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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

When you hear my voice tonight, I will be thousands of miles away from here, on the other side of the Atlantic, heading for North Africa and the Near East. This is just to let you know that once again a distinguished colleague will take my place for a few nights. In this era of jet travel--and I never quite get over the shock of this--it's possible to go almost anywhere in the world in a matter of hours.

So, tonight, you will get the highlights of the news from a voice familiar to all of you. You ~~will~~ hear him every time our space people send astronauts into orbit. You hear him every day on some of the most important news programs. He is a reporter of wide experience, and in addition to that is a man of considerable wisdom. I'd like to tell you more about him, but then there wouldn't be time for him to give you the news. So here he is--Dallas Townsend.

Thank you Lowell.

Good evening everybody: A new contract--agreed to by General Electric in very nearly the nick of time. The unions had been threatening to walk out Sunday midnight..in a strike that the Administration said would cripple defense production and have a bad effect on the war effort in Viet Nam. But late this afternoon, under White House pressure for a settlement, GE and the unions finally came up with a proposed new contract. It provides the unions with a limited cost of living allowance, a wage increase, and higher fringe benefits. The contract still has to be ratified by the union rank and file...but the White House says "There will be no interruption of supplies produced by General Electric for the troops in Vietnam."

VIET NAM

And in Viet Nam--record raids against the Communist North-- followed today by another heavy strike against the western end of that demilitarized zone. Big B-Fifty-Twos from Guam-- blasting a suspected Communist troop-staging area--as well as Communist infiltration routes.

At the same time--American military officials warning they may soon be forced to resume bombing; in the eastern sector-- where there has been no bombing for two weeks. Observing that the Communists still refuse to admit an International Control Commission investigating team--to the area in question.

An American spokesman thus asserting that if there is any further enemy action in the eastern zone--"the U.S. will be obliged to respond in kind."

MCNAMARA FOLLOW VIET NAM

Back home from Viet Nam--Defense Secretary Robert McNamara today decried speculation--about a possible further buildup of American forces in Viet Nam. This the result of "wild guesses" --said he--"absolutely without foundation."

McNamara asserting there is no need at present--for any "substantial increase" in the number of American forces in Viet Nam; nor for a step-up in the present "tempo of operations" --against the Viet Cong.

ATLANTA

On the domestic front--battle lines were clearly drawn today--for an open clash within the civil rights movement. Those who believe in "black power"--on one side. Those who oppose it--on the other. With Dr. Martin Luther King--attempting to walk a tight-rope right down the middle.

The split made official in New York--with publication of a statement of principles. A statement signed by seven civil rights leaders--including A. Philip Randolph of the Sleeping Car Porters Union--Roy Wilkins of the N. Double A. C. P.-- and Whitney Young of the Urban League. Repudiating the "black power" concept--of the Congress of Racial Equality and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

Dr. King refusing, however, to join the seven. At a news conference in Atlanta--Dr. King reaffirming his advocacy of non-violence--but refusing to repudiate advocates of "black power." "We are not interested in furthering any divisions in the civil rights movement"--said he,--"either with those who

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advocate less militancy--or those who feel they are more
militant."

Dr. King adding what's more, that "black power"--is simply
a "reaction to the abuses of white power." The Negro is not
moving too fast--said he--but, in fact, is barely moving at all.

MIDDLE EAST

Another border clash today--in the Holy Land. Arab terrorists from Syria ambushing an Israeli Army patrol--Four miles inside Israeli territory. Wounding at least three of the Israelis--in the most daring raid thus far in the worsening border crisis. Israeli military officials--hinting at the possibility of imminent retaliation.

UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST

In New York, a group of young Israeli supporters today invaded the offices of the Syrian Mission to the U.N., chanting and singing in Hebrew--in protest against Syria's alleged violations of the Israeli border.

Police eventually seizing Nineteen of the group--U.S. Ambassador Goldberg condemning the demonstration--and authorizing his staff to sign criminal complaints against each of the demonstrators.

The border dispute itself--scheduled for debate today before the U.N. Security Council. However, a Soviet-Arab-African coalition--forcing temporary postponement of the issue.

A tornado struck the north-central Iowa town of Belmond late this afternoon...killing several people, injuring others ...causing extensive damage.

CHEYENNE

The first major snow storm of the season--whipping eastward tonight from the Rockies. Leaving a trail of death and destruction in the highlands of Colorado and Wyoming--and on into the foothills of Nebraska.

A near-blizzard--at Cheyenne. Seventeen inches of wet snow--all but isolating the city. Up to two feet elsewhere. Clogging major highways--toppling power lines--closing the Denver Airport for two hours.

At least six deaths so far--blamed on skidding traffic accidents. With tornado alerts posted tonight--in northern Missouri and Illinois. As the storm continues to barrel on--across the Northern Plains--headed straight for the Great Lakes.

And now after all that chilly news. Warren, do you have a warming word?

MANILA

The lot of the lowly G.I. in the American Army--or any Army, for that matter--used to be considered a dog's life. It isn't any more, but from the outmoded tradition came the term "dogface"--when referring to foot-soldiers the world over.

all of which leads up to--a report today from Manila. Senator Gaubencio Antonino of the Philippine Congress--disclosing that daily subsistence in the Philippine Army's K-Nine Corps--averages out to about Two-and-a-Half pesos per dog. As compared with a daily subsistence--of One Peso per enlisted man--or Twenty-Five cents-American.

Senator Antonino therefore urging passage of a new military appropriations bill--to give the Filipino "dogface"--at least a dog's life.

Good night,