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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The cause of that massive northeast power failure may have been found today. The Chairman of the Federal Power Commission -- announcing that it apparently started in a system of relays "in the Ontario hydro-generating plant on the Niagara River."

BREEDLOVE

Daring speed driver Craig Breedlove of Los Angeles - today became the first man ever to pilot a car at better than six hundred miles an hour. Recapturing the world land speed record - in two sizzling runs across the Bonneville Salt Flats in ~~western~~ Utah, in his jet-powered Spirit of America, a record-breaking average - of nearly six hundred and one miles an hour.

VIETNAM

On the other side of the globe -- a flight of giant B-Fifty Twos today went to rescue a force of U.S. air cavalrymen, pinned down in Viet Nam -- near the Cambodian border sending the Communists reeling back with enemy dead set at about a thousand. This the first time for strategic bombers to be used in direct support of ground troops.

INTRO TO LOWELL THOMAS JR.

If you have been hearing Lowell Jr's broadcasts from the plane now attempting to fly around the world by way of both poles you will know what this is all about. If you haven't heard him from over the Pacific, over Alaska, and from the North Pole, perhaps I'd better explain that one of the most important flights in the history of aviation is under way at this moment.

There have been a dozen or so important first long distance flights since the Wright Brothers took off at Kitty Hawk, sixty-two years ago: -- first flights over the Atlantic and Pacific, first flight half way around the world, and others, including of course the First Flight Around the World in 1924, of which I was the historian.

Ever since 1924 it has been the dream of airmen to fly around the world by way of both Poles. But, there hadn't been a plane that could do it, until recently. For nearly two years two veteran airmen, Fred Austin and Harrison Finch

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have been planning this flight, but always stymied because no plane that could make it was available. Quite recently they got their plane, the first of a new series of big Boeings. Since then they have been so busy preparing for the flight they just did nothing at all about advance publicity. They and their plane, with a crew of fourteen plus twenty-six scientists and others, took off yesterday.

Lowell Jr. as historian has been on the air several times from the plane. At the moment they are refueling and I have asked him to tell us a little about it. Come in, Lowell.

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One thing more: In addition to circling the world by both poles, never done before, on ~~his~~ this flight they hope to break five or six world records. ^{air} ~~All such~~ records are kept officially in France by the Federation Aeronautique, and word has just come from Paris that Captains Austin and Finch are claiming for the United States a new world record from Hawaii to London non-stop, in thirteen hours and fifty four minutes. And now, they are on another long seven thousand mile leg of the flight, from London to Buenos Aires. After that tomorrow into the unknown, ~~the~~ never ^{attempted} ~~done~~ before - from South America across the Antarctic by way of the South Pole.