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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Hurricane Faith -- with winds of ninety miles an hour -- is headed toward the Caribbean tonight -- and millions of islanders scurrying for cover. Red and black warning flags flying on many islands from Puerto Rico on eastward; with the storm expected to slam into the Leeward Islands with full force around midnight -- and with the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico slated to get the same tomorrow.

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At Cape Kennedy, Florida, space scientists had to work fast today to launch an unmanned Apollo moonship for fear the storm might mess up their plans. But the spacecraft was sent aloft successfully -- and it raced around the earth to a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean. This another key step toward sending astronauts to the moon.

VIETNAM

Heavy fighting was reported in Vietnam tonight -- with American troops battling an entrenched battalion of Viet Cong guerrillas about thirty miles north of Saigon. Communist gunners brought down at least one American helicopter -- and knocked out several tanks and personnel carriers.

While in Washington, Defense Secretary McNamara was saying that there are clear indications the North Vietnamese have decided to push the war to what he called "a high level of intensity."

And Secretary of State Rusk was defending the American commitment to protect more than forty countries around the world from attack -- while he warned would-be aggressors that the United States -- under some circumstances -- might go to the aid of a country which has no defense agreement with us.

WITH VIET NAM

Vice President Hubert Humphrey predicts a victory for democracy in the Vietnamese national elections - scheduled for September eleventh - although, he said, "every voter will be under the threat of assassination when he walks to the ballot box."

Speaking in Atlantic City, Humphrey told the Jewish war veterans convention that American citizens should be almost as much concerned about the Vietnamese elections as about ^{our} our elections this fall.

DEFENSE

The House ^{today} ~~has~~ rejected a recommendation that would have allowed President Johnson to call up thousands of reservists and National Guardsmen who have not served on active duty. The Senate had already approved the amendment that was tacked onto the fifty-eight billion dollar defense money bill, passage of which is now further delayed.

DRAFT

The Chairman of the House Armed Services
Committee - ^{Congressman} Mendel Rivers of South Carolina - warns
that Congress will do something to tighten up the draft
law if boxing champion Cassius Clay gets a deferment
on the grounds that he is a Black Muslim minister.

~~Rivers told the V. F. W. convention in New York that there
is a general lack of uniformity in the procedures of local
draft boards and that stronger measures should be
taken against draft protesters.~~

BALLOON

One of these days American pilots bailing out over North Viet Nam may have a choice of going down - or staying up in the air. A Sioux Falls, South Dakota, ^aparachute manufacturer is trying to sell the Pentagon on the idea of a compact hot-air balloon with two fuel tanks, that could be strapped to the pilot's back with a regular parachute. Then, when his plane is shot down, he could bail out - and choose between parachuting to earth - or inflating the balloon and rising to five thousand feet and staying there until another plane could pluck him out of the air. At that height he would be ^{fairly} safe from ground fire.

DEGAULLE

French President DeGaulle's plane landed at Djibouti, French Somaliland, today -- Djibouti one of the hottest steamiest places I have ever visited -- on the first leg of his round the world flight. The DeGaulle arrival touched off violent street demonstrations by Africans clamoring for independence from France. Foreign Legionnaires, using tear gas, dispersed the mobs. Thirteen persons were injured.

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BONN

His vacation over, West German Chancellor Erhard returned to Bonn today - and promptly went to work -- trying to resolve a political crisis brought on by all ~~these~~ military resignations.

His first move ~~was~~ was to shake-up the top military command - naming General Ulrich de Maiziere to head the country's entire armed forces ~~of~~ ^{— some} five hundred thousand men. Erhard's action made it clear that he has no intention of knuckling under ~~to the~~ ^{to the} ~~the~~ Generals who have demanded the dismissal of Defense Minister Von Hassel in a policy dispute.

GENEVA

The seventeen nation disarmament conference brought its current week session to an end today, but agreement was reached on only one item -- there is an urgent need to continue the negotiations next year. For the third year in a row, no basic progress was made on any new arms control agreements. The conference is expected to resume some time in January.

INDONESIA

More than three thousand anti-Communist students broke through lines of unresisting soldiers in Jakarta today - in a new protest against Indonesian President Sukarno. Demonstrating at the Parliament Building, the students threatened to take some kind of "action" themselves - if Parliament fails to repudiate Sukarno's efforts to ~~again~~ regain political power. ^RSukarno claims he is still the leader of Indonesia - although the real power rests with the military.

ROOSEVELT

Franklin D. Roosevelt Junior angrily withdrew from the race for the ~~Democrat~~ Democratic nomination for New York Governor today - charging he was side-tracked by what he called "boss control" - even though he had fifty percent of rank and file support.

~~This~~ the latest in a long series of political frustrations for the fifty one year old son of the late President ^{who} ~~He~~ lost the gubernatorial nomination once before to Averell Harriman, and, was defeated for State Attorney General.

SAFETY

One day in September of Eighteen Ninety-Nine, Mister H.H. Fliiss stepped down from a trolley-car in New York and was run over by a "horseless carriage" -- and that was the first auto fatality in history. Since then, more than a million-and-a-half Americans have been killed in motor accidents -- with the toll expected to reach fifty thousand this year.

While the safety features of automobiles have made headlines -- recently, even more lethal vehicles have emerged in recent years -- motor bikes and scooters. Doctor Howard Rusk perhaps the World's No. One rehabilitation expert -- writing in the New York Times -- speaking of the slogan that -- "you may meet the nicest people on a motorbike" should include the further word that -- the "nicest" people may turn out to be surgeons, nurses, the makers of artificial limbs -- and sometimes, undertakers.

MINI-SKIRTS

In the world of women, those mini-skirts with the high hemlines, are creating any number of problems these days. A supermarket manager in New York, tells how he kept retrieving a lost little boy, and returning him to his mother as she wheeled a cart around the store. Finally, the manager's patience wore thin, and when the little boy got lost again, he asked him:

"Sonny, why don't you just hang onto your mother's skirt?" ^{Warren -} ~~the~~ the tearful child replied: "I would -- but I can't ~~to~~ reach it."

STRIKE

More than three hundred men are on strike at a plywood mill in Gardiner, Oregon, because of a woman's refusal to give up wearing a pair of tight-fitting slacks.

Thirty-five year old Miss Pat Morris was suspended by her employer who thought she was too distracting when she turned up for work two nights ago: And, ^{then} the men went on strike because ~~of it~~ ^{he suspended her!}

"I feel ~~very~~ terrible about it," says Miss Morris

^{- she added -}
"But," [^] "I must say that all the men are behind me."