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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

For the first time in years -- President Johnson seemed to be at odds today with his long time friend and mentor -- former President Harry Truman. The key issue -- whether the nation -- in attempting to prevent runaway inflation -- may be in danger of courting a depression.

As you have no doubt heard by now -- President Truman asserted yesterday -- that such is indeed the case. That the recent upward swing in interest rates -- rather than forestalling inflation -- would more likely bring on "precipitous deflation"-- as he put it.

Not so -- says President Johnson. In a statement today from the L.B.J. Ranch -- the President said he, too, deplores the recent increase in interest rates. Adding that better ways must be found -- to restrain inflationary pressure. But, said he,

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there is no danger either of recession or depression.

Tight money -- continuing demand for credit -- "these are symptoms of strength -- not weakness." So says the President.

VIET NAM

Halfway round the world - U S Navy jets today attacked four North Vietnamese patrol boats - near the vital red seaport of Haiphong. Leaving two of them - in flames and sinking. When last ~~was~~ seen - the other two were limping back to shore.

To the South - another guerrilla attack today on the ~~at~~ all important long Tao shipping channel to Saigon. A Communist mine - detonated from shore - exploding a scant fifteen feet from a South Vietnamese ~~was~~ minesweeper. ~~At~~ At the same spot ^{the Viet Cong} where ~~Communist~~ sank an American freighter and another South Vietnamese vessel over the weekend.

But this time - luckily - no one hurt. ~~After~~ The mine exploded harmlessly ^{and they} ~~attacked~~ planes and patrol boats quickly put ~~the~~ the guerrillas to rout.

In Saigon itself - an ~~at~~ attempt to set off two

bombs - just around the corner from the office of Premier
Ky. ~~The plot~~ foiled ~~however~~ by a sharp-eyed cadet
officer - who sounded the alarm just in time.

CONGRESS FOLLOW VIET NAM

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, the House Armed Services Committee today approved a bill, giving President Johnson stand-by authority - to call up about a hundred and ninety thousand army reservists and national guardsmen, and when they're needed - in connection with the war in Viet Nam.

The number supposedly to be made up mostly of reservists and guardsmen - who have served less than twenty-four months on active duty. Along with those who are not members of organized units - and those who ~~have~~ have not completed their over-all reserve active-duty ^{6 year, 1 period,} obligations. ~~of six years~~

House leaders predicting a vote ~~of~~ on the measure -- soon after Labor Day. Granting House approval - the Senate almost sure to follow suit - since it has already approved a similar measure. It should be noted, however, that the President ~~is~~ has neither sought - nor endorsed such legislation. Which may make it all - academic.

ETHIOPIA

At Addis Ababa, Ethiopia -- a joint communique today from Emperor Haile Salassie and his weekend guest -- French President DeGaulle. This expressing "profound concern" -- over the war in Vietnam. Adding that Franch and Ethiopia share the same belief -- in a "common ideal of peace and progress" -- where Vietnam is concerned. And no further comment.

DeGaulle later departing for Cambodia, where he's expected to make a major policy speech -- calling for withdrawal of American forces now in Vietnam.

TRAITORS

"Death to traitors! Death to traitors!" The cry heard once again today -- in the streets of Cairo. As three men were hanged at dawn -- for plotting the assassination of Nasser.

The three condemned men -- all members of the outlawed Moslem brotherhood, dedicated to the overthrow of the Nasser government. Four other plotters also sentenced to death -- theirs commuted to life imprisonment.

PEKING

Another massive Chinese youth demonstration today - in front of the Soviet Embassy in Peking. A mob of some two hundred thousand teen-age "red guards" - all but engulfing the Soviet compound. This apparently the ~~red guards~~ ^{Peking} answer to a Kremlin protest over recent acts of violence against the embassy. ^{All of which is} Expected to cool still further ~~the~~ ^{the} already strained relations between Moscow and Peking.

ORBITER

Mission completed today -- for America's Lunar Orbiter One. The tiny spacecraft snapping a final set of pictures -- on its fifty-seventh orbit of the Moon. Making a total of two hundred and fifteen photos -- for the entire mission. The res of which will be transmitted back to earth -- over the next two weeks.

American space scientists calling Lunar Orbiter One -- "a highly successful and remarkable versatile spacecraft;" having taken nearly twenty six hundred commands -- while performing a total of a hundred and seventy-six separate maneuvers.

However a faulty film mechanism apparently prevented the spacecraft -- from taking its planned "dose-up" pictures of the Lunar surface.

RUSSIAN FOLLOW ORBITER

A later report that Russia's *Luna Two* - has begun transmitting pictures back to earth - from its own orbit - around the moon. Scientists at Britain's Jodrell Bank Observatory ^{already are} ~~are now~~ processing the ~~first~~ first transmissions.

HANDYMAN

More than a hundred and twenty-five thousand American do-it-yourselfers -- were injured last year by home power tools. And another hundred thousand fell victim to power lawnmowers. Also the same number -- were injured by washing machines while defective cooking utensils claimed an additional eighty thousand casualties.

All of which led to the introduction of another bill in Congress today -- a bill to create a so-called "National Commission on hazardous household products." Sponsored by Senator Cotton of New Hampshire -- and Senator Magnuson of Washington, the idea is to give the home handyman and his housewife a better chance -- to avoid injuries of this kind.

Or as one wag put it -- to help save the so-it-yourselfer. Warren before he does it to himself.

LINDSAY

Barely eight months in office -- Mayor John Lindsay of New York today walked to the middle of the Manhattan Bridge, where he climbed to the top of a railing -- a hundred feet above the East River.

Burdens of office -- too much for the young Mayor? Did he intend to jump? No, it was merely part of a campaign -- to encourage additional movie-making in New York.

The Mayor, for the cameras, pulled to safety -- by film stars Jack Lemmon and Peter Falk. He merely drove off blithly in a golf cart. No -- the Mayor didn't jump!

And so long until tomorrow.