

Good Evening Everybody:

The key word in President Johnson's address before the annual meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce - "Restraint." The President, urging business to use "restraint" - in decisions that affect our national economy. Meaning - hold the line on wages and prices. And Mr. Johnson promised to use "restraint" himself - in running the government.

Meaning - no extravagant spending of public money.

So much - for exhortation. What about - the facts? "Times are good" - said Lyndon Johnson.

Partly because in his words, "you have an independent, taxpaying, light-bill-saving President in the White House." He was joking about his habit of going around the White House turning off the lights. We don't know that he does - but that's the story.

RUBY

The Lawyers defending Jack Ruby - claim tonight that their client is definitely insane.

Evidence - Ruby beating his head against the wall of his cell, and restrained from this by the prison guards. A psychiatrist had testified - that he was suffering from Hallucinations at the time.

All of which indicates that next on the agenda for Ruby - is a sanity trial.

LAOS

One of the hazards of newscasting - is the unpronounceable name. Which, of course, you have to try to pronounce - in one way or another. Like - Lanphouthakoul. Wonder if I got that right?

Anyway, this name is liable to be around for a while - because it belongs to the new strongman of Laos. General Siho Lanphouthakoul - leader of the right wing coup, who clings stubbornly to power - despite diplomatic pressure from western diplomats. Keeping neutralist Premier Souvanna Phouma - he has a much more pronounceable name - keeping him under house arrest.

The situation in Laos is so dangerous - that western dependents are nearly all packed tonight, wives and children, ready to move out of Vientiane - should the British, French and American Consuls tell them to go.

CYPRUS

Tonight's dispatch from Cyprus sounds like - a page from Medieval history. It says that St. Hilarion Castle - is under siege. The army outside - attempting to storm its ancient walls. The defenders, fighting them off - with sticks, stones and boiling water.

Sounds like the days of the Crusades. But the illusion is ruined - by the chatter of machine guns, and the roar - of grenades, and it was never like that when Godfrey de Boullion and Richard the Lion Hearted were on Cyprus.

Ancient castle or no ancient castle, the situation is becoming more serious as the Greek Cypriots press the attacks and as the Turkish Cypriots attempt to beat them back. The prize for which they are fighting - St. Hilarion Castle, which has seen many a siege since it was built during the middle ages.

INDONESIA

The Foreign Minister of Indonesia admits that he's not ecstatic - about Indonesian expansion. Subandrio telling the Jakarta Parliament that the effects of the national economy - have been disastrous.

First, the campaign to annex West New Guinea. Politically it was successful - but it led to further inflation. The value of Indonesian money - decreasing. Forcing President Sukarno to dip into his reserves of gold and silver.

After that Sukarno's campaign against the Federation of Malaysia. The campaign - that is still going on. Result - rampant inflation. A steep drop in the gold and silver - in the Jakarta treasury. And, exports are still decreasing - because so many men and machines are tied up with military assignments. The balance of trade - distinctly unfavorable.

Indonesia may be growing - geographically -

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with West New Guinea - Iran, which Indonesia has as much right to as we would have to Ireland or Portugal.

But Indonesia continues to grow weaker - economically.

Wo says - the Indonesian First Deputy Premier.

SAMARKAND

Now, "The golden road to Samarkand," as they called it centuries ago - when caravans plodden across the steppes to the fabled city of Turkestan. Samarkand, gilded metropolis - in the days when the Mongols ruled the land east of the Caspian. The capital of Genghis Khan - and Tamerlane. Also of Scheherazade - of the Thousand and One Nights. The "Arabian Nights".

The greatness of Samarkand - belongs to history. Today it's still quite a city - in the Uzbek Republic of the Soviet Union. But it's no longer capital of the world as it once was. And tonight it's threatened with destruction.

A landslide has dammed - the Zeraushan River, which is in imminent danger of giving way and sending a tidal wave surging down thru the valley. Soviet engineers are working furiously to prevent this from happening. We hear tonight they are about to blow up

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the dam of earth and rock that is on one side, hoping to draw the water off into channels away from Samarkand.

The civilized world - hopes they succeed. It would be sad to see a deluge inundate - one of the illustrious cities of all time, Golden Samarkand.

WEATHER

If you want to know what's happening to the Gulf Coast area - consider these facts and figures:- twelve inches of rain - at Gulfport, Mississippi, seven inches - at Mobile, Alabama, five inches - at Pensacola, Florida.

Torrential rain usually causes - floods. And that's what's happening - along the Gulf of Mexico. Hardest hit - Mobile. Hundreds of homes today with water in the basement. Thousands of residents, evacuated to higher - dryer ground. Roads, impassable - and studded with abandoned cars. Numerous accidents - on the highways.

The Gulf Coast - sodden, tonight.

JUPITER

I wonder how many will be interested in this?

The planet Jupiter - has slowed down. So reported by Professor Alex Smith of the University of Florida - in an address before the American Physical Society in Washington.

Professor Smith says that eight years of observation proves that Jupiter takes longer to rotate, longer by - one and three tenths seconds. Anything dramatic in that? You might not think so. But astronomers say the largest planet of our Solar System with a diameter ten times that of the earth - should be among the most constant of the heavenly bodies. But - it isn't

Why? The Astronomers haven't yet come up with a theory. All they know is that they are amazed - because Jupiter has slowed down by one-and-three-tenths seconds.

WITCH DOCTORS

In Northern Rhodesia, medical doctors are meeting competition from - Witch Doctors. A recrudescence of the age-old superstitions of Africa - tempering the practitioners of western science. This is in the news because of a Smallpox epidemic out in the Bush. Almost one thousand cases - this year. Seventy-four fatalities. Which is why the Rhodesian government is sending medical teams thru the back country - to vaccinate the population.

But African Witch doctors are telling the people that it's not healthy to have someone sticking pins into you. Or - needles. Hence - the opposition. The natives, fleeing - from the medical teams. Insisting that the way to lick Small Pox is not vaccination, but a good old magic spell, performed by - the family witch doctor.