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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The world's first stargazer satellite -- fired into perfect orbit today from Cape Kennedy. The disappointment of five previous failures -- disappearing in the flash of today's Agena Rocket.

Carrying man's vision -- to new and spectacular horizons, this satellite is equipped with ten telescopes. Hopefully to help unlock new secrets of the Universe by providing man his first unobstructed view beyond the veil of our own atmosphere.

FIRE

In the Caribbean -- that dread call today "fire at sea." The cruiseship Viking Princess -- a gleaming white luxury liner -- swept by flames in the pre-dawn darkness. Passengers and crewmembers scrambling into lifeboats -- to escape the raging inferno.

Fortunately, eight other ships in the area -- quickly converged on the scene. U.S. Naval authorities at nearby Guantanamo Bay in Cuba -- later reporting the rescue of more than four-hundred-and-ninety-survivors. The toll of last count -- three dead -- four injured.

Under the circumstances -- a near-miracle. Last November the cruise ship Yarmouth Castle five claimed ninety lives.

VIETNAM

A fifth straight night of violence -- in Saigon. This one termed the worst outbreak of anti-American feeling to date.

Thousands of Buddhist demonstrators -- apparently incited by Communist terrorists, surging through the streets -- to batter American personnel and American equipment. Daring police and paratroopers -- to try and stop them. Flames from fires set by the rioters -- burning far into the night.

The worst damage called the direct work of a Communist agent; who exploded a grenade at a soft drink stand -- outside a suburban air base seriously wounding five Americans -- and two Vietnamese women.

PAKISTAN

From Karachi, population bursting metropolis of West Pakistan -- news today of a "serious turn" in that smallpox epidemic. But the epidemic is one thousand miles away, in East Pakistan; and is reported already to have claimed -- as many as a thousand lives.

Local officials at Dacca on the Bramaputra had said the epidemic was under control. But not so -- says Karachi. According to reports reaching that city Dacca hospitals are so crowded the sick are being sent home to die. With no end -- in sight for the epidemic.

NIKITA

RETAKE

In Moscow -- Nikita Khrushchev was stripped today -- of his last vestige of power. As fore-ordained by the new Communist hierarchy -- Khrushchev today was dropped from membership on the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

That same Central Committee -- later cementing the authority of his successor -- Brezhnev, who has been re-elected party secretary-general -- also a member of Russia's ruling eleven-man politburo. Leonid Brezhnev now No. One at the Kremlin.

BOMBS

For the first time in a generation -- the Volga River resounded today to the sounds of battle -- the crash of big guns -- the wail of dive bombers. But no battle this -- rather a mercy mission by the Soviet Army.

Russian troops and planes blasting away at a tremendous ice jam -- about a hundred miles north of Moscow, to relieve flood pressure -- on the nearby city of Kalinin, where some two hundred thousand people were virtually isolated -- by a torrent of water diverted by ice from the Volga.

At last report -- the Volga more normal -- flood conditions slowly receding.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations -- a compromise at last in African attempts to stymie the U.N Security Council. Moussa Keita of Mali -- President of the Council this month -- called into conference today with U.N Secretary General U-Thant. After which he finally agreed to call the body into session -- at ten-thirty tomorrow morning, to consider Britain's request for permission to use force, if necessary -- to enforce an oil embargo against Rhodesia.

CHANGE

One high-level government resignation -- announced today at the Texas White House. Another -- said to be in the making.

The first -- that of E. William Henry who leaves his job as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission -- as of May First presumably to re-enter politics -- in his native Tennessee.

Also -- Commissioner Francis Keppel -- Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; to return shortly to private life.

PESTICIDES

Tough new controls for the use of pesticides - announced jointly today by Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman and Welfare Secretary John Gardner. In some cases - apparently forbidding the agricultural use of certain pesticides - heretofore accepted by the government.

The new controls based on more stringent testing procedures - to determine the safety level of various ^{sties} ~~sties~~ and those pesticides. ~~Those~~ that fail to meet the government standards - ~~are~~ to be banned from the market. Also foods found to be contaminated - by ~~an~~ excessive use of any pesticide.

MEDICARE

A broad expansion of Medicare - ~~ix~~ to include not only the old but also the very young - proposed today by President Johnson, ~~This in ceremonies~~ - at San Antonio, Texas, As he signed into law a two-month extension - for voluntary enrollment in Medical Insurance provisions of the current Medicare program.

First step - as urged by the President - creation of a new program for financing dental service ^{for} ~~to~~ young children, With the ~~ultimate~~ ultimate goal - said he - to "bring our compassion and our concern to bear on all young folks under six."

At the same time - the President calling for across-the-board increases - in existing Social Security programs, To provide greater benefits for the aged - the disabled - widows and ~~or~~ orphans.

TORNADOES

The weird and unpredictable nature of tornadoes -- stands out today in a report from Goshen College telling of the devastations from the Palm Sunday tornado that a year ago leveled an area around Goshen, Indiana.

Among the strange quirks found in the wake of the tornado -- a battered, storm-tossed refrigerator -- with eggs inside still intact. A cedar chest found in an open field -- still locked -- but filled with dirt and ^{gravel}~~GENERAL~~ where once there was linen. Also a fish bowl found two days later filled with dirty water -- the fish in it still alive.

Strangest story of all -- of a couple sitting on a living room couch -- when the twister hit the home. Gone in a flash was the entire house -- including even the living-room-wall-to-wall-carpet beneath their feet.

All that was left; -- Warren -- the couch and the couple -- unharmed!

LYNDA

Also at the Texas White House -- a bit of stir today, when Lynda Bird arrived to join her family for the Easter holiday, alert reporters noted a new ring -- on her third finger -- left hand. The school ring she normally wears replaced by an elaborate gold ring bearing a blue stone; a so-called "friendship" ring -- given her recently by movie actor George Hamilton.

Why the switch? No comment. It's reported, however, that Hamilton again will be a guest this weekend at the LBJ Ranch.