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(ANCHORAGE, ALASKA)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Despite rumors to the contrary -- Britain will continue to maintain her military might East of Suez. Refusing to withdraw her forces -- from strife-torn Asia. This promise was made today by British Prime Minister Wilson -- at a tense Labor Party caucus; in the face of demands from both right and left -- that Britain abandon its bases in Malaysia, Singapore, and the Persian Gulf.

Wilson asserting that Britain dare not leave the United States and Red China -- in an "eyeball to eyeball" confrontation in Asia: for that -- said he -- would be "the surest prescription for a nuclear holocaust."

The world today is too small for that -- said he -- and his party, the Laborites, today endorsed this policy -- by a vote of nearly five to one!

DE GAULLE

From Paris -- how's this for a strange twist -- in the tangled web of European politics? The powerful French Communist Party launching an all-out campaign against DeGaulle -- on the eve of his momentous visit to Moscow. DeGaulle, in turn answering with a bitter counter -2 attack on the French communists -- with -- of all things -- an unwitting assist from the Kremlin.

The explanation? DeGaulle and the French Communist Party have been unrelenting enemies -- ever since he first came to power in 1940. Also -- in recent years -- the Communists have been leading the fight against DeGaulle's plans -- for a new and greater France.

The latest battle -- result of a decision by DeGaulle himself; to use his growing friendship with Moscow -- in an effort to repudiate the Communist opposition at home. His state visit to Russia appearing not only a personal triumph in the field of foreign diplomacy, but also just in time -- for

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the next French Parliamentary election.

Politics does make strange bedfellows.

MC NAMARRA

FOLLOW FRANCE

A FEW HOURS LATER - DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT MC NAMARRA TODAY
ANNOUNCED PLANS - FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL U.S. AIR FORCE UNITS NOW
STATIONED IN FRANCE. THE EXODUS TO BE COMPLETED - SAID HE - IN
THE "NEXT FEW MONTHS."
SUDDENNESS OF THE WITHDRAWAL - APPARENTLY DUE IN PART TO A
RELATED FRENCH DECISION; TO WITHDRAW A NUMBER OF FRENCH AIR FORCE
UNITS FROM WEST GERMANY - AS OF JULY FIRST. AMERICAN PLANES TO
BE MOVED FROM FRANCE - PRESUMABLY TO FILL THE GAP IN NATO DEFENSES.

VIETNAM

As for the political crisis in Vietnam, today the Buddhists were beating their alarm drums in the city's great Pagoda -- calling the Faithful to battle in an attempt to topple the military government of Premier Ky.

At one Point -- they cut off Saigon's main highway with a flaming barricade.

As for the war, U.S. Navy jets today were blasting a Communist radar site -- just eight miles from Haiphong; the closest they have come -- to that major Viet Cong seaport.

DRAFT

Public hearings on the draft -- are set to begin in Congress a week from today. The go-ahead given today -- by the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee; in reaction to a flood of complaints -- about alleged inequities in the present system of selective service.

Draft Director Lewis Hershey -- the first witness will defend the present system ; also a comment on proposals for a lottery system -- with the names of draftees to be drawn at random.

Congressional observers say there is little likelihood of a change in the draft set-up, at least before June of next year.

PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY

A MAMMOTH MEDICAL MEETING TODAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE - FOR SOME THREE HUNDRED DOCTORS AND HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY, TO HEAR A TALK FROM THE PRESIDENT IN BEHALF OF MEDICARE - WHICH STARTS JULY ONE.

THE PRESIDENT FRANKLY ADMITTING - "THERE ARE GOING TO BE PROBLEMS." PERHAPS THE MOST SERIOUS - SAID HE - FOR ABOUT TWENTY PERCENT OF THE NATION'S HOSPITALS; THOSE THAT STILL HAVE ~~REEM~~ REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POSITIONS OF FEDERAL LAW AND WILL FACE THE LOSS OF ALL FEDERAL FUNDS.

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MEANWHILE, THE FIRST LADY IN AN ADDRESS - TO THE NEBRASKA STATE CONFERENCE ON NATURAL BEAUTY, TOLD HER AUDIENCE THAT QUOTE: "THE VERY BIRTHRIGHT OF AMERICA IS AT STAKE." SHE WAS REFERRING TO THE WAY WE ARE RUINING OUR COUNTRY WITH SIGNS, JUNKYARDS AND ALL THAT.

