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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here's a cheeffull first day of Spring. A bill to raise the Federal minimum wage -- from a dollar and a quarter to a dollar sixty over the next two years -- was approved quickly today -- in Washington -- by a House Committee, with little discussion -- and virtually no opposition.

The bill -- as presently written -- extending minimum wage coverage to an additional seven million workers. Mainly those in service areas -- such as, Hotel, restaurant and laundry employees. But also, farm workers and Federal "blue collar" employees -- ~~minimum wage~~ who have been exempt heretofore from minimum wage coverage, some of whom are even now said to be earning less than sixty cents an hour.

## MESSAGE

Still another special message to congress today. In this one the President once again renewing his request for legislation to protect the American consumer. To protect him especially, said the President, from sharp practices in "two critical areas" -- labeling and packaging. The message apparently timed to another showdown vote tomorrow on the "Truth in Packaging" bill, which has now been stymied in the Senate for more than two years.

## COPPER

Two Hundred Thousand tons of copper -- released from Government stock piles last November -- to hold down prices. Two Hundred Thousand tons more turned loose today -- to meet defense production needs.

The release ordered by President Johnson -- on advise of Defense, Treasury and Commerce Department. The new copper cache -- enough to supply direct defense production in this country -- for the next two to four years.

# SPACE

From Houston -- selection of veteran astronauts Gus Griseom and Ed White -- along with rookie astronaut Roger Chafee -- to man America's first three man Apollo space ship. Scheduled to orbit the earth -- sometime late this year. The first rehearsal -- for manned flight to the moon.

## ADENAUER

At Bonn -- a last speech today by Former West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. His final address as National Chairman of the ruling Christian Democrat Party. And you might say -- he went out with a bang.

Der Alta -- "The old one" -- for fourteen years an implacable foe of the Soviet Union, today declaring his belief -- that Russia has finally joined the ranks of nations -- who seek peace, chief evidence -- said he -- "Soviet mediation of the armed conflict between India and Pakistan." Reaction to the Adenauer statement a brief burst of applause -- that ended abruptly -- under the frozen faced stare of Adenauer's successor -- Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. The Erhard government having asserted only last week -- that Soviet threats to Germany -- remain undiminished.

CHINA

Doctor Donald Zagoria of Columbia University -- another China expert, today before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, declared that Red Chinese "Intransigence" is largely responsible for continuation of the war in Vietnam.

Dr. Zagoria contending that Peking is seriously concerned "about the possibility of an American attack on China" but steadfastly opposes a negotiated peace in the hope that a lengthy war will weaken the United States.

In any case -- he went on, -- relations between America and Red China probably will continue to be severely strained until the United States recognizes the Peking regime and Red China is admitted to the United Nations.

## CHIANG FOLLOW PEKING

Meanwhile, at Taipei -- General Issimmo Chiang Kai Shek was re-elected today -- to a Fourth Six-Year-term as President of Nationalist China. Chiang who is now seventy-eight, running unopposed. His re-election nevertheless, the signal for joyous celebrating throughout the city. Some Two Hundred Thousand Chinese gathering in front of Chiang's official residence chanting "Long live the President."

## **VIETNAM**

In Vietnam -- U.S. Marines clashed with Communist forces on two fronts today. One of the battles -- just thirty-five miles from the border of North Vietnam -- near the ancient imperial city of Hue. The second at Quang ngai -- about Ninety Five miles to the South. The leathernecks getting some Two Hundred and Eighty enemy troops in the past Twenty-Four hours.

In the air war -- the week end loss of Six American Planes -- announced today at Saigon. One of the craft -- a so-called "Spook" jet -- designed to jam enemy radar. Three of the planes -- shot down over the Communist North.



## INDONESIA

The job of rebuilding western faith in Indonesia -- begun in earnest today by Adam Malik -- the country's newly appointed foreign minister. Malik warning hold over officials in the Foreign office either to support the nations new anti-Communist military government or get out.

Adding that the Indonesian diplomats must atone for "past actions and policies" further, that any who try to wage "political guerilla warfare" against the new government will meet with "drastic action".

RENO

From my temporary CBS studio here at the Mapes in the heart of Reno, I can see snow on the nearby peaks of the High Sierra. Down here, glorious Nevada sunshine -- no snow. Hard to realize that only an hour away it may be ten feet deep.

I remember several times, crossing Donner Pass in March, with my wife, coming down from the area that includes Squaw Valley, Sugar Bowl, and now Alpine Meadows -- descending behind a snow plow shooting a stream of white, shooting it high over the banks. No other cars in sight. But literally hundreds of them were there, buried under the deep snow for which the high Sierra is so famous -- at this season too. So I may be snowed in tomorrow, way up there.

At any rate Spring, wonderful Spring, is here. And do you know why? It's all because the Greek Goddess Persephone, one day when she was picking flowers, was abducted by a villain by the name of Hades, who took her to the dark Nether regions.

After six months with Hades she was allowed to return to the Upper world. Whereupon Persephone's mamma, the Goddess Demeter, caused trees to burst into blossom and flowers to bloom -tra-la and that's how we happen to have Spring each year at this time, Warren-tra-la. You are a young man, what are your thoughts in Springtime?

Payalup Valley Daffodil Festival.

This week -- continuing through April 3rd. With fun and games from 'sno level to ski level.

Payalup Valley -- where the "Daffodils arrive before the swallows here."

## **SPRING**

Today -- March 21 -- the first day of Spring. As you know. Just the day to relay this next item -- from Puyallup Valley, Washington -- fabled "birthplace of Spring."

Puyallup Valley -- Puget Sound country. Where the Daffodil's grow bigger, better and two weeks earlier -- than anywhere else in the world; and the home -- of course -- of the annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival.

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Puyallup Valley -- where the "Daffodils arrive even before the swallows dare."