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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

From Cape Kennedy: The flight of Gemini-Eleven --
a resounding success so far.

On their very first orbit -- Astronauts Pete Conrad
and Duck Gordon quickly chasing down their Agena target
rocket.

Then, a scant Ninety-Four minutes after blast-off --
the report the world was waiting for. "Would you belived --
M equals One?" -- cracked a voice from Gemini-Eleven. "M
equals one" -- space jargon for "docking complete -- mission
accomplished."

Success considered vital to America's future plans --
for a manned landing on the moon. A fact duly noted -- back
on the ground. Space officials at Houston radioing up into

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space -- "Good show! -- Nicely done -- Outstanding!"

Primary job completed -- the astronauts later cutting loose from the Agena; completing a series of redockings -- to sharpen the maneuvering skills that astronauts will need for future moon flights. During one of these -- Command Pilot Conrad turning over the controls to the man beside him: Dick Gordon thus becoming the first co-pilot -- ever to complete his own docking.

Still to come: A spacewalk by Gordon -- scheduled for tomorrow; to be followed by an attempt Wednesday to fly deeper into space than man has ever traveled before. A distance -- of Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five miles.

VIET NAM

From Viet Nam -- news today of the heaviest U.S. aerial punch to date -- against the Communist North. Air Force, Navy and Marine plans -- flying a record Hundred-and-Seventy-One missions; against Communist military targets -- ranging nearly to Red China. Despite intense enemy anti-aircraft fire -- all planes returning safely.

~~To the South -- another strike by American B-Fifty-Two -- into the demilitarized zone between North and South Viet Nam. The big bombers blasting a Communist troop concentration -- in that supposed "no man's land."~~

Back at Saigon -- South Vietnamese Premier Ky today hailed the outcome of Sunday's elections -- as a "political, moral and diplomatic victory." One that "spells the beginning of the end" -- said he -- for the Communist threat to South Viet Nam.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW VIET NAM

Here at home -- the White House expressed gratification today -- at the outcome of those South Vietnamese elections.

Presidential
~~President~~ Press Secretary Bill Moyers asserting: "We are heartened by the fact that the elections were held -- and heartened by the size of the heavy turnout."

That turnout -- as you know -- said to be about Eighty-one per cent -- of all eligible voters in South Viet Nam. By contrast -- the turnout of eligible voters in the last presidential election here in the United States -- was only about Sixty-two per cent.

TANZANIA

In the city of Mwanza in Tanzania' -- two so-called "trial assessors" today recommended a verdict of not guilty; in the case of U.S. Peace Corpsman William Kinsey -- accused of killing his Twenty-Three-year-old wife.

Kinsey must now await a final decision -- from High Court Judge Harold Platt. But the trial assessors ^{— they are} -- tantamount to a jury in Tanzania; and the judge ^{— are} bound by custom -- to ~~refuse~~ ^{accept} their verdict.

One of the assessors ^{is} an American -- Gale Bagley of Elseberry, Missouri; in keeping with Tan'zanian' law -- which allows a member of the defendant's tribe to serve on the panel.

GHANA

Vast numbers of judges and local magistrates in the African nation of Ghana -- were fired today by order of the country's new military regime. Affected jurists -- called "unqualified, inefficient and corrupt;" ~~in short,~~ "political hacks" ~~for~~ for ousted President Kwame Nkrumah.

The government promising to consult Ghana's top legal authorities -- ^{and} ~~in~~ appointing new judges. ~~An effort -- was~~
~~made -- to~~ ~~keep~~ the judiciary free henceforth -- from both military and political control.

FIRE

At least ^{Fourteen}~~thirteen~~ persons known dead -- in a ~~disastrous~~
hotel fire today at Anchorage, Alaska. The blaze starting
before dawn at the rear of The Lane Hotel -- and sweeping
swiftly through the two-story frame structure. A room clerk
reporting he was able to alert most of the tenants -- ^{- and} then
smoke and flames forced him to abandon the building. Firemen
even now searching the ruins -- for possible additional victims.

