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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A fiery crash today -- near Barstow, California;
with two brave men meeting death -- in a half-billion dollar
funeral pyre.

The lightning-fast XB-70 -- military prototype of the
supersonic transport of the future. Out for a test run
from Edwards Air Force Base it collided in mid-air with an
F-104 jet -- serving as chase ship for the mission.

The dead; veteran test pilot Joe Walker -- holder of the
world's altitude and speed records -- who was at the controls
of the chase ship; and Air Force Major Carl Cross -- on his first
mission as co-pilot of the XB-70. Command pilot Al White --
barely escaping the flaming wreck.

MERGER

The biggest merger in the history of professional sports -- announced today in New York. The rival National and American Football League's -- joining in a single circuit; with twenty-six teams in twenty-five cities -- across the nation.

The full merger to take effect in 1970. Until then -- the two league's will hold a common draft -- and stage an annual world championship game.

ALMA

Hurricane Alma slashed across Cuba today -- with winds up to a hundred and two miles an hour. Later ripping through the Florida Keys -- and heading straight for the mainland.

Gale warnings and a hurricane watch -- posted tonight along both coasts of Florida. The Weather Bureau also warning -- of possible tornadoes.

NATO

A partial compromise today -- at that NATO Council meeting in Bursseles. France agreeing to negotiate with remaining NATO members -- all issues affecting the role of French forces in Germany -- after July one; the date DeGaulle will withdraw French troops from NATO command.

The compromise merely delays a final showdown. The French still refusing a blanket commitment -- to put their forces in Germany under NATO Command in the event of an emergency. U.S. officials are pessimistic -- of a satisfactory settlement of this short of a full, final break -- with DeGaulle.

VIETNAM

On the other side of the globe -- at Hue -- Buddhist leader Thich Tri Quang today started a hunger strike; vowing not to eat again until the U.S. withdraws its support -- of the present South Vietnamese military government. Apparently a last desperate attempt -- to topple Premier Ky.

Meanwhile, a tremendous victory -- on the battlefield. American paratroopers --hurling back the biggest Communist offensive ~~phase~~⁹ of the year. Killing nearly three hundred of the enemy in the process -- in two days of jungle fighting some three hundred miles north of Saigon.

CHINA

Communist China today served official notice -- that it will never permit the United Nations to meddle in Vietnam. Turning thumbs down on South Vietnam's request for U.N. observers -- to take part in national elections set for next September.

Peking asserting that the U.N. -- has no jurisdiction whatsoever in Vietnam. Further accusing the United States of attempting to use the U.N. -- to perpetrate a fraud. Adding that the proposed South Vietnamese election -- is nothing more than a "U.S. Imperialist plot."

PAKISTAN

Near-pandemonium today -- in the Pakistani national parliament at Rawalpindi; in the wake of bloody riots -- across east Pakistan; as a result demands for full autonomy -- riots leaving many dead and injured.

The East Pakistan Awami People's League -- one of two major opposition parties -- demanding full parliamentary debate on the issue. When the request was refused -- league leader Nurul Amin heading opposition members -- in a shouting match with ruling party delegates.

Amin's supporters staging a mass walkout, and then Parliament adjourned.

CIGARETTES

Tax officials from ten eastern states -- in session today at Harwichport, Massachusetts. There to plan a war on one of the nation's fastest growing rackets -- cigarette smuggling.

North Carolina -- which has no state cigarette tax -- said to be the largest source of the smuggled cigarettes. The tax men estimating that some twenty billion cigarettes in all -- are finding in revenue to states that ~~do~~ have cigarette taxes -- amounting to about a hundred million dollars a year. A Maryland official, for one, calling the traffic in cigarettes -- worse even "than bootlegging during Prohibition!"

By the same token -- illegal traffic in cigarettes ~~has~~ come to be known as "buttlegging."

AIR FORCE--CRIPPLE CREEK

I have just come from Colorado where I was involved in the annual Commencement Week Exercises at our fabulous Air Force Academy. And by the way, when you take the family and start on that trip to see the wonders of the West, don't fail to pay a visit to your own Air Force Academy in which you have an investment of some \$200,000,000.

During Commencement Week they have what they call the Ring Dance in the General Hap Arnold Hall. Hundreds of upper classmen, in their stunning dress uniforms, white and black, each with a lovely girl on his arm. During the dance, and even while they were listening to some exciting songs sung by a Broadway and Hollywood singer-actor, Don Stewart, the couples were slowly passing through a magic ring, made by the Cadets themselves; a ten foot replica of the Air Force Ring each Cadet is given by you -- by Uncle Sam -- at the end of the Third year. Each couple stands in the ring for a photograph.

And often, before the evening is over another ring, an engagement ring, is in evidence, as you would suspect.

But what I particularly wanted to mention was this -- if any young woman could stand on the balcony and look down on that ball and see those incredibly lovely girls, all in stunning gowns, and long white gloves, I wonder whether ever again she would want to wear pants, or shorts, except at the beach or to play tennis? That Air Academy ball is striking evidence, Warren of how easy it is for a girl to look pretty if she will only wear the things that are truly feminine.

MARRIAGE

A major complaint about the high cost of loving -- comes today from an Israeli village in Galilee. Young men of the area contending that the current price for a bride -- is all out of proportion to her actual worth.

The bachelors urging local religious leaders -- to set a price ceiling of about seven hundred dollars on a good catch; in place of the prevailing price -- of up to five thousand dollars per bride on the open market. At that figure -- the young men say -- they'll have to work for years to afford a bride.

Isn't it after marriage -- that a man pays and pays and pays? And s-l-u-t-m.