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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today in New York -- a day such as we have never seen before -- such as we may never see again. The sophisticated face of the ~~big~~^{big} city -- at once warmed and humbled by the presence of a mighty symbol of faith. Pope Paul the Sixth -- first Pope in history to bring his blessing in person -- to the New World.

The Pope delighted to be here -- as he so clearly illustrated in a plane-side speech at Kennedy Airport. Delighted -- said he -- to be "in a country so free, so strong, so industrious, so full of wonders."

And the polyglot sidewalks of New York -- in turn delighted to see him. Nearly a million people -- cheering the Pontiff on his ride to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Some shouting -- "Vive Il Papa." Others -- "Long Live the

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Pope." Still others simply -- "Hey, Paul."

The reception -- near perfect. Too perfect--for some. Because it was respectful -- rather than exuberant. A far cry from the crushing throngs that engulfed the Pope -- on his earlier trips last year to India and the Holy land.

But there was no denying the faces of the faithful -- some three hundred thousand strong, who gathered at St. Patrick's -- just across the street -- to pay homage to the Pope.

His arrival -- comparatively quiet; nevertheless, a deeply moving, deeply personal experience -- for those who were a part of it.

JOHNSON

The Pope's later meeting with the President -- similarly restrained. The two men chatting for almost an hour at the Waldorf-Astoria -- a block away. Then parting with a fervent, hope -- that their conversation had helped in some way -- in the quest for peace.

At a news conference that followed the meeting -- the Pontiff expressing his thanks to the President, for having traveled from Washington -- to see him. Adding that he was "very happy" -- over their "mutual desire to work for world peace."

The President asserting, for his part, that the whole world -- is indebted to the Pope, for "the sacrifices he has made -- to provide leadership in the quest for peace." It "may be" -- said the President -- "just what the world needs; to get us thinking about how to achieve peace -- and to make progress in that area."

"All in all" -- he added -- " a very worthwhile meeting."

UNITED NATIONS

After lunch and a brief respite from official duties -- the main event, the main reason -- for the Pope's visit to New York. His unprecedented appearance before the Parliament of the World -- the United Nations.

The Pontiff, in French addressing the General Assembly, speaking of the "useless slaughter and frightful ruin" -- of wars that have wracked the world in this turbulent century. We must have "no more war -- war never again" said he. Then he added, "it is peace -- peace -- which must guide the destinies of peoples."

But peace, he noted, cannot be achieved -- merely by wishing for it. It must be "constructed" -- and the first step "is that of disarmament." "If you wish to be brothers" -- said the Pope -- "let the arms fall from your hands." For "one cannot love -- while holding offensive arms."

The gentle, sad-eyed man further taking as his own -- the words of the late President Kennedy; to the effect that --

"mankind must put an end to war -- or war will put an end to mankind."

He added that in the face of modern science -- the United Nations is not only the best but "the last hope -- of concord and peace."

VIETNAM

A Communist ambush today -- in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam. Communist guerrillas battering two government battalions -- in fierce fighting near Qui Nhon. Government losses -- described as "heavy."

A second battle raging tonight -- in the Mekong Delta. Where a large government force -- is said to be locked in combat with a comparable guerilla force. The battle extending all the way -- to the southern tip of Viet Nam. Marking the first time in months -- that government troops have dared to penetrate a Province that has long been a Communist stronghold.

At the same time -- an American paratrooper assault killing seven Viet Cong -- and capturing huge quantities of guerrilla supplies. The stockpile including some five thousand pounds of rice -- nearly fifteen hundred pounds of salt -- and twelve bangalore torpedoes.

INDONESIA

This latest on the revolution -- in Indonesia. Rebel troops under the command of the rebel Colonel Untung are said to be headed toward a rendezvous with Communist forces in Central Java, where they are expected to unite in a last ditch stand -- against government troops loyal to Sukarno.

Radio Jakarta reports that -- "a major showdown between the Army and the Communists -- is imminent."

Those government forces, incidentally, under the command of General Nasution -- who crushed an earlier Communist revolt in Sumatra in Nineteen Forty-Eighty. His terms to the rebels this time: Surrender -- or die.

Meanwhile, a grim discovery. The bodies of six of Sukarno's loyal generals -- found today in a common grave near the Halim Air Force Training Center. Most of the trainees at the base were from rebellious Central Java, to which -- they've now apparently fled.

TRAIN

A speeding train jumped the rails today--near Durban, South Africa. Killing about a Hundred-and-fifty native passengers--and injuring hundreds of others.

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A howling mob of survivors--reportedly attacking a white signalman after the accident. Hacking him--to death. Some Two Thousand blacks--later said to be marching to the scene of the disaster.

MOON

From Moscow -- news today that the Russians have launched another -- rocket to the moon. According to Tass -- "an automatic station" -- called "Luna-Seven."

The word "automatic" -- meaning unmanned. So ~~the~~ Luna-Seven apparently ^{is} intended -- for a so-called "soft" landing on the moon. A feat that the Russians also attempted but failed to accomplish -- ^{with} ~~so~~ their last two moon-shoots, ^{warred}

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TONIGHT--POPE

Tonight as you have heard, there will be a mammoth Mass for Peace at Yankee Stadium. Then -- a brief visit to the Vatican Pavilion -- at the World's Fair. After that, the long flight home -- via Pan American. And finally -- straight to St. Peter's -- for a first-hand report to the continuing Ecumenical Council.

The Pope -- one man; but the message he leaves with us us for all men: "To pray that all may understand and favor peace -- that we may for the common good achieve the aim we have set before us."

BASEBALL

The lure of baseball was simply too much--for some of the early arrivals at Yankee Stadium. Where Pope Paul will celebrate a mass--later this evening.

A few of them running the bases. Others testing the pitcher's mound. But best of all--a priest who stepped up to home plate. To take an imaginary swing--at an imaginary ball.

~~* sure base run--if there ever was one.~~
