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Good Evening Everybody:

The laboratory that we intend to launch into space by nineteen sixty-eight - will have to do with military research, says Defense Secretary McNamara.

A space laboratory - the size of a house trailer. Big enough for astronauts to move around - without cumbersome space suits. Each astronaut to be assigned to this duty - for perhaps a month at a stretch. In orbit some three hundred miles out into space.

Booster rocket - a Titan-three will be used with two million pounds of thrust, compared to three hundred and sixty thousand pounds now used simply to launch astronauts into space.

This project, under the supervision - of the

LEAD - 2

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DEFENSE FOLLOW JOHNSON

The President giving the Congressional leaders - his opinion of defense said that we now have the ability to survive a surprise attack, and to launch a devastating counter attack. Enough - to destroy any potential enemy. Moreover, this covers - both conventional and atomic weapons. The American Armed forces, superior to the Soviets - whether rifles or rockets are involved, or bombers in the air - or submarines at sea.

Our military superiority will remain, says President Johnson - in spite of his economy drive, the drive to cut one and one-half billion - from our defense budget.

BOLIVIA

The ominous words "civil war" - are being heard in La Paz tonight. Possible civil war between the government forces - and the rebellious miners, six thousand of whom in the Andean mining town of Catavi, are still holding their hostages - including the four Americans.

The President of Bolivia refused to bow to a twenty four hour ultimatum, which - has now expired. More troops have been moving into the Catavi area, increasing the possibility - of a Bolivian Civil War.

Meanwhile, the United States has sent a formal protest - to La Paz. Reminding the Bolivian government - that it is responsible for the safety of the four Americans, and again offering American assistance - in getting the captives released. The note from Washington also emphasizes our appreciation - of the efforts of the Bolivian government.

CHEMICALS

~~Western~~ Western chemical manufacturers - are in Moscow tonight, flying in - to see how many orders they can place with the Soviet government. They expect to do a booming business - because of that Khrushchev speech over the weekend. The boss of the Kremlin calling for - a crash program to put chemicals to work in agriculture. The belief is that the Russians will have to spend - about fourteen billion dollars for western equipment and technicians.

Oddly, Americans are ruled out - by our laws regarding trade with the Communist bloc. So the scramble is on - between Britain, Holland, Sweden, Italy and West Germany. The scramble to sell chemicals - for billions of rubles.

SABOTAGE

The sabotage at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona - could have had devastating consequences. Some one cut the electric wires leading to the landing gears - of sixty-one jet trainers. And all sixty one - might have cracked up. Can you picture trainees attempting to land - with instruments that wouldn't respond? Only the pre-flight check - prevented it.

The sabotage, so dangerous - that Army intelligence and the F B I are both investigating. ^{Who were the} ~~trying to find the~~ saboteur ^{at} or saboteurs ~~of~~ Williams Air Force Base.

GRENADA

A dispatch from Aden indicates that the British political agent should be in line for - the Victoria Cross. George Henderson, acting with conspicuous gallantry - never exceeded on the battlefield.

Scene - the Aden airport. High Commissioner Sir Kennedy Trevaskis, about to board the plane - for London. A crowd of dignitaries - to see him off.

Suddenly a hand grenade came arching down - from a balcony. As it struck the ground, the political agent threw himself - in front of the High Commissioner. And took - the full force of the blast. Tonight George Henderson is in the hospital - in critical condition. A candidate for the V.C. - if there ever was one.

SINATRA

The Kidnapping of Frank Sinatra, Junior - remains a mystery tonight. No clues as to the kidnappers. No demands - for ransom. The two escaped convicts and their prisoner - vanishing in the high Sierra wilderness, along the Nevada-California line.

With Frank Sinatra - Senior -staying close to the telephone at Reno, waiting, hoping, for the sound of his son's voice.

Somewhere - the sun is shining. But where?

WEATHER

The weather report tonight can be summed up in one word - for the heartland of America. The word - "snow". Snow all the way from Nevada - to New York. From New York - to the Texas Panhandle.

Already five inches in Ohio. Six in Wyoming. Twelve in Pennsylvania. Thermometer way below zero - in the Dakotas and Montana.

In upstate New York, a blizzard is reported off Lake Erie. Already ten inches of snow at the Buffalo airport.

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BEATNIKS

Red Bulgaria launches a campaign against "depraved Communist beatniks". Some Communist countries don't even admit they have beatniks, or that any group in their society - is depraved. But there's a beatnik crisis in Sofia.

Bulgar teenagers in leather jackets; rock-and-roll thym, arak and vodka - result - riots, robberies and reckless driving. Hence a crackdown, Dick on "depraved Bulgar beatniks".

TOKYO

DR. FISHER, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1963

The history of an enclave in the middle of Tokyo - looks like this. It was a parade ground for the Japanese Army - until the end of World War Two. Since then it's been an American quarter - for personnel stationed in the Japanese capital. Now to be the Olympic Village - with Japan playing host to the 1965 Olympics.

The American flag - came down today. The American occupants - moving out, heading for home. Japanese workmen moving in - to get ready for the Olympic Games, on Emperor Hirohito's old parade ground.