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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A head-on battle apparently brewing today -- between opposing Senate powers. The Senate's CIA watchdog committee -- unanimously reaffirming its opposition to admitting new members. In so doing -- flatly rejecting a resolution by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that would like to get three seats -- on a new and bigger watchdog group.

The vote following talks between Chairman Russell of the existing surveillance committee -- and Chairman Fulbright of the Foreign Relations Committee. Talks that seemed to hold out hope for an eventual compromise -- to avoid a floor fight. After today's session, however, Senator Russell said any compromise now appears "extremely doubtful."

DIRKSEN

Two weeks to the day after surgery to repair a broken thigh -- Senator Dirksen of Illinois was back in his office. *The durable*
~~today. The~~ Seventy-year-old Senate Minority Leader -- moving from crutches to wheelchair and back again, During a busy day that included a luncheon meeting of the Senate GOP Policy Committee -- a radio and television report to his constituents -- and a brief news conference.

The Senator noting he had lost five pounds -- but, otherwise, felt fine. Reporting, however, that he expected to return to the hospital tonight -- for continued therapy. His brief break from medical routine -- needed, said Dirksen, to keep from getting "hospitalitis."

Getting down to business -- the Senator later calling for a White House meeting of bipartisan Congressional leaders; for a "thoroughgoing discussion" -- of the war in Viet Nam. "The time has come", *as he put it --* ~~said he~~ -- "to see precisely where we are; to see the real facts -- political and diplomatic."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam's war within-a-war -- a new cry of rebel defiance today from the hold-out Northern city of Hue. A top rebel general vowing that efforts to topple Premier Ky -- "will continue." This despite the fall of Da Nang to government troops -- despite Ky's promise of national elections in September.

This rebel pledge by Lieut. General Ton That Dinh -- following a strategy meeting with Buddhist political leader Tri Quang. The general adding that Ky -- is nothing more said he -- than a "criminal." "The people are with me" -- said Gen. Ton That Dinh. Observers reporting, however, that he looked extremely tired -- and extremely discouraged.

Meantime, Ky himself went before a political Congress in Saigon today -- with a new plea for national unity.

WAR FOLLOW VIET NAM

On the fighting front -- a U. S. Air Force pilot reported killed by Viet Cong guerillas; after the downing of his observation plane; -- in the Central Highlands of South Viet Nam.

While
~~closer to home~~ *U.S. Navy planes* ^{*were*} blasting a guerilla troop force -- barely Ten miles from Saigon, ^{*where the Viet Cong*} ~~The Communists~~ ^{*were*} apparently massing for a sneak attack on the vital U.S. Tan Son Nhut air base. That base -- the target of a near-disastrous Communist mortar attack last month -- you may recall.

THANT

A gradual "de-escalation" of the war in Viet Nam -- urged today by Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations; as a necessary first step -- toward peace in that embattled land. A peace -- said he -- that ~~he~~ must be based on "agreement among all the powers concerned" -- including Red China.

U Thant's remarks at Atlantic City -- in a speech to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. The Secretary General further warning that "as the war worsens -- it becomes more and more misleading." Asserting that "democratic principles-- which both sides consider to be at stake -- are already falling victim to the war itself."

CHINA FOLLOW THANT

By contrast -- an interview * with Red China's Foreign Minister Chen Yi -- published today in Stockholm. Chen Yi asserting that war between the United States and China -- appears "unavoidable."

In the same article -- the Chinese suggesting that Russia-- "might side with the United States" in such a war. "One can not trust the Russians" -- said he. A feeling apparently common -- to friend and foe alike.

LIFE

Thirty-Seven-year-old Mrs. Gertrude Baniszewski, the mother of seven -- and her eldest daughter, Eighteen-year-old Paula Baniszewski -- sentenced to life imprisonment today at Indianapolis. Both convicted of murder last week -- in the "torture chamber" ^{slaying} of Sixteen-year-old Sylvia Likens.

Mrs. Baniszewski's Thirteen-year-old son John -- and Two Fifteen-year-old neighbor boys similarly convicted of manslaughter -- sentenced to from Two-to-Twenty years in the Indiana Reformatory. Thus ending -- one of the most brutal cases in the annals of crime.

TASHKENT

The Soviet city of Tashkent in Central Asia -- hard hit today by its third series of earth tremors in the past month. Epicenter of the quake -- said to be directly under the center of the city. With four sharp tremors -- reportedly damaging a number of buildings. But there were few injuries -- and no panic -- we hear.

Be that as it may -- the new quake apparently halting temporarily -- a massive rebuilding operation begun in the wake of the two previous quakes. The toll from those earlier tremors -- at least Ten dead -- more than a Thousand injured-- and more than Twelve Thousand homes destroyed.

JAKARTA

The temperature -- a Hundred degrees today in Jakarta; with renewed Indonesian political unrest -- also at fever pitch.

Some Ten Thousand student demonstrators -- marching on the headquarters of Lieut. Gen. Suharto -- Indonesia's new military strongman, Demanding immediate political reforms -- to restore real power to elective bodies such as the Indonesian Parliament.

Suharto -- for his part -- promising a speedy meeting of the People's Provisional Consultative Congress; its ~~deliberations~~ ~~deliberations~~ -- to be completed by July Fifth. The meeting expected to result in sharp curtailment -- of the Constitutional powers of President Sukarno.

BOSTON

A major modernization of the basic precept of the Presbyterian Church -- approved today at Boston. The Hundred and Seventy-Eighth Presbyterian General Assembly -- ~~xxxxxxx~~ overwhelmingly endorsing a Twentieth Century confession of faith. The new confession asserting that the Bible contains God's revelations -- rather than his actual words.

The document next to be submitted to local Presbyteries-- for final approval.

BUGANDA

From neighboring Nairobi -- a report today that the Kabaka of Buganda -- has been taken prisoner by government forces. The Kabaka -- or King Freddie, as he is popularly known -- monarch of the richest and most powerful of the five kingdoms of Uganda; said to have been taken prisoner by Federal police -- in a surprise raid on his palace at Lubiri. The Kabaka's younger brother -- Prince David Simba -- also believed to be under arrest.

The fall of King Freddie apparently ending once and for all -- his long-time feud with President Obote of Uganda. So, Stew, it looks as though the Kabaka of Buganda is now at the tender mercy of President Obote of Uganda!

CARS

According to figures tabulated today in Detroit-- new car sales jumped Twenty-Three per cent--during the middle Ten days of May. General Motors--the last major automaker to file a report; reversing a sharp decline in the first Ten days of May--to record a sales increase of nearly Twenty-Seven per cent.

Nevertheless, sales were still down Twelve per cent --from the record pace of a year ago. The decline apparently ~~due~~ ^I ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~in~~ ^{is} ~~part~~ ^{is} --to recent auto safety hearings in Congress.