

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

And thanks for the welcome home, Dick. Also, I want to salute Dick Hottel for handling this program so ably while I've been off roaming the globe. I understand the last tape of mine, -- the one you may have heard Friday evening, -- was from that famous tree in Kenya. From Treetops. And much as I would like to get us all out of that tree the rest of my Treetops story will have to be put off 'till tomorrow or later in the week. I have returned home to find the news is that heavy; for here we are again faced with another tense international situation.

From the South East Asia battle zone, the news is that U.S. and South Vietnamese fighter-bombers have been smashing at military installations inside Communist North Viet Nam -- for the second straight day; air strikes intended to "punish"

the Communist Viet Cong, for their increasing terrorist attacks. Our bombing runs are said to have been seventy percent effective -- leaving their targets in smoking ruins.

At almost the same time - as promised by President Johnson -- the first plane load of Hawk anti-aircraft missiles. Arriving at the big American air base of Da Nang -- not far from the North Vietnamese border. The Hawk -- new to Viet Nam - with a range of twenty miles -- capable of hitting an air target at an altitude of fifty thousand feet.

Meanwhile, North Viet Nam and Communist China both are denouncing our retaliatory air raids. And, in Hanoi, visiting Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin today was joining in demands that the U S as he put it, end its "armed provocations" against North Viet Nam.

In Washington today Presidential Assistant McGeorge Bundy was reporting to the President on his fact-finding mission to South Viet Nam. Bundy later telling newsmen that

he found South Vietnamese of every political opinion - of every religious persuasion - firmly united in opposition to ~~the~~ the Communist threat.

This was followed by a verbal barrage from President Johnson - warning the Communist world not to miscalculate U.S. determination in Viet Nam. Ironically, the President was addressing his remarks to a delegation of Boy Scouts - who were at the White House for the official start of Boy Scout week.

President Johnson ~~noting~~ noting that "over the years of this century" many men abroad - "and some at home - have made great mistakes in miscalculating the character and strength and fortitude of America's youth." The President adding the ~~hope~~ hope that "none today - anywhere - will repeat" that miscalculation "about our youth or about our nation."

Later word from Moscow -- The Kremlin stating that it will be forced to take "further measures " -- to protect the security of North Viet Nam from further American bombing raids. What those measures might be - no word yet.

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NASSER

Under pressure from the Administration -- heightened by the crisis in Viet Nam -- there was a turn-around today in the House of Representatives. The House reversing itself -- and rejecting the anti-Nasser ban that it had written last month -- into the controversial food-for-peace plan.

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CONSERVATION

Taking time out from the international crisis -- a call from President Johnson today -- for vast new federal powers to combat what he called America's "tide of blight." The President seeking laws to prevent air pollution before it occurs -- and to curb water pollution at its source.

Mr. Johnson also urging the enactment of measures to beautify our cities and rural areas -- to remove automobile junkyards and other highway eyesores -- and to establish new and better federal recreation areas.

The President's proposals were contained in his -- Conservation Message to Congress; warning that the "storm of modern change" threatens "to blight and diminish in a few decades -- what has been cherished and protected for generations." L.B.J. adding that "beauty must not be just a holiday treat" -- but must become "a part of our daily life."

McClellan

From Senator ~~John~~ ^{today came} McClellan of Arkansas 2- a call

~~today~~ for the creation of a new federal crime commission.

Senator McClellan proposing that the Justice Department and the

FBI provide the leadership -- needed to "put the federal

government in the war against" national crime. The Senator

charging that a steadily increasing crime wave -- is "the

greatest internal menace we have in this country" today.

SPACE

Something old -- something new -- that's the line-up announced today for America's third and most ambitious two-man space flight.

The old-timer -- that's astronaut Gordon Cooper, who already holds America's space endurance record. The newcomer will be Lieutenant Charles "Pete" Conrad -- a former Navy flight instructor and one of the nation's second platoon of astronauts.

If the flight comes off as scheduled -- perhaps late this year -- the two men will remain in orbit together a full seven days. During that time, they will become America's first true space men -- actually moving outside their spacecraft and working in space itself.

SMOKING

In Great Britain, the Labor Government today banned all cigaret advertising--from British television. The order to take effect--as soon as possible.

According to the Health Minister, the ban is part of a campaign to "educate" the public the dangers of cigaret smoking. The Health Minister adding that the ad ban soon may be extended to other media--presumably newspapers and magazines. The anti-smoking campaign exempting only -- cigars, pipe tobacco and snuff. Will you settle for a sniff of snuff, Dick?

QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth received a tumultuous and surprisingly cordial welcome today--on her four-day state visit to the Sudan. More than a quarter-million Sudanese turned out to greet the Queen in Khartoum--on her arrival from Ethiopia.

There had been widespread fears for her safety--because of continued political unrest in the Sudan, which in area, mostly desert, is the largest nation in all of Africa. But the Queen rode the three miles from the airport to Khartoum Palace--standing in an open car. And she was cheered--every inch of the way.

The reception said to have been the greatest ever accorded a foreign dignitary. For greater even than the welcome for Egypt's Nasser--in Nineteen Sixty-One.