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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At New York's Kennedy Airport -- the beginning of a new life today; for Svetlana Stalina -- only surviving child of the late Russian dictator Josef Stalin.

Madame Stalina arriving from Switzerland with an open end visa -- free to stay as long as she likes. And quickly giving the impression -- that this is where she intends to stay.

"I believe one's home -- is anywhere one can feel free" -- said Madame Stalina. Adding that the "main dogmas of Communism" -- now have "lost all meaning" for her. Further contending that "people should work together -- for the progress of humanity."

"There are no Capitalists or Communists for me" -- only good people and bad people" -- said Madame Stalina.

She turns next -- to supervision of publication of a book she has written: A book about her past life -- as the daughter of one of the most powerful men in all history--Stalin

VIETNAM

On the other side of the globe -- a flat rejection today to America's latest peace bid. Hanoi refusing a U.S. offer -- to widen that demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam. A move seen as a possible first step -- towards peace talks. Hanoi calling the peace overture -- "a trick aimed at camouflaging U.S. escalation."

Meanwhile, U.S. B-Fifty Two's were striking today in three separate raids; aimed principally at heading off reported swarms of Viet Cong -- infiltrating the Northern Provinces of South Vietnam.

HUMPHREY--FOLLOW VIETNAM

In Washington today Vice President Hubert Humphrey stated that the overwhelming majority of national leaders in Europe -- fully "understand our presence and objectives in Vietnam."

They know -- "perhaps better than some Americans" -- said he "that we are in Vietnam to keep a commitment." And that "the day we waver on any commitment -- the fabric of the free world and ~~democracy~~^{security} will begin to fall apart."

ATHENS

Backed by the Army -- with his enemies in jail -- King Constantine of Greece moved swiftly today to cement his sudden power. The monarch swearing in as his new Premier -- former Attorney General Constantine Kolias -- a political neutral. With Army Chief of Staff Gregorios Standidakis -- to serve as Deputy Premier and Defense Minister.

General Standidakis -- a veteran of that bloody Greek Civil War against the Communists. One of the men who inspired Former President Truman -- to send more than four-hundred-million in economic aid to Greece and Turkey -- also the man believed to have led the King's coup early today -- ending two years of Greek political crisis.

As for Constantine -- he is now promising free elections as soon as possible. In the meantime -- virtual martial law.

RED CHINA

Latest from Red China -- a speedup intended to finish the job -- on Mao's chief rival, President Liu.

The official Peking People's Daily announcing the new goal -- as fast destruction of whatever influence Liu may still have in the provinces. This to follow establishment of that new pro-Mao government -- unveiled yesterday in Peking.

The article also claiming that pro-Mao-ists -- now have full support from the Chinese Liberation Army.

SAN DIEGO

On the medical front -- from San Diego: Doctor Augustus Kinzel of the Salk Institute -- reporting progress toward the isolation of an amazing new chemical that holds the promise "of a universal vaccine."

Doctor Kinzel even believes it may soon immunize man against all diseases. How soon?

"I think we have it done" -- says Doctor Kinzel. But it's a task that may still take years to prove -- to be sure.

PRESIDENT

President Johnson ⁹ to leave for Cologne -- on Sunday. The President will have time to confer with U.S. officials in West Germany.

A delegation of five -- to accompany the President to the funeral of Former West German Chancellor Adenauer; Secretary of State Rusk -- former, High Commissioner to Germany John McCloy -- former CIA director Allen Dulles -- Former West Germany Military Governor Lucius Clay -- and U.S. Ambassador, to Bonn, George McGhee.

NIXON

Fresh from two days in Pakistan -- Former Vice President Richard Nixon arrived today in New Delhi -- there conferring with Prime Minister -- Madame Indira Ghandi who for one thing discounts the importance of that recent cut off -- in major U.S. military aid to Pakistan. Telling Mr. Nixon doing so will not really help reduce tension -- between the two feuding neighbors.

For the former Vice President next stop Teheran tomorrow -- for a talk with the Shah. Then -- Greece, perhaps.

WHITE HOUSE

News coverage of the White House -- a subject of much debate of late. With President Johnson and top administration officials -- accusing reporters of constantly playing up bad news -- while virtually ignoring good news.

All this -- prompting publication of a pseudo-newspaper; as part of the program at a recent dinner sponsored by the Women's National Press Club.

Name of the newspaper: "The Johnson City Good News." Featuring page one headlines such as: "Polls go ninety-nine-point-nine per cent for LBJ" -- "RFK quits Senate to Head Family Book Company" -- "DeGaulle Asks Return of NATO."

The President's favorite though -- a little item tucked away in the corner. A bit of wishful thinking -- headlined: "Lucy Has A Boy."

AVALANCHE

In Nature, as we all know, there are certain violent phenomena over which mere man has little or no control.

The list includes earthquakes, of course; tidal waves, volcanic eruptions, cyclonic storms, and, if you are in the mountains, its the avalanche.

A young man rode an avalanche today, and what a story he will have to tell his children and grandchildren; for it was a big one, and he came through with no injury, except that he is in a Salt Lake City hospital tonight, suffering from shock. Here's the story:

Alta, Utah, in the Wasatch Mountains, is the esoteric ski capitol of America. Here in these mountains so famous for deep powder snow and for a long long season, here die hard skiers including pros from everywhere and amateurs who really know where to find the best skiing -- here they come when almost all other areas in the country have closed down.

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At this moment, up at Alta the snow is, oh, perhaps one-hundred-thirty or one-hundred-forty inches deep, up at altitudes from seven-thousand to thirteen-thousand feet. At Alta there is an avalanche research center, where you find our top avalanche experts; and they usually have this phenomenon under control -- USUALLY. This they do by shooting down the avalanches in the early morning or in the evening when no skiers are on the slopes. They do this with artillery, and also by setting charges of dynamite.

Up above Alta is a stunning mountain called Baldy, with a huge cornice along its crest. When this cornice gets too big, they shoot it down. This morning the avalanche experts fired their artillery. No avalanche -- so there seemed to be no threat to the die hard spring skiers who were there. However, two of the avalanche men climbed the mountain to plant charges of dynamite.

Before they could do so, down it came. And one extremely rugged mountaineer, Ron Perla, was caught and swept all the way from the top of the mountain down into the bowl far below, a bowl where there were skiers at the time. In company with the famous Alf Engen, and some of my ski friends, Jay Laughlin, Chris and Mary Young, and the Jack Sawyers, I had just skied down Baldy under that cornice, but we were all out of range when the avalanche took over.

This occurred shortly before noon this morning. No one knew for certain how many might have been trapped under the avalanche. So quickly a huge rescue force was assembled including between one-hundred and ~~three~~^{two}-hundred ^{service} forestry people, avalanche experts, ski pros, and others.

In a long line across the foot of the avalanche, with steel probes they started marching up the slope. Indeed a dramatic scene. For hours this went on until late this afternoon. Ron Perla and two or three others had been dug

out; and his companion Bengt Sandahl from Anchorage, Alaska who also had been high on the mountain to set those dynamite charges, Bengt had a miraculous escape.

Right now is the best season of all for skiing if you know where to go. Alta and its avalanches may sound terrifying, but the rangers here are experts at handling this mighty phenomenon of nature and we have far fewer avalanche tragedies in our glorious western mountains than they have in Switzerland. So now is the time to come to the Wasatch Mountains near Salt Lake, or to Mammoth, Squaw Valley or Heavenly Valley in the high Sierras where they also have over Two-Hundred inches of snow. And so long until Monday.

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