

**Good evening everybody.**

**Abandon Ship. That chilling order echoing around the decks of an American destroyer - the Bache - cracking up tonight off the Island of Rhodes, in the eastern Mediterranean. With a crew of about two-hundred-and-fifty on board, the Sixth Fleet destroyer broke her anchor chain in heavy seas outside the port of Rhodes, and ran aground. The crew, wearing life jackets, jumping overboard, being picked up in small boats. Few if any casualties - so far.**

## VIETNAM

"We have the building, sir. We are going to run up the American flag." The word flashed by radio today - from the Citadel; that ancient walled section of Hue - captured by the Viet Cong <sup>a week ago</sup> recaptured today by the U.S. [REDACTED]. And so, perhaps, the beginning of the end of the enemy's terrorist campaign - at least in Hue.

But - still trouble a-plenty in Saigon. With additional Viet Cong infiltrators - slipping daily into the city. Now an estimated one thousand, in all - roaming the capital in a series of hit-and-run raids. With American tanks and planes laying waste to whole neighborhoods - in their efforts to flush out the elusive enemy.

General Westmoreland noting that the battle thus far - has already cost the enemy some twenty-one thousand men; or more in seven days - said he - than total American deaths over the past seven years. A fact that "may measurably shorten the war" - said Westmoreland. Adding, though that "we must continue to stand ready - for the enemy's possible second wave attack."

## SEOUL

*Latest on the Pueblo affair - a report from Seoul; quoting an American spokesman as saying there has been no agreement as yet - between the United States and North Korea; no agreement that might lead to return of the U.S. intelligence ship - and her crew.*

*This same American official further quoted as saying that talks at Panmunjom - are also dealing with South Korean matters. An apparent attempt to stem a growing feeling in Seoul - that South Korea has been forgotten in the shadow of the Pueblo crisis. This feeling manifesting itself in fresh demands today - that South Korean forces be withdrawn from Vietnam.*

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE**

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a few more of us started for the stadium the crowds in the streets were so dense, perhaps a quarter of a million people and it looked as though we might never get through. Ah, but by climbing a fence and disregarding the French troops that were lining the route that was being kept open for the Olympic procession and for DeGaulle we soon found that we were inside with the sixty thousand people already packed in the stadium. In fact, we soon were right across from DeGaulle and Avery Brundage, with a perfect view of the parade of the Olympic teams, the raising of the Olympic flag, and the dramatic lighting of the Olympic flame. DeGaulle and the French should be happy tonight, Dallas, the Nineteen Sixty-Eight Winter Olympics are off to an auspicious start.

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MADISON

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**Thank you, Lowell, and here's hoping the Americans**  
Korbfeller, has been added to the ballot for Wisconsin's  
**can strike gold - gold medals - that is - but they haven't**  
upcoming Presidential primary - by vote of a special  
**got one yet - Czechoslovakia tonight beat the U.S. in**  
committee today at Madison. Two other self-proclaimed  
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## **DETROIT**

*In Detroit - a variation on musical chairs - at the top echelon of the U.S. auto industry. With Semon "Bunky" Knudsen - who resigned last week as executive vice president at General Motors - stepping up today to become the new president of the Ford Motor Company.*

*This said to be one of the most surprising shifts in the history of auto-making - but not entirely unprecedented. Bunky Knudsen's father - the legendary "Big Bill" Knudsen - a top executive at Ford; when he left to join General Motors in Nineteen-Twenty-One - later to become president of G. M.*

*Warren Moran...*

**MOSCOW**

**From Moscow comes news - of a perfect crime - almost.**

**The story of one Ivan Zaligin - prisoner in a Soviet labor camp; who made a rough sketch of a Russian five ruble note - and later used it to buy some tobacco on the prison black market.**

**The ruse coming to light - when someone noticed the inscription on the bogus bill. It said: "He's a fool - who doesn't try to cheat a black marketeer."**

**Turns out now - the Soviet Supreme Court apparently agrees in part. The high tribunal today clearing Zaligin of a charge of counterfeiting - on the grounds that his sketch didn't even look like money. But he gets an additional four years anyway - for trading in black market goods.**

**Good night.**