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Good Evening Everybody:

At the Kremlin today - there must have been a lot of glancing around. Because Khrushchev's successor surely was there. And everyone would like to know his identity.

But the only man who could identify him - wasn't saying. Khrushchev confining his remarks - not to his successor - but to himself. Celebrating his seventieth birthday - with a pledge to keep working. Indicating that he isn't about to let anyone else step into his shoes at the Kremlin.

The way Moscow is celebrating - it looks as if Mao Tse-Tung is not going to have his way. No move by the Soviet Communist Party - to get rid of Khrushchev.

Khrushchev himself referred to the dispute - in comparatively mild language. He repeated his favorite theme - about the Chinese Reds violating the principles of Marxism, but at the same time, the Boss of the Kremlin retreated from the brink - of a final break with Peking. Saying - he'll maintain diplomatic relations, if - Mao will.

Many Westerners interpret this - as another move in the chess match between the two Red giants. Each, apparently trying to maneuver the other - into causing a split. Each, wanting to put the blame - on the other. The outcome, depending on who is the more astute master of political chess - Khrushchev or Mao Tse-tung.

DE GAULLE

The latest medical bulletin on de Gaulle - calls his conditions "very satisfactory." The old soldier, rallying - after his operation, showing remarkable recuperative powers - for a man of seventy-three. But then 73 isn't so old! "That familiar deGaulle will power" - is the way a spokesman in Paris outs it.

Despite the medical optimism - the political reaction is apprehensive. Because no one has come up with an answer to the question - "after deGaulle, then what?" The President of France has done practically everything for his country - except provide for a successor. Most French politicians expect a struggle for power - should deGaulle retire. Which explains why even some of his opponents - are praying for his recovery.

PRINCE

When the consort of Her Britannic Majesty joins an organization - would you guess it was some exclusive club on Pall Mall? What he has joined is the Trades Union Council.

Prince Philip getting in - legitimately - as a radio and TV narrator, for narrating film tracks about some of his own travels. Now a dues-paying member of the Screenwriter's Guild, he has been voted a member, of the Union Council. The husband of the Queen to help bargain about wages and hours. Prince Philip and a lot of ruddy labor bosses.

VIET NAM

The decision of the American Secretary of State to remain in Saigon for an extra twenty-four hours - is an optimistic sign. So says Dean Rusk - knocking down the rumor about the war going badly. Terming himself "encouraged" by what he has heard - after a long session with Ambassador Cabot Lodge, and revealing his own plans - for a close-up look at the war against the red guerrillas. Rusk's departure from South Viet Nam - now set for Monday.

The Secretary from Washington will see a lot more activity than last time - when he tours the battlezone. For the Reds have stepped up their attacks during the past week, including that five-day battle in the delta of the Mekong River. A running flight - with machine guns, mortars, and grenades. Casualties heavy - on both sides.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Senate seems to be headed toward around-the-clock sessions - next week. At least, that's what Senator Humphrey proposes - if the Civil Rights Bill is held up any longer. And the Minnesota Democrat is in a position - to speak with authority. Because - he's the floor manager of the bill.

Meanwhile, Humphrey is getting support - from some Republicans. Those who want to have the Civil Rights Bill passed - before their convention opens. In the words of one member of the G.O.P.; - "We can't draft a Civil Rights plank, as long as the Civil Rights Bill is hanging over our heads."

MURDERS

Gwinnett County, Georgia, is seething tonight - over the most atrocious murder case in its history. Three policemen, shot to death - near a lonely country road. Jesse Gravitt, Jerry Everett, and Ralph Davis - ^{probably} ~~were evidently~~ overpowered by a gang of car thieves. Perhaps taken unawares - because they knew the men. And murdered - for the same reason. To prevent - identification. The three victims were found - handcuffed together. Shot - with their service revolvers.

The crime has shocked Gwinnett County - and the State of Georgia. The civil authorities and the police, vowing - to run down the criminals, ~~And see~~ that they get - what's coming to them.

CARS

The "Eight Million Club" - has another member tonight. George Russell - Executive Vice President for Finance at General Motors.

The "Eight Million Club" is made up of executives of the auto industry - who expect the American public to buy that many ^(cars.) ~~many~~ this year. Eight million - a new record for sales.

Add trucks, and the figure hits ^{goes up to} ~~almost~~ nine and one-half million. An unprecedented boom in the auto industry - during nineteen sixty-four. That's the prophecy made at the University of Michigan - by George Russell of G.M.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Here's another skeleton that frightened construction workers - with suspicions of murder. And turned out to be - a subject for the archaeologists.

Place - Budapest. A Hungarian work gang, unearthing the skeleton of a woman. But it turned out that she lived one thousand six hundred years ago. Late Roman Times. A woman of the upper classes - buried with elaborate pagan ritual. Including - a wreath around her head.

A lady who may have danced on the banks of the Blue Danube - in the days when Hungary was Pannonia. A province - of the Roman Empire. But let's return to 1964. From Pannonia - to Dick Noel.

AVIATRIX

It looks as though Jerrie Mock - just couldn't wait to get home. The flying housewife from Columbus, Ohio - was supposed to arrive tomorrow. But in Texas, she decided - to speed up, get home to Columbus - tonight. Her last hop from El Paso, Texas - sixteen hundred miles.

Lots of excitement in Columbus. An occasion unique - in the history of aviation. For the Buckeye capital has the only gal - ever to fly around the world, alone, solo - in her Cessna One eighty. Jerrie Mock - the toast of Columbus, and - of America.