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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

From Communist North Vietnam -- and from Moscow -- a charge today that American planes have struck for the first time -- within the city limits of Hanoi. The Soviet News Agency Tass alleging a low-level bombing attack -- on a workers residential area along the Red River.

"Scores of buildings were destroyed -- in the fire that ensued" -- said Tass. Adding that it took "scores of ambulances" -- to take the air raid victims "to hospitals and first aid centers." North Vietnam itself -- further claiming to have downed four American planes; and captured a number of pilots who allegedly took part in an attack -- on the "suburbs" of the Red capital.

## PENTAGON

First official American reaction -- from the Pentagon.

"U.S. policy is to attack military targets only". A

Pentagon spokesman adding: "The only targets scheduled for attack in the Hanoi area during the past Twenty-Four hours -- were military targets which had been previously struck."

## FOLLOW PENTAGON

Late today, Senate Democratic leader Mansfield proposed that the U.S. call for a cease-fire and stand-fast in the Vietnam war -- extending into February. Hopefully, said Mansfield, President Johnson's proposal for unconditional discussion or negotiation -- public or private -- might be acted on during this pause in the fighting. But Chairman Stennis of the Senate Military Preparedness Subcommittee takes issue with Mansfield. Such a pause, he says, would only serve to give the Communists another opportunity to rebuild their supply lines and facilities.

## UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations -- Black Africa apparently fully united today -- in demanding a total oil embargo against Rhodesia. Also urging a comprehensive export ban -- against the rebellious British colony.

The African stand in a series of proposed amendments -- to Britain's request for limited sanctions against Rhodesia. Presented to the U.N. Security Council by Ambassador Apollo Kironde of Uganda -- in behalf of all Thirty-Eight countries in Black Africa.

Kironde hinting, however -- that the African stand is open to negotiation. "By putting our heads together" -- said he -- "it may b<sup>e</sup> possible -- to amend our amendments;" and thereby "bring about the desired ~~results~~ <sup>results</sup> -- in the quickest possible time." But the British still hope the Security Council will approve their proposal without change.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

With Lowell Thomas still in Europe -- another special report tonight -- that begins with an intriguing question. Lowell ....

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Good Evening again Dallas, and hello everybody:

Anyone in the market for a gold mine? Here's your chance. A proven bonanza waiting for someone to pick it up - so they say.

The site - a rain forest in Guyana - formerly British Guinea; in a rather remote part of the north of South America -- accessible till now only by boat. There the U S Geological Survey has just rediscovered a fortune in gold -- in an abandoned dig called Peter's Mine.

In the early Nineteen Hundreds - this mine yielded nearly Forty-Thousand ounces of the precious gold - from Nineteen-oh-Four-to Nineteen-Nine. And then the cost of recovering - well, it became prohibitive - so the mine was abandoned.

But time and techniques do change. And that's why the new government of Guyana recently asked the U. S. Geological Survey to conduct tests - and determine

*how much gold was still left; also whether it could be mined with modern equipment -- and then flown out to civilization -- at a reasonable cost.*

*The answer: Plenty of gold in them there rain forests. About five-and-a-half million dollars worth -- at least - for anyone with the capital and the courage to get it out.*

*Interested? If so, address your bid to the U S Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. See you in the rain forest. Solong,*

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**IKE**

**Former President Eisenhower -- up and around for the first time today -- following his operation. Doctors at Walter Reed Army Hospital calling his response to surgery -- "just what we wanted." Adding that Ike is making -- "very satisfactory progress." So much so -- that he may get his announced wish; to be home at Gettysburg -- for Christmas. But there's still nothing definite on that.**



## RUBY FOLLOW IKE

Another kind of medical report -- comes from Dallas, Texas. Doctors at Parkland Hospital reporting that Jack Ruby is wracked by cancer -- to the point where both surgery and radiation treatment have been ruled out. Leaving chemotherapy -- the use of drugs -- as the sole hope for stemming the disease.

And that -- an extremely long shot -- according to a high medical source; who says it is now doubtful -- whether Ruby will ever leave the hospital.

BERLIN

Hopes for joyous Christmas reunions -- among thousands of families separated by the Iron Curtain -- just about obliterated today. Communist East Germany demanding diplomatic recognition by West Germany -- as the price it wants for opening the Berlin Wall over the holiday season. A price that West Germany -- can not and will not pay.

This made abundantly clear by Chancellor Kurt-Georg Kiesinger -- in his maiden speech today to the West German Bundestag. The new head of government saying that West Germany -- is eager and anxious to ease ~~West~~<sup>9</sup> East-West tension; and toward that end -- will gladly establish relations with the nations of Communist Eastern Europe; all of them -- that is -- except East Germany.

CEDAR RAPIDS

This next -- a plea from the postmaster of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; urging residents of that city -- to stop mailing letters in the city's new trash cans.

Postmaster Ernest Petro advising local citizens -- that "it's easy to tell what mail boxes look like."

"They're red and white and blue -- and say 'U.S. Mail' on them -- said he. Adding: "If it's pink, orchid or beige -- it's for trash."

And now here's Warren Moran -- for real!

## WESTERN GUJRAT

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi -- was embroiled in a shouting match today in the province of Western Gujrat. When thousands of anti-government moves -- to permit the slaughter of some of India's Sixty-Five million sacred cows.

