.

WASHINGTON

Here at home - first official reaction today - to Red China's claim of having ~~just~~ fired a nuclear-armed guided missile. The U S State Department accusing the Chinese - of polluting the air with their nuclear tests; of doing so - "in defiance of world opinion." Adding that "since Communist China has refused to sign the limited nuclear test ban treaty - it can ~~be~~ be expected there will be further tests of this kind."

Unofficially, U S authorities asserting that Red Chinese missilery - is still in its infancy. Speculating however, that if yesterday's initial test was as good as claimed - the Chinese could well have medium range ballistic missiles - "as early as next year."

PRICES FOLLOW WASHINGTON

On the domestic front - a government boost today to housewives across the nation, ^{up} in arms - over the rising cost of ~~gaa~~ food.

The Federal Trade Commission launching a full-scale investigation -- of gimmicks such as "super-market bingo," "supermarket sweepstakes" and other games of chance; To see whether they^{re} legal - or whether they^{re} merely helping ~~to~~ raise food prices.

While the investigation is under way - ~~staa~~ said the F T C - the ~~da~~ food industry might well consider voluntary elimination of the practices in question: if, in fact, they "are unfair or deceptive - or add unjustifiably to the American housewife's grocery bill."

LONDON

Plans for one of the most amazing parties in history - announced today in London. ^{The} A party ~~at once~~ ^{also} ~~the same time~~ ^{an} ironic commentary ~~of~~ on the cold war - and a throwback to ~~chick~~ chivalrous days of yesteryear.

It's a sort of farewell fling - for Soviet General Sergei Edemsky - military attache to the Soviet Embassy in London; who is giving the party himself next Monday at the Soviet Embassy - preparatory to retiring from active duty.

What makes the affair so unusual - the fact that General Edemsky is generally considered one of the top Russian spies in London. His guest-list, what's more - including three hundred members of the London diplomatic corps. ^{Some} ~~Many~~ of whom ^{may be} ~~are doubtless~~ master spies - just as their host. ^{But} ~~who are~~ nevertheless, chipping in - to buy him a farewell present.

According to the London Daily Express - which

broke the story - it should be quite a ball. Or as they

~~Warren~~
put it ~~h~~ "one of the most amusing encounters of

espionage and counter-espionage agents - ever seen in

1/2 London, "or any where.

NEW YORK FOLLOW CHICAGO

A book just out -- for teen-agers called -- "The Seventeen Book Of Very Important Persons." A collection of sage advice -- from forty-three prominent people, who share in common -- the same qualification for teen-ager counselor: They've all bee there.

Cartoonist, author and sculptor Rube Goldberg recalls that John D. Rockefeller Junior -- father of Nelson, Lawrance, David, Winthrop, John D. III -- was once asked what it takes to be a good father. Said John D. Junior: "Just give them a good mother."