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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

From Oklahoma to Northern Virginia and all points between -- a white Christmas is the forecast -- with the first major snowstorm of the season, for many parts of the country. Even in much of Dixie they are expecting a white Christmas. In some states the snow has brought the usual highway problems. Kansans would like to share some of their snow with other places where they want more. For instance, drifts up to ten feet deep at Arma, Kansas.

Up here in Alaska where I am tonight, it's white enough -- good skiing and all that, but less snow than usual. Alaskan riviera weather I'd call it. Ten above, this morning. Clear and sparkling, with Mt. McKinley standing out in all its majesty against the sub-arctic sky. Ideal weather.

## TIBET

Here in Alaska -- at KFQD, I am near the top of the world -- and I have some news from the roof of the world. A report today that Red China has failed once again -- in its efforts to Communize Tibet. The first attempt -- fifteen years ago -- when Tibet was forced to accept the domination of Peking. An arrangement that ended in revolt in nineteen-fifty-nine -- when the Chinese attempted to supercede the Dalai Lama.

That revolt was crushed -- as you know -- and the Dalai Lama fled into exile to India; with a Chinese hand picked Panchen Lama placed on the Tibetan throne by Mao Tse Tung. But he, too, refused to obey the Red Mongolian Chinese conquerers -- giving way in Nineteen-Sixty-Four to Ngato Ngawang Jigme; another hand picked ruler -- for what Peking then called the newly established ~~ed~~ Tibet autonomous region.

Today we hear of another failure -- on the authority of none other than Premier Chow En Lai of Red China. Chow quoted as saying that Ngato Ngawang Jigme must go -- like all the others; for failure -- or refusal -- to meet Red Peking goals. Jigme's successor -- still to be named. Chow asserting, however, that he will be someone this time -- from Tibet's so-called "Revolutionary Cadre." An apparent admission -- that China has yet to find a quisling -- in all of Tibet.

## MIDDLE EAST

Jordan's King Hussein and his chief supporter -- Premier Wassi Tel -- apparently stronger than ever today, as a result of that government shake-up yesterday at Amman -- in which Tel resigned but was immediately reappointed to form a new government.

When the sand had settled -- four of Hussein's chief critics were gone from the Cabinet. All of them Palestinians -- who have been clamoring for a "hard line" against Israel. Leaving command almost entirely in the hands of men of Jordan -- like Hussein himself; rather than ex-Palestinians -- who now comprise the majority of the nation's population.

This latest -- Premier Tel -- today calling for new national elections; apparently fully confident of popular support -- for the government -- stated policies of Arab moderation.

Nevertheless, an emergency meeting of the unified Arab command has been called for tomorrow in Cairo. Purpose; to study means of assigning Iraqi and Saudi Arabian troops to Jordan -- as a precaution against Israeli raids.



WASHINGTON

Drought stricken Pakistan will soon receive a half million tons of U.S. grain -- to help feed its hungry people until next year's harvest. The final o.k. disclosed today in Washington -- under the terms of the U.S. Food for Peace program. Following by less than a day -- the government's decision also to send nearly a million tons of grain to drought-stricken India -- Pakistan's near neighbor and bitter rival.

Still pending -- are food requests from a dozen other countries; including Algeria, Egypt, Yugoslavia, and Israel.

We hear today from the Texas White House that President Johnson will ask Congress to declare its views next year -- before deciding on any future long-term program of food aid for India. The President thereby pressing for continued "multilateral action" to help India help itself; so the United States will not have to do it alone -- in the face of declining wheat surpluses at home.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome -- a year-end report today from Pope Paul. Including the announcement that he plans to summon churchmen from around the world -- to an unprecedented assembly of Bishops next fall. This as a first step -- toward giving the Bishops a bigger role in governing the Catholic church.

The Bishops meeting is expected to last a month -- "and longer, if necessary" -- said the Pope. In hopes that it "will augment apostolic wisdom and efficiency within the church" -- as he put it.

## CINCINNATI

A strange tale of crime and punishment -- comes today from Cincinnati, Ohio. The story of Kenneth Abbott -- a crack of a traveling salesman: Who doubles in brass -- as a crack bank robber.

According to police -- and by his own admission -- Abbot even could sell iceboxes to the eskimo up here in Alaska. Earning as much as thirty five thousand a year -- selling a variety of products in Ohio and Pennsylvania. However for some unexplained reason -- he suddenly turned to a life of crime -- in his spare time; robbing six banks in the last year -- his one big mistake -- trying to rob the same bank twice; and they caught him, in Cincinnati.

End of one career -- but not the other. Released recently on bond -- Abbott earning another thousand dollars in sales commissions -- in a mere three weeks, enough -- to settle a few obligations.



But now -- it's all behind him. Kenneth Abbot sentenced today to ten years -- in the Ohio State Penitentiary.

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## TRENTON

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## VIETNAM

It is now Saturday morning in Vietnam -- and a sudden quiet has descended on the land. The guns of war falling silent -- in observance of a forty-eight hour Christmas cease fire. To all appearances -- fully effective up to now.

However, U.S. troops remain alert -- against the possibility of a Viet Cong sneak attack. All the more vigilant because of a day of heavy fighting -- that lasted almost to the hour of the truce.

Meanwhile, a Christmas message from General Westmoreland was published today in his home town newspaper at Charlestown, South Carolina in which the General asserts flatly that Americans fighting in Vietnam -- are bringing closer to reality "Christ's wish for peace on earth."

So -- Merry Christmas to all -- and solong until Monday.