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*Good Evening Everybody:*

*The number one story tonight - the Civil Rights bill, the measure that went through a series of stormy debates on Capitol Hill, including - the longest filibuster in the history of Congress, and finally made it - from Capitol Hill to the White House. Reaching the President's desk - today, after a lopsided majority - in the House: two hundred and eighty-nine - to one hundred and twenty six.*

*President Johnson had two alternatives - before him. Either hold the document for a ceremonial signing - on July Fourth, or sign it immediately. He chose the latter, saying it's too vital to the nation to be held up a day longer than necessary. Speaking this evening the President said:- "We believe that all men have*

*certain unalienable rights. Many of them do not enjoy those rights. Then he paid tribute to those Republicans and Democrats who joined to pass it.*

## GOP

*The debate inside the GOP is becoming more intense - with the convention less than two weeks off. The star of the drama, the man at the center of all the political hullabaloo - isn't saying much. Barry Goldwater, obviously feeling that the strategy for him - is to remain silent, and let the bandwagon roll under its own momentum - toward what he thinks and many think will be a first ballot nomination.*

*Scranton's strategy - just the opposite. The Pennsylvania Governor, lambasting - the front runner. Repeating in Oregon, what he has been saying that Goldwater is too reactionary to be the Republican standard bearer.*

*The real debate of the moment, however, involves men behind the candidates; ex-Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and Senator Everett Dirksen. Lodge denies that South Viet Nam can be a legitimate campaign issue, and scoffs at the Dirksen decision - to put*

*Goldwater's name before the convention. The belief still is that Lodge would like General Eisenhower to do the same for Scranton.*

*Meanwhile - Dirksen is counter attacking; insisting that South Viet Nam - will be a real campaign issue, and charging that Cabot Lodge - Republican Vice Presidential nominee in Nineteen Sixty - kept "bankers hours" during that campaign, the Lodge leghargy contributing to the Nixon defeat. So says Senator Dirksen.*

## CASTRO

*Two things that Castro said last night - are having repercussions today; and could lead to another Cuban crisis.*

*First - the bearded dictator is incensed over the defection of his sister. He calls it "bitter, painful" that Juana Castro talked to newsmen in Mexico City, warning the nations of this hemisphere that Cuba is now under the heel of a Red police state. Enough to make her brother go into one of his famous paroxysms.*

*Adding to the danger - Castro's second statement. Namely - that he is acquiring the means to stop the American flights. Which presumably refers to - the Soviet missiles on the island.*

*If Castro should lose his head - and shoot down one of our reconnaissance planes - that could be the Caribbean incident that Khrushchev has said he doesn't want.*

## MALENKOV

A name that used to be in headlines - is  
back. Not quite - in headlines; But it's remarkable  
to see Malenkov <sup>well</sup> mentioned in ~~the~~ news dispatches.

Stalin's hand-picked successor disappeared into Soviet  
Central Asia - when Khrushchev overthrew him. Given  
charge of - a power station. <sup>Where</sup> He's been languishing  
~~there~~ ever since.

Why - is Malenkov mentioned tonight? Because  
Khrushchev, inspecting a Norwegian factory - told the  
owner it was too small for a Soviet manager to ~~α~~  
bother with. The Norwegian replied - "how about comrade  
Malenkov?"

Khrushchev - didn't ~~α~~ bat an eyelash. His  
answer "Malenkov isn't competent enough."

## COMMUNISM

*The new regulations clamped on the Hainan Strait by the Chinese Reds - are aimed at the Soviet Union.*

*The Hainan Strait separates the island of Hainan from mainland China. And leads from the South China Sea - into the Tonkinese Gulf. The short route to Haiphong - the port city of Hanoi, capital of Red North Viet Nam.*

*The Russians have been sending their ships from Vladivostok to Haiphong - by way of the Hainan Strait. Khrushchev, trying to keep his influence alive - in North Viet Nam. But Mao doesn't want - any competition from the Kremlin; and today cut the Soviet lifeline - to Hanoi by issuing - a new set of marine regulations.*

*Mao informing Khrushchev bluntly that he will decide - whether or not Soviet vessels use the Hainan Strait.*

## THRESHER

The verdict of a congressional committee -  
will be the final one on the "Thresher" disaster; Unless  
the wreckage of the nuclear sub - should be found  
some time in the future.

All of the available facts have been studied -  
since the "Thresher" went down in the Atlantic in  
April of Nineteen Sixty-Three; And the committee admits  
- ~~that~~ we just don't know what happened. The best guess  
is - mechanical failure. Perhaps, a pipe - snapping,  
causing the nuclear engine - to go dead. Which would  
have forced the sub down - ~~down~~ under its own weight,  
until the pressure of the water - cracked the hull.

The wreckage of the "Thresher" - settling  
on the ocean floor. The tomb of - the hundred and twenty  
one men on board.



## SPANKING

*When it comes to paddling - not ~~α~~ canoes - but co-eds -- well, John Guise of Cornwall, England, gave himself that assignment.*

*John Guise is the headmaster - of Helston College. Among his students, Mary Wells and Angelica Hale - both eighteen - who were supposed to be rehearsing their parts in "Romeo and Juliet". But the gals were found overacting - with two of the boys in the play.*

*Result - Mary and Angelica were marched off to the headmaster's office. Where he spanked both co-eds - with a hair brush. Sounds like a pleasant assignment - for a sixty year old headmaster of a British public school. But John Guise is paying - for the pleasure. The court feeling - that he did fifty pounds worth of damages - to his co-eds.*

*I can't think of a line from "Romeo and Juliet" - to fit this case. But what about another Shakespeare*

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<sup>Said</sup>  
play? <sup>^</sup> Holofernes, the schoolmaster - "I will put it to  
them". Love's labor lost - Act Four, scene two, Dick.

## SIBERIA

*Now, if the Soviet government sends you to Siberia - that sounds rather grim. Siberia, notorious for its prison camps - ever since the days of the Czars. Especially notorious - during Stalin's reign of terror. Even today, Russians shudder at the thought of being sent to Siberia.*

*Perhaps Khrushchev wants to do something about the terrifying reputation of the USSR's vast Asian domain. Anyway, Moscow has just announced - that Siberia is being opened to tourism. A three week vacation in Siberia - for two hundred and ten rubles.*

*That's enough to raise - a few Muscovite eyebrows. Guided tours - to Siberia? I suppose it had to come.*