

**Good evening everybody and a special
greeting to two new CBS Radio friends - joining the
network today. W H E C in Rochester, New York - and
W G L Fort Wayne, Indiana.**

AGNEW

Vice President Agnew - addressing a V F W Convention in Miami Beach - charged today that a Senate proposal to cut off funds for the Vietnam war is "a tragic blunder" that would bring chaos, and ruin chances for peace in Southeast Asia for the rest of this century. And he added "I wonder whether backers of this proposal really give a damn about the South Vietnamese people."

The Vice President - interrupted ten times by applause - went on to call the proposal a blueprint for America's first military defeat. He referred to a measure, co-sponsored by Republican Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Democrat George McGovern of South Dakota which would cut off Federal funds for the war by the end of this year -- requiring withdrawal of all American troops from Vietnam by the middle of next year. A vote on the measure is expected later this month or early next. In concluding his brief speech before some five thousand delegates, Agnew

said - "while I do not question the patriotism of the measure's sponsors, I do deeply question their wisdom, their judgement and their logic."

Also in a copyrighted interview in U S News and World Report, Angew says thtt President Nixon has never asked him to tone down his controversial speeches - and that his relationship with the White House is now closer that ever before. Said the Vice President - "The President has never indicated that he wanted me to turn off the blowtorch."

ANTARCTIC

One of the last of Antarctic's unexplored regions - the Lassiter Coast along the Peninsula that juts northward toward South America - is now being mapped and surveyed by a team of U. S. Geological engineers. The area under exploration includes the Latady, Scaife, Wilkins and Hauberg mountains - the Rare Range - and parts of the Wetmore Glacier - an area embracing more than six thousand square miles. Leader of the eight-man team - Doctor Paul Williams - will head a second expedition to the Lassiter Coast this autumn and move northward from a base camp at Wetmore Glacier - exploring the Hutton, Playfair and Werner Mountains.

STORM

What's termed "a severe tropical depression"

- bringing hurricane force winds and high tides - moved up the eastern seaboard today - damaging several resort towns in the Carolinas and causing at least three deaths.

Farther out in the Atlantic, a condemned World War II

Liberty ship moved through the storm - flying bright red warning flags from its rigging - and with its cargo of nerve gas in its hold. The ship is more than halfway to its destination two-hundred-eighty miles off the Florida coast - where the ship - cargo and all - will be sunk into sixteen-thousand feet of water, weather permitting.

VENUS

Russia's Venus-Seven is moving tonight into a two-hundred-million-mile flight path toward Earth's nearest planetary neighbor - in a new unmanned probe. Tass - the Soviet news agency - announced the launching - giving NO details on its projected arrival date - or whether it's another Soviet attempt to soft land an object on the planet's surface. Other attempts have been unsuccessful.

VATICAN

The Vatican's police have decided to crack down on both drivers and pedestrians. The penalties will be tougher and steeper for such offenses as jaywalking, illegal parking and speeding - which means anything over eighteen miles an hour for cars and nine for trucks. In the Vatican, should that be called a vehicular violation or - a traffic transgression?

SHIP

Imagine a one-hundred-ton ocean-going ship with speeds up to one hundred knots an hour - about four times the speed of conventional ships. Such a vessel would be propelled by two large rocket-engine pumps - with the hull submerged only a few inches as the ship speeds over the water on a cushion of air. Construction is already underway at Tacoma, Washington - not on the ship itself, but on its prototype. The only snag that might cause the project to go aground is a disagreement among Federal agencies over financing.

RACE

The second trans-continental "clean air" car race will begin next week - with sixty automobiles beginning the thirty-six hundred mile journey coast-to-coast on August Twenty-Fourth. The race begins at M-I-T in Cambridge, Massachusetts and ends at Cal Tech in Pasedena. All the competing cars were built by sludents - and all vehicles must comply with Federal exhaust emission standards. As such, the propulsion systems in these cars include steamers, electrics, turbines and even some with regular combustion engines that burn low pollutant fuels. In any event, the race is expected to take several days - if NOT weeks - with cars broken down across thousands of miles of highway."

CLOWN

Coco - the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey

clown - says things are changing - it's a tough job to get people to alugh nowadays because life is so grim. Coco says "It's even hard to get children to laugh - people are so darn up-tight - so tense". He says he used to get a laugh just by falling down. "Now;" Coco tells us sadly, such a fall means nothing. People are different, too. We used to work in the audience - throwing confetti on people out of a pail supposedly filled with water. And we had a chap dressed up in a fake gorilla suit. Now a woman wants to sue the circus if she gets a piece of confetti in her eye - and a man claims he was shocked by the fake gorilla he suffered from the scare! Poor Coco! Poor the rest of us if what he says is true.

Warren, you don't look uptight!

PICTURE

Wisconsin Senator Proxmire is demanding an investigation of what he calls "Operation Razor Blade" which - he says - involves fifteen airmen at Lackland Base in Texas who were ordered to spend a full day cutting their commanding General's picture out of ten thousand copies of the base newspaper. Proxmire says he was advised by the publisher that, recently, a senior non-commissioned officer stormed into the office in a rage - dismissing the assistant editor - and charging that the General's picture had been inappropriately cropped. He then ordered fifteen airmen - armed with razors - to cut the offending photograph out of the papers, leaving a hole some three columns wide and five inches deep on page five. Operation Razor Blade.