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NEW YORK

Good Evening Everybody:

And a bow to Allan Jackson who was here at this microphone while I was off on a quick trip to England, Italy, Switzerland and France.

At New York's Kennedy Airport - a blanket of security precautions today when we flew in from Europe. Oue of the tightest ever. It all had to do with the arrival of a six-man advance team, a part of Red China's new UN delegation. The Peking men - quickly whisked to Manhattan; taking up residence in a mid-town hotel that will serve as China's temporary New York headquarters.

INDO-CHINA

In the fighting in Indo-China - U.S. war planes struck deep into North Vietnam today; hitting two enemy airfields - about a hundred and fifty miles north of the DMZ. This marking the second straight day for U.S. jets to invade the Communist North, following a warning from Admiral M McCain - the U.S. Pacific Commander - a warning of a Communist air build-up.

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Today's raids came along with a rising clamor from U.S. war critics; challenging the size and range - of recent U.S. air strikes.

Defence Secretary Laird defends the continued use of U.S. air power, saying: "We will be able to make reductions" in time. Pledging, nevertheless, to "use air power - as long as it's needed and necessary to protect American personnel." This - following his return from a five day trip to Vietnam.

Defense Secretary Laird says Vietnamization of the war - is proceeding "on schedule or ahead of schedule in all respects." He says the South Vietnamese "can now handle the military situation" - to an extent he "didn't think possible when the program began." All of which could mean another step up in U.S. troop withdrawals.

MANILA

The bloodiest election campaign in Philippine history - finally ended today; with the death toll, at last reports - about two hundred; more than double that of the previous worst campaign - back in Nineteen Sixty-Seven.

Now - the tabulation. Early returns giving the Philippines opposition Liberal Party - a surprising lead over President Marco's ^r Nacionalista Party. WOMEN FOLLOW MANILA

Regardless of party affiliation though - this year's election scoring up another advance in the number of women candidates; among them, the lady governors of three provinces in Northern Luzon - who were running strong in their bids for re-election.

Northern Luzon - the place where it's said but "that men are men - and women are governors."

SANTIAGO

From Santiago, Chile comes a report that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro will arrive there on Wednesday, to be with Chile's Marxist President - Salvatore Allende when he celebrates his first anniversary in office. For Castro, this will be his first trip abroad since Nineteen-Sixty-Four when he made a brief visit to Russia. Taxes

Here at home On Capitol Hill - the Senate Finance

Committee today approved a new tax bill; along the lines originally proposed by President Nixon - **xiecand** the same as it cleared the House. This calling for cuts in personal and business taxes - expected to run about sixteen billion over the next three years.

SENATE

For Supreme Court nominee Lewis Powell another appearance today before the Senate Judiciary Committee; where he estimated his major financial holdings - at a million-and-a-half in stocks and bonds; adding that he could not dispose of these holdings - without taking a substantial tax loss.

This abviously "a troublesome problem", - since a switch to a so-called "blind trust" - would be "of little assistance." If confirmed Powell - said he would, of course, disqualify himself from any case - involving companies in which he has a financial interest. ATLANTA

Atlanta, Georgia - the Thirty-Seventh Annual Southern Governor's Conference; with Governor Carter of Georgia and Governor Williams of Mississippi - accuses Washington of attempting to undermine state governments; especially in the south.

A number of governors also contending that Governor Wallace of Alabama might "dilute" the southern cause if he were to run for President in Nineteen -Seventy-Two.

However Governor Wallace, at a news conference, announced that he may enter five Presidential primaries next year. These - said he - offer "a wonderful chance to send some shock waves - and shake some eye-teeth." Adding: "As the Gallop Poll goes up - my interest in running goes up."

HARTFORD

From Hartford, Connecticut - the case for African witchdoctors; presented by an American medical missionary - just back from twelve years in Rhodesia. Dr. J. Franklin Donaldson citing, in particular, the work oj a so-called "Christien witch doctor" by the name of Mundeta. Observing dimit He tells how witch doctor Mundeta concerns himself - "with the inter-personal dimension and the spiritual life" - of his patients; often bringing about "dramatic drops in blood pressure in patients who had come in with very high blood pressure.

Dr. Donaldson adding: "When we in the hospital gave Western medications - we helped our patients get well;" but Witch Doctor Mundeta as he put it Warren - the Witch Doc helped them "rejoin the human race."

HOUSE

On Capitol Hill again, a House divided over the merit of a proposed Constitutional Amendment to permit prayers in public schools. This - leading to a bitter debate; with warnings - against alleged government "meddling" in religion.

In the end, a majority of the House - finally forcing the issue to a vote with a majority of the House voting for its passage. The vote in favor two-forty to one-sixty. So failing by twenty eight votes to attain the necessary twothirds majority. And in God The Trust is our National motto. And so long until tomorrow.