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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today's top story has been causing newsmen to refer to - "Senator Kennedy." The reason obvious. The state of the union message brought John Kennedy - back to Capitol Hill, back to the Halls of Congress - where he spent fourteen years helping make the nations laws. But today he returned as - the nation's chief executive. President Kennedy, addressing a joint session of Congress - telling us how he thinks we stand at home and abroad.

The youthful president received a thunderous ovation from his old colleagues - as he strode down the aisle today. And he was so moved by the tribute his hands shook; he dropped part of his manuscript to the floor; and had to stoop to recover the papers - before he could begin. Altho' his voice sounded nervous a few times - there was no hesitation in his

manner.

By now I suppose most of you know - what he said. And he said a lot. Tens of millions of Americans - listened to him as he spoke words, of warning - and challenge. He made no attempt to minimize what he considers our problems - about Khrushchev, Castro, unemployment, juvenile delinquency; and so on. He summed it all up with the words - "life in Nineteen Sixty-One will not be easy." Adding - "there will be further set-backs before the tide is turned."

Then he called on all Americans - to help turn the tide. And he promised to give the nation - the leadership it needs.

For all his evident pessimism, young President Kennedy obviously believes - that America has the resources to save the free world. He wants us to act vigorously - to use those resources.

REACTION FOLLOW KENNEDY

On Capitol Hill, the reaction to the State of this dramatic Union message - seems split along party lines. The Democrats broke into with applause - thirty-nine times. Sometimes - but not every time they were joined by the Republicans.

President Johnson - as you would expect, says he was impressed. Senate Democratic leader, Mike Mansfield of Montana, naturally praises the President - for as he put it "laying the cards on the table." Democratic Senator Fulbright of Arkansas feels that the American people now know - in his words, "the truth about our affairs."

What do the Republicans say? Senator Aiken of Vermont blames Mr. Kennedy - for attributing most of our troubles to the Eisenhower administration. Senator Cotton of New Hampshire says he is disturbed - by the Kennedy spending programs. Conservative Barry

Goldwater of Arizona charges that President Kennedy -
"hit the panic button." Says Goldwater: - "I hate to
see four years of government by crisis."

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EUROPE FOLLOW REACTION

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RUSSIA FOLLOW EUROPE

Of course that's

The reaction in Moscow, - ~~is~~ carefully tailored
to the ~~President~~ present Khrushchev line. The boss of the
Kremlin could have become angry about - the Kennedy
reference to Red tyranny. Instead, Soviet broadcasts
are emphasizing - the Kennedy proposal for a pooling of
knowledge about space. And a common attack on the
remaining problems of - space exploration.

evidently
Khrushchev, handing down the word - no rocking
the boat, while he ~~is~~ angling for a meeting with the
American President.

SHIPS

An American admiral left Brazil today - to board a Portuguese ship. Admiral Allen Smith, our Caribbean Commander - to confer with Henrique Galvao aboard the Santa Maria. Purpose - to effect the release of the six hundred passengers on the captured vessel. Tonight Admiral Smith is on his way by destroyer, toward a rendezvous - with the Santa Maria. He's expected to go aboard - at daybreak. The Santa Maria - afterward? It looks like quite an international tangle in the making - a Portuguese ship, the Portuguese government - and the new President of Brazil who says Galvao is his friend.

WINDSORS

Tonight the British are debating - an old subject. One they've been trying to sweep under the carpet - since Nineteen Thirty Six. That old question of - the Duke and Dutchess of Windsor. Should the former King be allowed to settle in London - with his American wife? And haven't the British treated them shabily? The ex-King who as a young prince gave so many years of his life for the Empire.

The question, arising again - because of a Liberal candidate for Parliament; one Donald Barrington-Hudson who has organized a poll - to see how the British people feel about it. He says he'll present the results - to the Queen. If the results are favorable to the Windsors - then this candidate for Parliament hopes Her Majesty will invite her uncle to return to London for good. Barrington-Hudson calls his pro-Windsor campaign - "a plea for tolerance."

So far from Buckingham Palace - cold silence.
Around London, it's taken for granted that the Queen
will refuse - no matter how many petitions are
presented. The reason - the familiar one. The Duke
refuses to return - without the Dutchess. And the
former Mrs. Simpson is still persona non grata - as
far as the royal family is concerned. The Queen,
steadfastly refusing to accord her the honors of - a
royal Dutchess.

RUANDA

In the African territory of Ruanda - it's the end of a whole historical epoch. Four hundred years of history - coming to an end. It's been four centuries since the Watutsi conquered Ruanda - and subjugated the Bahutus who lived there. The Watutsi, tallest people in the world - many of them are over seven feet tall - have controlled Ruanda ever since. That is - until now.

A dispatch from Ruanda tells of - the Bahutus revolting. Deposing their Watutsi overlord - King Kigeri the Fifth. The six-foot-eight monarch - who holds the world altitude record, for royalty. You may remember seeing him in Cinerama; he played an imposing role in our Seven Wonders of the World.

This African take over in Ruand, is typical of the Twentieth Century. The Bahutus, who used to be slaves of the Watutsi - always out-numbered their masters; and now the Bahutus have gained their freedom

by the simple expedient - of out-voting the Watutsi.

A Ruanda election - knocking the King right off that

four-hundred year old throne. Down goes the tall

king. Now what? Dick?

SPACE

Pres. K. ^{Speaking about Space} was today in his dramatic speech —
The nations conferring in Strasbourg, France,

about a joint space program - are being international even in their rocket technique. Deciding to make the workhorse of their program - a combination of British and French rockets. ~~First~~ First stage - the British "Blue Streak", and Second stage - the French "Veronique". The twelve nations in Strasbourg will contribute enough money - to let their international rocket put artificial satellites into orbit. Their first objective - weather research and communications.