GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Rumor piled on rumor today in storm-battered Louisiana
-- in the wake of hurricane Betsy.

To begin with -- a rumor that some two hundred and fifty additional bodies -- had been found in hard hit Plaquemines

Parish with the figure later upped -- to four hundred dead.

Too many -- for one parish to handle alone. The excess bodies

-- supposedly bound for the morgue in New Orleans.

However a parish official later reported that he had heard of no more than thirty-eight dead -- as previously noted, and though deep water remains in some communities -- searchers had found only one additional body.

Also, from Baton Rouge a rumor that city officials were preparing a mass evacuation that a hundred and fifty thousand residents -- are all set to flee the Louisiana capital, until Army and Navy divers find and dispose of six hundred tons of death deadly choorine gas, on a barge, sunk in the Mississippi by Hurrican Betsy.

Another, thousand fighting men of the First

Cavalry Division - poured ashore today at Qui Nhon.

Raising U S military might bax in Viet Nam - to more than

a hundred and twenty-five thousand men. The goal previously

announced - by President Johnson.

The First Cavalry - America's First "Air Mobile" Division. A strikg force of twenty thousand men in all-capable of seeking out and destroying the enemy - wherever he may hide.

Advance units of the division already said to have "made contact" with Communist guerrillas, in securing an immense inland area - that will serve as their base of operations.

Details of the "contact" - withheld temporarily, however, because of military security.

Once again - conflicting claims tonight - in that undeclared war between India and Pakistan.

The Indian Defense Ministry at New Delhi reporting a major success, redien, forces success have
advanced to within three tox thousand yards - of the big
Pakistani base at Sialkot.

Sat from Karachi perropera that Pakistani

forces had destroyed fully one-third of India's armored strength. In a two-day battle that ended yesterday near stalket, Kenewed Indian attacks today retired have been repulsed with further heavy losses.

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RUSSIA FOLLOW KASHMIR

Meanwhile, another appeal today from Russia - for an immediate end to the fighting. The third such Soviet statement in the last five days - and the strongest to date.

The Kremlin urging India and Pakistan - to use "reason" rather than arms to settle their dispute. Because said the Krem Kremlin -- "there are forces which seek to profit" by the war. Forces which - "by their incendiary statements" would "push them toward an even bigger conflagration."

This, in indirection, one of the strongest

so far — one of the strongest

Kremlin attacks, on China; since the new Soviet leaders

took power last year, Apparently triggered by China's

bitter condemnation - of past Russian peace moves. Also,

past Soviet support - of India.

Governor Hughes of New Jersey - today ordered a full investigation, Anto charges that drinking parties, gambling and visits by college girls - were permitted openly in the sex offenders ward wax of a state mental hospital.

The investigation touched off by testimony that one of the co-eds was found dead in an auto accident,

Following a drinking bout with a patient - in the privacy
of his room. A bank robbery in a nearby town - also said
to be linked indirectly - to an outrageous lack of
supervision at the institution.

At Athens - the sixteenth World Astronautical Congress. Called to order today in an ancient open-air theater - at the foot of the Acropolis.

Opening remarks - by King Constantine of Greece, who praised the Congress for meeting in Athens - and "thus paying tribute to the land where scientific thought was born."

Among the Soviets present - Russian space twins

Leonov and Belyayev. Leonov - as you no foot recall - the

world's first bona-fide "space walker."

They'll be joined Thursday - by the recordsetting U S Space team of Gordon Cooper and Pete Conrad. Athens the first stop - on the Americans' six nation goodwill tour of Europe and Africa. From Munich - birthplace of Nazism - a report today on the newly formed National Democratic Party of West Germany, Aparty expected to poll about fifteen percent of the vote -- in the upcoming German dex elections. In the strength of a campaign promise - to denounce what it calls the "lie" of German war guilt.

The true facts - according to the National

Democrats - are these:

First, the United States correct have launched a world-wide movement against Germany - as see early as Nineteen Thirty Seven. That infamous Munich agreement-said to have been a British sham - to permit secret preparations for war. Finally, Poland blamed for the actual outbreak of war - because it refused to grant Germany's modest and just demands."

The new party further calls for confinement of so-called lesser races - to so-called reservations. Under

a program - of sirict birth control. It would also reorganize the German army - completely free and separate from the Nato alliance. And it would get rid of such men as Chancellor Erhards and Mayor Willy Brandt - who are described as "servile" at best - "traitors" at worst.

Fascism - supposedly banned by law in West Germany. But, come people never learn.

Once upon a time - there was only one world series. The one in baseball.

Now there's the world series of bowling - the world series of golf. And this week - the world series of bombing.

More than forty bombers of the Strategic Air Command - assembled today at the Fairchild Air Force base near Spokane, For the start of a week-long test - of flying skill and precision bombing.

B-forty-sevens, B-fifty-twos, and supersonic

B-fifty-eights - to fly identical missions against a pair

of simulated targets at Havre, Montana; and Williston,

North Dakota. An electronic signal to determine the exact

spot where ach bomb would have hit - during an actual

combat mission. On air World Sines they call they

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A case of misplaced patriotism today - at the Oklahoma State penitentiary in McAlester, Oklahoma.

Six prison inmates - offering their services to that is

U S combat forces in Viet Nam, If they could be paroled - when the fighting ends.

However, the offer promptly rejected - by both

Army and Air Force recruiters. Branco Meither

wanting to
service accept convicted felons.

Back to the salt mines, boys.