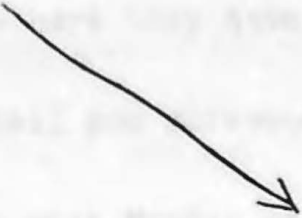
ALASKA CENTENNIAL

Although Alaskans haven't forgotten the great earthquake of three years ago -- the most severe in the history of North America -- to the casual observer almost all evidence of the earthquake seems to have disappeared. But -- if you come north as a visitor -- a tourist -- they will show you dramatic evidence of what happened -- street levels that dropped, the turnagain residential section that slid into Cook Inlet, and so on. But, many Alaskans say that in over all results the earthquake was a blessing rather than a disaster. Of course that doesn't mean to the individual who lost his home, or his fishing boat, or his business down by the sea that was swept away by a tidal wave. But in the wake of that tremendous and thrilling earthquake, since then has come a great building boom, anda sudden burst of activity in many dirctions here in the north.

For one thing, Alaskas are making plans for next year,

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which they tell me is sure to be one of the great years in Alaskan history. For Alaskans are getting ready to celebrate their centennial. You see, in Sixty-Seven it will be just one hundred years since Secretary Seward convinced Abraham Lincoln and his Cabinet that Alaska should be purchased from the Russians, -- the Czars people who at that time were so dumb as to be willing to sell it, almost for a song. As you no doubt will recall, Seward bought this great Northern empire twice as large as Texas plus Indiana, for just over Seven Million dollars.



So, next year is to be the centennial year.

Fairbanks, known as "the golden heart of Alaska", is already at work on what you might call an Alaskan World's Fair -- a big exposition. Juneau, still the spectacular capital of Alaska, will have a handsome new museum to house the thousands of interesting things that were in the old Juneau museum. Also, Ketchikan, Nome, and other centers, are making their centennial plans.

As for Anchorage, the Alaskan metropolis, the thrilling and still quite new city here at the head of Cook Inlet,--it seems new to me because when I first came to Alaska there was no Anchorage -- here they have twenty-seven projects under way. I will tell you more about these in a later broadcast, perhaps next Monday or Tuesday.

DODD

Senator Thomas Dodd of Connecticut -- a witness in his own defense today; before a tribunal of Senate colleagues -- hearing charges of misconduct made against him by former employees.

One after another -- Dodd refuting charges that he was an "errand boy" -- for lobbyist Julius Klein; denying that he ever accepted expensive gifts -- in return for special favors; disputing a whole series of allegations leveled against him -- by columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson . These based on evidence -- supposedly supplied by his staff.

At one point -- Dodd asserting: "I was surrounded by people who were betraying me." "They were robbing me blind " -- said he -- "and none of them had the manhood to come forward"

In the end -- Dodd declaring: "I'm no different from other Senators -- I don't peddle anyone's wares" -- in Congress.

REAGAN

~~FORMER GOVERNOR~~ RONALD REAGAN - REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

OF CALIFORNIA - A VISITOR TODAY AT GETTYSBURG. THERE TO GET THE

ENDORSEMENT - OF FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

And -
~~AT THE SAME TIME~~

TO PICK UP SOME SAGE ADVICE - FROM THE OLD MASTER.

ON THE FIRST COUNT - ~~THE~~ IKE HEARTILY ENDORSING REAGAN - AS A

"MAN OF GREAT INTEGRITY AND COMMON SENSE." AS TO THE SECOND

- IKE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING ADVICE: "START HITTING - KEEP HITTING -

AND WHEN YOU GET TIRED - HIT HARDER." - SAID HE.


LONGEVITY

Are you interested in longevity? At Toulon, in France, a local lady by the name of Madame Marie Thomas -- celebrating her one hundred birthday; and helping her celebrate were Madame Thomas' four sisters: Jeanne - Eighty-Seven; Eliza-Eighty-Four; Leonie - Eighty-One; and Anna -- the "baby" of the family -- at Seventy-Eight.

The girls adding up to a combined total -- for four-hundred and thirty years of long and happy life. How's that for French Joie de Vie?

COUP

Another coup is reported today from Africa--from the former French Congo. First word--by way of the Tass news agency in Brazzaville. Telling of a power grab by Premier Ambroise Noumazalay--while President Alphonse Massamba-Debat was attending a conference at Madagascar.

The coup apparently inspired--by a long-standing tribal dispute. Triggered by an Army attack--on headquarters of Noumazalay's National Revolutionary Movement Party. Radio Brazzaville  later reporting a change of Army command--with the Premier said to be in full control.

NIXON

The outlook for a Republican victory in the next Presidential race -- has increased about Twenty-Five per cent in the past Two months. So said Richard Nixon -- in an appearance today at Detroit.

Nixon attributing his optimism to economic factors -- which he said will be the chief issue two years hence. Accusing the Johnson Administration of "fanning the fires of inflation" -- as he put it -- and "sowing the seeds for a recession."

As for that war in Viet Nam -- Nixon predicting that it will be over by Nineteen-Sixty-Eight -- and should not be an issue. If it is not over -- said he -- then "the United States will be in a very dangerous position."