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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the Middle East tonight it's Arab versus Arab.

Syrian President -- Noureddin Atassi -- taking to the

streets of Damascus; in an effort to foment revolt --

against King Hussein of neighboring Jordan.

Atassi telling thousands of anti-Hussein demonstrators

-- "our weapons are available to those who want them."

"Today is the liberation of Jordan" -- said he. "Tomorrow

-- the liberation of Palestine."

Syrian delegates to the Arab League Defense Council

meeting -- which began today in Cairo -- adding fuel to

the fires of revolt. Blaming Jordan's so-called

"reactionary rulers" -- meaning the House of Hussein --

for alleged failure to pursue a "hard line" against Israel.

VIETNAM

A close call today -- off the coast of Vietnam; for the Destroyer Manley -- of the American Seventh Fleet.

The Navy vessel firing at coastal targets -- in support of U.S. Marines on shore; when a five-inch shell suddenly exploded at the bow of the ship -- touching off a brief fire. The more embarrassing because it occurred during an official visit -- by Democrat Senator Henry Jackson of Washington state.

Luckily -- no one hurt. Nevertheless, an investigation underway tonight -- to determine the cause of this latest in a series of costly fires and explosions -- aboard U.S. warships off Vietnam.

PARIS

From Paris -- a report that North Vietnam is under increasing pressure from the world Communist bloc. Except for Red China and Albania -- Communist countries all over the globe -- said to be urging Hanoi to begin peace talks -- now -- with the United States.

This -- we're told -- comes from high Communist diplomatic sources. Who insist that Red peace envoys have been hard at work behind the scenes in Hanoi -- even as Communist leaders at home publicly attack American policy in Vietnam.

U.S. officials -- kept fully informed of the effort -- they say. But as yet -- the peace movement has met with little apparent success.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

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Lowell Thomas is en route to Europe tonight -- once again on the trail of high adventure. / In the meantime -- a special report he left of us -- on the fabled "Roof of the World."

Lowell.....

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make them Chinese. Can anything be done about it? Those
who are closely in touch with all this feel that by far
the best way to bring this to the attention of the world
would be to have the Dalai Lama come from his home in
exile, and make a personal appearance at the United Nations
in New York.

And, this the Dalai Lama would like to do.

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UNITED STATES FOLLOW THOMAS TAPE

Speaking of the U.N. -- Lowell -- a somewhat related item comes from the world body itself. Raising the possibility of a precedent -- for the Dalai Lama's projected visit. Rebel Premier Ian Smith of Rhodesia -- has demanded the right to appear before the U.N. Security Council. Purpose: To confront Britain -- when the British request worldwide economic sanctions against the breakaway colony.

Coincidentally, the British pound sterling -- bouncing back today on the foreign exchange market. The London stock market -- also staging a sharp recovery. On the strength of rumors that South African Premier John Foster may attempt to mediate the Rhodesian dispute.

POWELL

Representative Adam Clayton Powell says he is ready to comply at once with a court order directing him to pay sixty dollars a week toward a one hundred and sixty-four thousand dollar defamation judgement. This could mean the end of some, if not all, of the Harlem Congressman's legal difficulties. The payments would go to Mrs. Esther James, the sixty-eight-year-old widow whom Powell was found guilty of defaming in a broadcast interview six years ago. If the payments are made on the sixty-dollar a week basis, Mrs. James will be one hundred and five years old by the time they are completed and her attorney indicates this arrangement will not be satisfactory.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey says a national mood of reaction and disillusionment is abroad in the land. Humphrey is in Miami Beach tonight, addressing the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. He urges

POWELL--2

The case for affirmative action is put forward today by one of the church leaders to counteract that mood of reaction and disillusionment -- which the Vice President says threatens to undo progress in race relations -- and cripple the war against poverty.

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The case for euthanasia -- put forward today by one of the nation's leading religious publications. This in an article called "Coup De Grace" -- in Christian Century Magazine. Urging the establishment of special panels of judges -- to authorize so-called "mercy killing" -- in cases where it is supposedly proven justified.

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CHICAGO

In Chicago -- this morning a commuter's nightmare -- came to life. An elevated train of the Chicago Transit Authority -- racing past the stockyards -- en route downtown during the morning rush-hour; when the last two cars jumped the tracks -- plunging Twenty-Five feet to the street below. First such accident -- in the history of the Chicago "el."

The ~~xxx~~ scene that followed -- complete bedlam. Broken and bleeding victims -- strewn about the street. A torrent of sparks -- pouring from the train. A private automobile -- half-crushed under the impact. With reaction of passengers and onlookers alike -- ranging from stunned shock to tearful hysteria.

In other words, it might have been a disaster. And so it appeared -- for the twenty-five who were injured in the crash. But almost miraculously -- only one person dead.

A far cry -- from what it could have been.

LAKES ENTRANCE

Sixty-Five-year-old Francis Chichester -- Britain's not so ancient mariner -- is nearing his goal. The round-the-world sailor -- arriving off the coast of Lakes Entrance, Australia -- not far from Melbourne; on the final leg of his Fourteen-Thousand-mile solo voyage, -- from Plymouth England, to Sydney Australia.

To newsmen who went out to greet him -- Chichester appearing gaunt and tired. Further admitting he has run out of most of his food -- and is now subsisting mainly on potatoes, beer and rum. Declaring, nevertheless, that he's ⁹ still as determined to reach Sydney non-stop -- as he was the day he set out last August.

Chichester was asked -- if he'd had any mishaps along the way. About "one-a-day" -- he replied. The most serious? It "occurred today" -- said he -- "when I got rammed by a fishing boat -- which came out to meet me."

Warren -- for a man at sea since August -- it must have been just about the last straw.

WASHINGTON

On this Twenty-Fifth anniversary of Pearl Harbor -- growing opposition in Washington; to plans for a war memorial on American soil -- that would honor Japanese dead in World War two.

The proposed shrine -- a project of the South Pacific Memorial Association -- made up of business and religious leaders from Guam and Japan. Who would like to erect the Japanese remembrance -- on a Seventy-acre site in Guam; a U.S. territory which the Japanese first captured -- and then lost during the war.

Plans for the memorial -- originally okayed by both the U.S. State Department and the Department of the Interior. But in view of the storm of protest -- the matter is now under review. One letter-writer suggesting that such a memorial -- would be like "putting a Nazi monument on the soil of ~~Israel~~⁹ Israel."

Good Night.