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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The specter of Red China popped up again today -- this time -- in the Middle East; adding still another complicating factor to an already tense and troubled situation. The story -- from Cairo -- headquarters of the Militant Palestine Liberation Organization -- P.L.O. Ahmed Shukeiry -- leader of the PLO -- boasting of Chinese support in his campaign to oust tough, young King Hussein of Jordan, preparatory to an all-out campaign to reclaim Palestine.

Even now -- Red China is training PLO recruits and supplying them with arms -- for the task of "liberating Israel" -- said Shukeiry. He added that the PLO will copy the methods of the Viet Cong in Vietnam -- and the pro-Communist pathet Lao in Laos.

EGLIN

The story of a runaway guided missile comes today -- from Eglin Air Force Base, near Pensacola, Florida; and with unforeseen results -- expected to provide the Communists with propaganda fodder for days.

The missile -- an unarmed target drone -- being used in a fighter interceptor test. When ground stations lost control of the craft -- its destruct system fell to earth -- and it streaked off into the sky. Before it was done -- the missile sailing the full length of Florida -- crossing the western tip of Cuba -- and finally plunging into the Caribbean.

Because of possible international repercussions -- the U.S. State Department immediately tried to explain to Havana the unintentional nature of the flight.

## VIETNAM

Half around the world -- in Vietnam -- the Communist Viet Cong today freed two American civilians and a Filipino woman, held captive -- for more than six months.

At the same time -- the United States disclosed plans to release Forty-Eight Communist Chinese fishermen rescued by an American destroyer -- during a storm in the Gulf of Tonkin. The Saigon government also announcing that it, too -- will soon free a ~~new~~<sup>9</sup> number of North Vietnamese prisoners of war.

Be that as it may -- an apparent ~~slip~~<sup>9</sup> slip-up in the air war was disclosed today by American pilots in Vietnam, who said they have now been authorized to attack North Vietnamese migs -- "the instant ~~the~~<sup>9</sup> the wheels of the Communist planes leave the runway." Heretofore, American pilots were allowed to attack the migs -- only when they themselves were under attack.

## LAKE CONISTON

So close -- but yet so far -- that's the story today of the death -- of British auto and speed boat racer Donald Malcolm Campbell; whose father was a champion also.

The holder of dozens of speed records on land and water -- young Malcolm Campbell was attempting to achieve a life-long ambition; three-hundred-miles-an-hour -- in a special jet powered hydroplane. He was only a hundredth of a second from reaching that goal when the Hydroplane crashed today on England's Lake Coniston.

The fatal mishap -- on Campbell's second run. Observers reporting that the craft "took off" as it neared the end of the measured mile; slipping sixty-feet into the air -- and appearing to explode as it hit the water; before sinking quickly -- going down one-hundred<sup>(-fifty-)</sup>feet to the bottom.

He had completed his first run at two-hundred-and-ninety-seven miles an hour; and was traveling at three-

hundred-ten -- perhaps as high as three-hundred-twenty -- on the second. More than enough speed -- to attain his goal. In fact, too much -- as it turned out.

Ironically, the record he was trying to break -- was one of his own. A speedboat mark of two-hundred-seventy-six miles an hour -- set in Nineteen-sixty-four.

## STALIN

The devil given his due today -- in the Russian press. Josef Stalin credited with "achieving almost the impossible" -- in winning the battle of Moscow in World War Two. This on no less authority than Russia's Number One war hero -- Marshall Georgi Zhukov.

Zhukov discussing Stalin's role in the Battle of Moscow -- in a current memoir; asserting that "Stalin did colossal work -- in the organization of strategic ~~and~~ reserves and material;" almost single-handedly mobilizing "the forces and means of routing the enemy" at a time when part of the government had already fled the capitol.

This the strongest plea yet -- for recognition of Stalin's war-time leadership. The more powerful -- in that Zhukov himself was later pushed aside by Stalin -- for becoming too popular with the Russian people.

LANSING

Governor Romney of Michigan -- a step closer today to becoming an avowed candidate for President in Sixty-Eight.

The Governor announcing re-assignment of his top administrative assistant -- to a full time job researching domestic affairs on the national level; the better to help him decide -- whether he should, indeed, seek the GOP nomination -- said Governor Romney.

## RUSSIA

Now it can be told. The Soviet Union -- swept by an epidemic of influenza in 1965; an epidemic that claimed the lives -- of more than 100,000 people.

In keeping with Soviet policy -- the magnitude of the epidemic went almost unreported when it occurred. Showing up now -- in the Kremlin statistical index for 1965.



VATICAN

After months of soulful deliberation -- the Vatican in Rome today declared flatly that jazz and religion don't mix. At least -- not in the Roman Catholic church.

The church calling such music -- "totally profane and worldly."

## LONDON-MOSCOW

From London and from Moscow -- word on how to feed the world's exploding population. Namely -- the mermaid and the African antelope.

The Mermaid -- as you perhaps know -- is really the Manatee fish, which British scientists have been breeding at fish ~~arks~~<sup>farms</sup> -- the Manatee called "a highly efficient converter of underwater vegetation -- into high protein meat." "Carefully spawned and bred" -- capable of feeding millions "who would otherwise starve" -- say the British.

Russian scientists report amazing success in domesticating the wild African antelope which is capable of living on brush land -- that would never support normal livestock.'

A test herd of about four-hundred of these creatures -- now grazing in the Ukraine. Besides providing meat -- the Antelope also "giving <sup>9</sup> good results as a milk supplier," say the Russians.

Warren, how does one milk a wild African antelope?

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set in a package deal. The seller is a beautiful woman  
who got sick and tired of watching her husband watch  
television over the New Year's holiday.  
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As the publisher Mrs. Sneyd her highest offer so far is  
two hundred dollars for the television set.  
What from Mr. Sneyd? His wife says he hasn't said  
a thing. Mrs. Sneyd not talking at all -- said she  
has a snide comment about poor Mr. Sneyd -- and saying  
until tomorrow.

NASHVILLE

A "for sale" sign today -- in the classified section of a Nashville newspaper. One husband and one television set -- in a package deal. The seller: A Nashville woman who got sick and tired of watching her husband watch football -- over the New Year's holiday.

Mrs. J. T. Sneyd explaining that she decided to offer her husband and the T.V. set; because <sup>9</sup> she says they are inseparable. "Like Siamese twins -- joined at the eyeballs."

As she put it. Mrs. Sneyd <sup>admitting</sup> her highest offer so far -- is Two-Hundred-Dollars for both husband and T.V.

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A snide comment about poor Mr. Sneyd -- and so long until tomorrow.