

NEW YORK

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Good evening everybody. The winners and new champions - as you must have heard by now - New York's Amazin' Mets; wrapping up the World Series - with a come-from-behind five-to-three victory at Shea Stadium. Thus becoming the first of baseball's expansion teams - ever to win a Series crown. Completing their trip from the ridiculous to the sublime - with a jump from ninth place to first in the space of a single season. In the process, also becoming the third New York team to beat a Baltimore club - in three professional sports playoffs over the past year.

The Mets today - tracking three-to-nothing in the third inning - but they never gave up. Homers by Donn Clendennon and Al Weis - finally tying it up in the seventh. Setting the stage for an eighth inning, game-winning rally - including a pair of doubles, by Cleon Jones and Ron Swoboda. The latter adding ~~insult~~ insult to injury two plays later - romping home with an insurance run while a bewildered Oriole

just stood there holding the ball.

As for the ninth inning - strictly routine; except for the Met fans - chanting over and over: "We're Number One. We're Number One." The final out setting off a city-wide frenzy of celebration - as Casey Stengel would say; "Amazin', simply amazin'."

But there was no joy in Baltimore.

PARIS-SAIGON

On the peace front ⁱⁿ Paris - it was the "Morning after" ~~today~~; the morning after that Vietnam Moratorium observance - /bringing with it something of a surprise. / The Communist side urging secret talks between the U.S. and the Viet Cong / a parley excluding the present South Vietnamese government. / However, Henry Cabot Lodge rejecting the idea out-of-hand - /observing, as he has before, /that meaningful talks must include "all the representatives" of both sides.

~~Half a world away~~ - in Saigon - another casualty report. / For the third straight week / U.S. battle deaths dropping below the hundred-mark / eighty-two, to be exact. U.S. intelligence further estimating present enemy troop strength / at a round two hundred and forty-thousand men; lowest figure - in nearly two years.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - a second straight day of Israeli air strikes ~~today~~ - against the central sector of the Suez Canal. / The attackers hitting Egyptian artillery positions - which had earlier shelled the Israelis throughout the night.

~~Meanwhile~~ / At Beirut - Lebanese authorities appealed ~~today~~ to Interpol - / the International Police Agency; / attempting to get a line on that man who yesterday launched a rocket attack / against the headquarters of the militant Palestine Liberation Organization. / At the same time - in Cairo - ~~another~~ Arab guerilla group - ~~the~~ Al Fatah - accusing the U.S. of masterminding the attack.

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "HONG KONG")

Next up - Lowell Thomas; with another special report
tonight / this time from Hong Kong. Lowell...

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Hello Everybody:

*L. J. Tape Insert -
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You have all heard of the Cheongsam haven't you? The traditional dress worn by Chinese women here in the Far East. American sailors, soldiers, airmen, travellers, who come this way for rest and relaxation, all of us, we've always been cheongsam enthusiasts, the slit skirt. In some parts of the Far East and South East Asia it's worn with a slit all the way up to the hip. Which obviously can be a bit exciting to males who are not. But, for the first time I haven't seen a single cheongsam here in Hong Kong. Many girls out here wear micro-mini-skirts, two thirds of the way up from the knee to the waist. So as one Chinese gentleman remarked to me a moment ago - "as long as this is the fashion why should any girl bother about a slit skirt?"

When I first came to Hong Kong many decades ago, although even then a fabulous city it had a population of less than four hundred thousand. Today it has jumped to over four million.

The question travellers always ask of the locals is "when, when will the Chinese Reds take over Hong Kong? To which a wise old China hand is likely to reply "maybe never." Because Hong Kong and nearby Portuguese Macau, they are controlled by the British and the Portuguese who allow the Chinese Reds to trade with the western world in a manner that enables them to get their hands on a slot of foreign currency that they need.

Prices are jumping in Hong Kong. The best you can do today is get a suit of clothes for oh half of what it would cost you in the States - that is if you're lucky. And so long until tomorrow.

(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "HONG KONG")

Thank you, Lowell. ~~Here - in a moment.~~

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STOCKHOLM

Winner of this year's Nobel Prize for Medicine -
for the second year in a row - a trio of American scientists.
The new group including Dr. Max Delbruck of Cal Tech / Dr.
Alfred Hershey of the Carnegie ~~Institution~~ ^{Institute} - and Dr. Salvador
Luria of M.I.T. A citation from the Royal Caroline Institute
of Stockholm / hailing "their discoveries concerning the
replication mechanism and the genetic structure of viruses."
For which they will ~~also~~ ^{divide} get a cash prize - amounting to
Seventy-Five Thousand. ^{dollars}.

PRESIDENT

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Tomorrow afternoon, the President will address the nation on the subject of the rising cost of living. The address will be carried live on most of these CBS Radio stations at Four P.M. Eastern time.

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From Davie, Florida - the story ~~story~~ of a wayward bus - a school bus, at that.

The driver - a last-minute substitute - Mrs. Joyce Battle; who made the mistake of asking her young passengers - innocently: "How do we get to the school from here?" Whereupon the kids led her on a wild goose chase - till forty miles later - the embattled Mrs. Battle finally realized she'd been had. And just then - the bus broke down.

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