QUAKE

Out West -- a strong earthquake today -- in the Sierra Nevadas. Fanning out in a rolling shock -- over a wide area of Nevada and Northern California.

The tremor registering Six-point-Five -- on the Richter scale; its epicenter -- pinpointed as just a few miles west of Reno, Nevada. —

No one hurt -- it seems; but the quake disrupting rail and highway traffic -- knocking out some telephone and power lines -- and also causing some minor damage to a number of buildings.

In the process -- the quake sending gamblers pouring into the streets -- in downtown Reno. ^{Whole} We're told, however, that at Lake Tahoe? -- they just looked up -- and went right on with the game.

~~As they say --~~ First things first, would you say?

FUNSTON

Here in New York -- Keith Funston announced his retirement today -- as President of the New York Stock Exchange; the break to take effect -- next September.

Tall, handsome, erudite Keith
~~Funston~~ Funston


quitting the Hundred Thousand Dollar-a-Year post -- because it's a "night-and-day job and too demanding" -- said he. Adding that at Fifty-Six -- he wants to "spend more time" with his family; and also ~~to~~ devote some time to the activities of Trinity College -- of which he was once President.

PRIEST

An American citizen -- formerly a Catholic priest -- has defected to the Soviet Union. So says an announcement today -- from the official Soviet news agency Tass.

The alleged defector -- identified as Harold ~~M.~~ Koch -- a native-born Chicagoan. His purpose -- said Tass -- "to protest against American aggression in Viet Nam." Koch further quoted as saying ^{-- he now} -- ~~he~~ wishes "to join the Soviet people -- in their work of promoting peace and building a new social order."

If the report is true -- Koch is the first American to defect to Russia -- in more than six years.



CHICAGO ^{add} ~~FOLLOW~~ PRIEST

In Chicago -- Koch is described by former friends as
"a liberal -- but definitely not a Communist." Church officials
adding, however, that he left the priesthood -- when he was told
he needed psychiatric treatment.

FOOD

Here in New York -- a suggested solution today -- and an amazing one at that -- to one of the world's most pressing problems: How best to meet the food needs -- of the world's expanding millions.

The answer -- according to Chairman John Swearingen of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana: Artificial food -- extremely high in protein -- to be made from petroleum and natural gas.

The conversion process -- already perfected in laboratory techniques -- ^{says John} ~~says~~ Swearingen. Proteins extracted from petroleum and natural gas -- coming out as food pellets; acceptable to nutritionists -- for both human and animal consumption.

^{of oil + nat. gas -} ^{says the Pres. of Stan. Ind.}
The taste ^λ "not exciting" as yet -- ^λ ~~says Swearingen;~~
^{- Warren -}
but maybe all it takes ^λ -- is a good chef.

GALBRAITH

A guaranteed annual income for every family in America--
urged today by noted economist John Kenneth Galbraith; who
called ^S it -- "the one prompt and effective solution for poverty."

Galbraith's suggestion put forward at a Washington
meeting of Urban America -- a non-profit organization concerned
with the problems of cities. The cost of such a program--
with a Three-Thousand-dollar-a-year base -- about Twenty
Billion; which "we can easily afford" -- ²⁰ said ^(John Kenneth) Galbraith.

Only 20 billion.

LONDON

LT-Fisher. ~~London~~^{Tue.} Sept. 13 - '66.

Time was - when the sun never set on the British empire. But time - moves on, and today a report from London - telling of the imminent collapse of the last vestige of empire: The British Commonwealth of Nations. And some Britons calling it -- a good thing, at that.

The Commonwealth in dire straits - for one over-riding reason and one reason alone: British inability to satisfy the conflicting interests of all its members - white, Asian and African.

Economists and politicians assert, however, that Britain has little to lose - and much to ~~gain~~ gain from collapse of the Commonwealth. They note that Britain will continue to maintain bilateral trade and diplomatic ties - with most member nations. Further, that they will still be bound together - if unofficially - by language, custom and mutual necessity.

At the same time - a number of potential benefits we are told. For one - Britain would no longer be the