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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Johnson today signaled the start at least, of a prosperous New Year -- for nearly five million veterans. The President ordering a speed-up in the mailing of -- G.I. insurance dividends. Some fourteen million -- to go to veterans of World War I. The rest - some two hundred and ten million -- to veterans of World War II. The stepped-up delivery date is -- January First. Nearly a quarter of a billion dollars -- in all. Just in time -- to pay those Christmas bills.

U.N.

The possibility of an explosion at the U.N. existed from the moment -- ~~that~~ the Russian delegation called for "business as usual." Meaning -- issues before the U.N., to be taken up, ~~And~~ -- voted on.

There's -- the rub: The American position is that no member has a right to vote -- if it refuses to pay what it owes the U.N. So Adlai Stevenson has been preparing -- for a critical challenge to the Soviet Union.

The hope of avoiding a crisis -- those talks *that* commenced today between Dean Rusk and Andrei Gromyko.

TEHRAN

There's news of still another crisis today -- in the Middle East. In Tehran -- capital city of oil-rich Iran. Thousands -- milling about the city. Thousands more harassed -- and angry. The reason -- not what you might expect. It was caused by a strike -- of taxicab drivers. Protesting government price increases on -- of all -- things -- gasoline and oil.

The government needs the money -- an estimated ninety-three million a year -- to finance development projects in the desert. So after three days of stalemate, the Shah of Iran -- called out the Army. What for? Why -- to get Army jeeps and trucks to haul thousands in Tehran who usually use taxis. The Shah even ordered out government Cadillacs -- all for free -- for all who need it. The Shah of Shahs trying to solve a 20th-century crisis -- a taxicab strike in Persia.

CHURCHILL

When you come to Sir Winston Churchill's birthday -- what can you say that hasn't already been said?

To begin with, there's ninety years of -- world history. Winston Churchill was born during the reign of Queen Victoria. Made a name for himself as long ago as -- the Boer War. Served as First Lord of the Admiralty -- in World War One. Held many portfolios in the cabinet. I first knew him right after World War I when he was in the Lloyd George cabinet. The climax of his achievement became the legendary Prime Minister during World War Two. Britain's -- and Churchill's -- "finest hours."

These, the high spots for a man who at the same time was doing -- a dozen other things, and -- doing them superbly, from writing and speaking great prose -- to painting on canvas. One of the longest and most distinguished careers in the history of the Mother of

the Mother of Parliaments.

But you have heard all of these Churchillian accomplishments mentioned -- over and over again. Here's one interesting point about the world's most famous statesman -- that often escapes attention. He was never an intellectual in the sense of -- say -- H.G. Wells and Bernard Shaw. During the Twenties and Thirties, Wells and Shaw -- and other writers, too -- satirized Churchill. They called him -- a romantic schoolboy. And claimed that he had no understanding of -- the drift of history. Often enough, they even scored points -- or seemed to -- because Churchill didn't bother to answer them.

And yet it Churchill's special genius and British patriotism -- not Wells' scientific philosophy that saved Britain. It was Churchill's complete conviction that Britain was right -- not Shaw's brilliance that kept hope alive in the dark days after Dunkirk.

Faith in the Nation, the Crown, and the Empire -- Churchill had it. Wells and Shaw -- didnot. History has vindicated -- Churchill.

Take the question of -- Communism. Wells' definition of Communism as "evolving liberalism" now -- belongs in the museum of intellectual archaeology. As for Shaw's defense of Stalin as a "wise statesman" -- that was what Shaw called Stalin -- it's too silly for us to read without impatience.

But Churchill's speech at Fulton, Missouri, about the "Iron Curtain" -- that speech is basic for anyone who hopes to understand our time.

All I've been trying to say -- is that the man the world salutes today -- has always been a man of instinct. And he has so often been instinctively right -- when the clever intellectuals were wrong. He has always had a feeling for the decencies -- the massive simplicities - of life. Winston Churchill -- the Man of the Century.

POLING

And let's not forget another distinguished man -- who is celebrating his birthday today. The Reverend Daniel Poling -- eighty -- the man who succeeded the legendary Russell Cowell. Too bad his son -- isn't here. The Protestant minister who -- arm in arm with a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi -- went down with the ship in World War Two. They had given up their life preservers and their places in the lifeboat to others.

Oh -- yest and another anniversary -- exactly thirty-five years since the first flight over the South Pole. At the controls, Bernt Balchen, who is still going strong.

MARINER

When a mariner is "locked" to a star -- well, you know it's a figure of speech. But as used tonight -- it has much scientific significance.

Mariner-Four receiving an electronic command to head for -- the star "Canopus." As it made the change of direction, the spacecraft began to use the star -- for dead reckoning in the voyage across space. Or, as the astronomers say -- it became "locked" to the star.

Of course, Mariner-Four's real target -- as you know -- is Mars. Arendezvous with the Red Planet -- in July.

Right now -- we have a rendezvous with Buck - and you -- Dick!

WEATHER

Shall we talk about the weather? Isn't everybody
Winter has come to the Dakotas, to Iowa, Nebraska,
and Minnesota. Along the Michigan-Indiana border --
up to eighteen inches of snow. All the way from
Mississippi to New England -- a snow storm. In
Huron, South Dakota, temperatures fell to --
twenty-one below. In Bismarck, North Dakota --
twenty-six below. In Minnesota -- at Brainerd --
thirty below. The forecast -- for tonight. Continued
cold - - over a wide area.