

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The dreams and hopes of a nation were put into words today, at Memorial Day services -- at Arlington National Cemetery, where General Earle Wheeler -- chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff -- substituted for President Johnson; expressing a prayerful hope that world leaders will learn -- someday -- "to settle their disputes by employing reason -- not violence."

For now though -- there is "no recourse except to arms in self-defense" -- said General Wheeler. He also quoted from a letter the President had written him -- outlining some of his thoughts for this Memorial Day,

Said the President:

"This is a time for re-dedication -- to the principles so courageously defended by those we honor this day. Their sacrifices enable us to preserve -- in our patient

and determined search for peace, freedom and justice.

And their success assures man's right -- to an independent choice of life and destiny."

That -- from L.B.J.

With the world again facing the prospect of war --  
in the Near East.

Under Nasser's command -- in the event of war with Israel.

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Arab cause.

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## MIDDLE EAST

*Reconciliation in Cairo. Jordan's tough, young King Hussein - flying his own plane into the Egyptian capital today. There ending his bitter feud - with Egypt's Colonel Nasser.*

*The two men - quickly embracing each other at the airport <sup>and</sup> Later signing a mutual defense pact - to last for five years; <sup>a</sup> treaty placing Jordan's crack Arab Legion under Nasser command - in the event of war with Israel.*

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*All forgiven - the two receiving a tumultuous welcome -- said Radio Amman.*

ISTANBUL

Adding to the tense situation - a report tonight from Istanbul, Telling of notification to the Turkish government - of a planned build-up in Russian naval forces in the Mediterranean.

According to Istanbul - the Russians planning to move ten warships through the Dardanelles - during the first week in June, including ~~among the new reinforcements we're told~~ -- several so-called guided missile destroyers.

Meanwhile, the search for a compromise goes on tonight -- at the United Nations. U S delegate Arthur Goldberg appealed to Egypt today to accept the open shipping situation that had prevailed in the Gulf of Akaba for the past ten years until the ~~present~~ present crisis. But there was no indication after Goldberg ~~spoke~~ spoke in the Security Council that Egypt or any Arab nation would accept the U S plea. If accepted, it would mean Israeli shipping could use the Gulf linking Israel with the Red Sea pending negotiation on a permanent solution.

Goldberg made his plea after Arab speakers had lined up solidly behind Egypt on the second day of the Security Council Debate.

## RANCH

South Vietnamese chief of State Thieu -- also taking note of the American holiday; sending a special message to President Johnson at the LBJ Ranch -- in behalf of all the Vietnamese people. A note expressing "sincere gratitude -- for the officers and men of the United States -- who have made the supreme sacrifice to defend freedom" in southeast Asia. "We shall do our best" -- said Thieu "so that the sacrifices of these brave heroes will not be made in vain."

## VIETNAM FOLLOW RANCH

Ground action in Vietnam today again centered in and around the DMZ. Also at Duc Pho -- about three hundred miles northeast of Saigon. At the same time -- in the air war -- U.S. bombers were concentrating on the southern pan-handle of North Vietnam. This seeming to bolster a report back in Washington -- about another supposed ban on U.S. air strikes against Hanoi and Haiphong.

Nothing official -- as yet, but there is mounting speculation that this bombing ban may be part of a new effort -- to bring Hanoi to the conference table.

ROME

*For the first time in years - a summit meeting today in Rome -- for the six leaders of Common Market countries. Chief item of business: Britain's application for full membership - in the European Economic Community.*

*Thanks to DeGaulle though - the conference adjourned four hours later, no closer to a meeting of minds - than it was before. DeGaulle blocking consideration of the British bid -- on grounds that it would "cause great changes." The matter thereupon referred to Common Market foreign ministers - who will meet next week in Brussels.*



## INDIANAPOLIS

The famed Indianapolis "Five Hundred" -- cut short today by rain -- as you no doubt have heard by now. Track officials closing down the speed classic for the first time in Fifty-Two years. To be resumed tomorrow, weather permitting.

This a tough break for Parnelli Jones -- one of the favorites in the race -- driving the first turbine car ever to compete at Indianapolis. Jones coming from sixth starting position -- to take the lead on the first lap. And already beginning to lap the field -- when the rains came after eighteen times around the oval.

On the other hand this gives a second life p- to co-favorite Mario Andretti, who was forced out of action by a faulty clutch -- after only twelve laps. Andretti's pit crew now hopeful they can get him back on the track -- in plenty of time to make a run for the money. Which in this case amounts to a grand total of seven hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

ARUBA

An April theft of nearly a million dollars in gold bullion -- reported today from the island of Aruba off the coast of Venezuela. In the same report - news of a solution to the crime - along with partial recovery of the loot.

The gold -- bound by air from New York to Caracas -- apparently lifted from a cargo plane - when it made a brief stop at Aruba. Suspects now in custody - including three airline employees and a native Aruban, <sup>who were</sup> in the process of trading the gold for cash and jewels - when they fell into the hands of police.

NEW YORK

One of the winningest pitchers in baseball history - at the end of the line today. ~~Both~~ Southpaw Whitey Ford of the New York Yankees - calling it quits after eighteen years in the American League. At thirty-eight -- the victim of a bone spur in his throwing arm.

Whitey Ford closing out his career - with a record of two-hundred-and-thirty-six victories against a hundred-and-six losses; for a percentage figure of six-ninety - highest of any pitcher ever with two hundred or more wins. He also scored a record ten ~~or~~ victories - in World Series competition; along the way - pitching a record thirty-two straight innings of shutout ball.

Whitey Ford ~~is~~ summing it all up - in one brief remark. "I came up wearing fifty-dollar suits - and go out wearing two hundred dollar suits; so I'd say"-- said he "I accomplished everything I wanted."

FOUNDNEAR ARCH

News of ~~ax~~ a rare find -- comes today from Foundnear Arch, New Mexico. Discovery of the full skeleton of a pre-historic man - who roamed the land perhaps ten to twelve thousand years ago.

Finders - Cecil Clark and Greg Moore - of Eastern New Mexico University. Also coming up with a flint knife -- and fourteen <sup>artifacts</sup> ~~heads~~ made of bone.

All the evidence pointing to a type of man - who hunted mammoths across the old West, <sup>part of</sup> in the long ago, <sup>Stew</sup> ~~Metz~~ when men were really men, + s-l-u-t-m.