However, Mrs. Gandhi -- more than a match for the hecklers. Reminding her fellow Hindus that the sacred cows roam the countryside -- without care or attention -- feeding at will but without being fed. Mrs. Gandhi finally demanding: "If you really love the cows -- why don't you do something to save them?"

Mrs. Gandhi later adding that "nothing will be done to enforce the ban on slaughter of sacred cows -- until fasts and agitation have stopped."

And her audience ended up fully cowed.

Good Night.

*Again*  
Hello Dallas, Good Evening, Everybody:

The fate of the whale - life or death - apparently has just been sealed by the Whaling Research Unit of Britain's Royal Oceanographic Institution. Its verdict is accepted by the whaling nations of the world - in their conference at Tokyo.

By mutual agreement - next season's catches in the Antarctic - will be limited to the equivalent of thirty-five hundred blue whale. According to The Royal Oceanographic Institution - this is the best we can hope for - in view of the importance of whaling - to Russia, Japan and Norway. Moreover says the ~~an~~ research group - this may enable the Blue Whale, the largest animal ever to live on our earth - may enable it to make a comeback.

That's one view. However, the Fauna Preservation Society - also has researchers and they predict that a catch of anything over two thousand blue whale - will mean

the extinction of that species.

"Once more" says the Fauna Society - "the short term demands of profit on capital investment by a handful of nations - these demands have been allowed to destroy a priceless natural resource that could have been a long-term asset to mankind." In short - says this Society - the whaling industry "is bent on committing suicide."

So which will it be - life or death? We can only wait - and say solong until tomorrow, hoping that the blue whale mightiest of creatures will somehow survive.

## KREMLIN FOLLOW THOMAS TAPE

Another subject of special interest the world over -- the problem of school drop-outs. Of equal concern -- on either side of the Iron Curtain. As evidenced by a report from the Kremlin -- citing what it called an "alarming" rate of Russian school drop-outs.

According to the Russian Ministry of Education -- an estimated Twenty-Five per cent of all Soviet students -- leave school before the end of Ninth grade; with the drop-out rate in certain areas -- actually running to more than Fifty per cent of total enrollment.

Russian teachers blame the high drop-out rate -- on a standard excuse "that not all adolescents have the capability of continuing their education." The Kremlin asserting however, that this was true -- in comparatively few cases. Blaming the situation instead -- on glaring deficiencies in the Russian school system; said deficiencies contributing to the fact that most of the drop-outs -- just "did not want to continue their studies."

STATE

By way of the State Department -- an emphatic and categorical denial today of charges attributed to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro; to the effect that America made secret concessions to Russia and Cuba -- in order to end the Nineteen-Sixty-Two missile crisis.

Castro quoted as saying the concessions were made in a secret agreement -- that "took place by letter and through diplomatic contacts." A State Department spokesman assesting, however, that this -- and similar stories through the years -- were simply not true. The spokesman further declaring "once and for all" -- as he put it -- "that there are not and never have been" -- and agreements in connection with the missile crisis -- which are not on the public record.



## HUMPHREY FOLLOW STATE

Vice President Hubert Humphrey was the keynote speaker today; at a national conference on air pollution -- the first in four years.

The Vice President urging a "working partnership among all levels of government" -- to meet the air pollution problem. Beginning with a series of interstate "non-diffusion" agreements -- for regional pollution control. "Just as we need a non-proliferation treaty among nations" -- said Hubert Humphrey -- "so we need non-diffusion treaties between states that share the same airshed."

## DECIMAL

The labor government makes it official. Britain will switch to a decimal system of currency -- as of February, Nineteen-Seventy-One.

The British pound sterling -- currently pegged at Two-Eighty-American -- to remain the major unit of British currency. But the new system will abandon such coins -- as the shilling, the florin, the half-crown and the old-fashioned British penny. These to be replaced by a series of coins. All of them based on a system of One Hundred "new pennies" -- to a pound.

Britain thus finally replacing a currency system -- that was founded during the reign of the Emperor Charlemagne. Which means that Britons, too, will now have to contend with what traditionalists have long called -- "those blankety-blank dots."

**LONDON**

**Three British gunmen were found guilty today of cold-blooded murder; in the triple-slaying last fall -- of three unarmed London detectives. Ex-jungle-fighter Harry Roberts and his two accomplices -- John Duddy and John Witney -- immediately sentenced to life imprisonment; stiffest penalty -- the court could impose.**

MOSCOW

From Moscow -- of all places -- news tonight of plans for a massive treasure hunt; with Russian historians, engineers, geologists and other specialists -- invited to join the search; for a fabled tsarist treasure -- that Napoleon allegedly stole from Moscow during his retreat of Eighteen-Twelve.

The search is being sponsored -- by the Soviet newspaper Komsomol-skaya Pravda; contending that the so-called "Moscow loot -- gold, silver, jewels and so on -- belongs in a museum; and not its supposed resting place -- at the bottom of a small lake -- about a Hundred-and-Twenty miles southwest of the capital.

The newspaper noting that stories of the legendary treasure -- have persisted for more than a century-and-a-half. Adding that "now is the time -- to get down to business;" either to find it -- or forget it.

Good Night.