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Good Evening Everybody:

On the Great Plains once again they are talking about - the Dust Bowl. Reminiscing about the 'thirties' when the wind blew away those vast clouds of topsoil. Right now they say some of the landscape looks like that again.

Tornadoes whirling across the states - from Minnesota to Oklahoma, whipping up the dust - until it eclipses the sun. Cyclones tearing off roofs - and snapping off telephone poles. Some twenty-five fatalities. Hardest hit - Kansas and Missouri.

CYCLONE

From Dacca, capital of East Pakistan, comes the following:- dead - one hundred and twenty-eight. Missing, and presumed dead - one hundred and thirty-one. Injured - five hundred and seventy-three. Homeless - twenty thousand.

Because of cyclones in far off Hindustan. This whirlwind battered the area - west of Dacca. Wiping out villages. Carrying off thatched huts - and their occupants.

The toll is high - because Dacca is in a heavily populated section of East Pakistan. Tens of thousands of Pakistanis got caught in the path of the cyclone.

SKIERS

Somebody may be prosecuted - for the death of Barbara-Marie Henneberger and Bud Werner. Prosecuted for manslaughter. So say - the Swiss authorities in St. Moritz.

I suppose you've heard about the German and American skiers - being killed in the Swiss Alps. Overwhelmed - by that avalanche. Buried - under tons of snow.

They were working on - a movie about skiing. And the accusation of manslaughter is being leveled against the moviemakers - who are said to have ignored warning signs, in the avalanche zone. Signs that read "Danger! - Off Limits! Do Not Pass!"

The ski group - did pass. And they lost the two stars - of the picture. Barbara-Marie Henneberger and Bud Werner - both of whom skied in the Winter Olympics.

Werner from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, who

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although he had had lots of hard luck in races, was
our best known ski ace.

EARTHQUAKE

The earthquake that rocked Yugoslavia this morning - acted like a stone dropped into a lake. The stone causes ripples of water - in a widening circle. The earthquake did the same - except that these were ripples of earth and rock.

Tremors, racing in every direction - from the center of the shock. West - to Zagreb. East - to Belgrade. South - to Sarajevo. North - to the Danube. Big tremors - rolling like waves. Knocking down buildings - in six cities of northern Yugoslavia. In Belgrade, government buildings shook ~~so violently~~ *and* plaster fell from the ceilings. Many Yugoslavs injured - as they fled into the streets.

ALASKA

And aftermath quakes continue to jolt Alaska.

But the real story now - is the tides. The spring tides - of Alaska. Every year at this time, the sea rises - about two feet. Usually held in check - by the high coastline. And - seawalls. Result - part of Anchorage is under three feet of water, tonight, with predictions of - four feet tomorrow.

A new hazard for the survivors - of the earthquake. The spring tides - of Alaska.

SPACE

You perhaps have heard this repeated over and over today - the names of the astronauts who will take off on our next manned space flight. We also know - the rocket, and - the space capsule.

Gus Grissom and John Young to ride a Gemini spacecraft powered by - a Titan-Two rocket. This to be the first of the series - taking over from the Mercury program.

Gus Grissom, as Air Force Major - made that suborbital flight in nineteen sixty-one. You may recall that after he climbed out of the capsule - it shipped water and sank in the Atlantic. John Yount, a Lieutenant Commander - in the Navy, is one of our new astronauts.

If their flight comes off as scheduled - Grissom and Young will do this one together. Both inside - the Gemini capsule. When and if they do - it will be the first dual flight - in the history of space exploration. Unless the Russians beat us to it.

VIET NAM

The American Secretary of State is getting support from - the Viet Nameese Foreign minister. Dean Rusk's argument - echoed by Thanat Khoman.

Place - Manila. Occasion - the tenth annual Seato conference. Subject - South Viet Nam.

The French Foreign Minister came out in favor of - neutralism for that beleaguered nation of Southeast Asia. Couve de Murville, telling the conference - that he doubts a military victory can be won. His alternative - neutralism. *Whereupon*

^ Secretary Rusk took up the challenge to our Vietnamese policy - by pointing to the split in the Communist bloc. And arguing that the hostility between Russia and Red China - may lift the pressure on Southeast Asia, *and* Allow South Viet Nam - to survive in freedom. "This is no time," said *the* Secretary of State - "to give up the war against the guerrillas."

That was when Thanht Khoman arose - to back up
Dean Rusk. The Vietnamese Foreign Minister, pointing
to - the Red record of betrayal in Laos, ~~and~~ warning
the members of Seato that neutralism would, ~~in his~~ ^{said he}
~~words~~ - "deliver South Viet Nam, bound hand and foot,
to the aggressors."

GOLD

More news about gold from the Soviet Union.

Another consignment of gold reaching Paris. One hundred and ninety-nine cases - aboard two cargo planes. Weight of the gold - thirteen tons.

The second consignment - within a week. The third - within a month. So far some seventy tons of gold have been sent to the West by Khrushchev - since the first of the year. To pay for Western consumer goods. American wheat - for example.

BASEBALL

A "Quorum Call" summoned members of Congress back to Capitol Hill today. But didn't break up the ball game. Senators summoned because of the Civil Rights Bill. They trudged out of the stadium wistfully - in the top of the fourth inning.

One fan who didn't leave - Lyndon Johnson. The President threw out the first ball and stayed until the last out, Dick, as the Los Angeles Angels beat the Washington Senators, four to nothing.

RUMOR

That rumor about Khrushchev's death - had warning flags all over it. A British source, quoting a West German source - quoting a Russian source. How implausible - can a news story get?

Anyway, the word "hold" - came from the West German source. That means hold up the story. Maybe it isn't so. Then Tass reported - nothing to the rumor. Khrushchev at the Kremlin - a party for the Polish delegation - alive and well. In fact in his usual good form - drinking one toast after another.