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WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

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FROM VOA BROADCAST SEPTEMBER 6 - 8:00 a.m.

Headlines:

- Peiping charges that deliberate errors of principle by Soviet Communist leaders have brought Moscow-Peiping relations to the brink of a split.
- President Kennedy confers with King Mohammed Zahir of Afghanistan shortly after his arrival in Washington on a state visit.
- The U.S. is limiting all non-essential travel by American officials or their dependents to the Republic of Vietnam.

News in Detail:

- Communist China charges that deliberate errors of principle by Soviet Communist leaders have brought Moscow-Peiping relations to the brink of a split, and threatened the international Communist movement. The charges were made in a new denunciation of the Soviet Union jointly published by two official Chinese publications, the Peiping People Daily, and Red Flag. Peiping said the article, which ran to 20,000 Chinese characters, was the first of a series. These are among the accusations and statements made: Peiping charges that in 1958 the Soviet leadership submitted an unreasonable proposal that would have placed China under Soviet military control. The proposal was rejected by Peiping. It charges that on his return from a Washington meeting with President Eisenhower, Premier Khrushchev tried to sell the "two China" idea to Peiping. Peiping said that the Soviet Union was ready to compromise with Hungary's rebellious freedom fighters in 1956, but yielded to Peiping's insistence that the rebellion be put down severely. After failing in efforts to subdue the Chinese Communist Party, Peiping charges, the Soviet Communist Party extended ideological differences, recalled Soviet experts from China, tore up hundreds of agreements, and in Peiping's words, provoked trouble on the Sino-Soviet border.

- President Kennedy conferred with King Mohammed Zahir of Afghanistan at the White House soon after the King and Queen arrived for a three day state visit. The President stood bare-headed in the rain on the White House lawn to greet them. He praised the King as a good monarch who has borne his leadership well. Despite the distance between them, Mr. Kennedy said the United States and Afghanistan have strong common bonds, including a mutual desire to live in freedom and liberty. The King said he hoped his visit will strengthen existing ties of friendship.

- The United States is limiting non-essential travel by American officials and their dependents to the Vietnamese Republic, and it suggests that American tourists hold off their visits too. The State Department said the move was taken as a precautionary step

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in view of the unsettled situation in the Republic. A spokesman said the curb does not affect the normal replacement of American military advisors in Vietnam, and he said it would not result in a reduction of the U.S. diplomatic or aid staff in the country. The immediate effect, he said is to hold up departure of 50 dependents of military people who had been scheduled to go the Southeast Asian country. The Vietnamese Republic has been under martial law for several weeks, since the government invaded pagodas and arrested hundreds of Buddhist priests and laymen.

President Ngo Dinh Diem told Western newsmen in Saigon that neither his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, nor any other member of his family wants to take over his presidential functions. He said he is still the man making decisions. President Diem said rumors to the contrary are part of what he called a world-wide conspiracy being organized against free Vietnam, that adds a war of nerves to the war against the Communists. He reiterated a recent statement, made by Saigon's military governor, that the nation's Army fully approved the recent imposition of martial law. President Diem, according to one report, said all Buddhist monks and students put under detention would be released. And National Assembly elections would be scheduled as soon as martial law is ended and the country returns to normal. He also predicted an improvement in relations with the United States. And he commented on a recent offer by President De Gaulle of France to help Vietnam's progress, stability, and independence from foreign influence. President Diem said that at his knowledge, the French President offered help to Communist North Vietnam, and to the Republic alike. President Diem said that since his Republic is at war with Communist invaders, he would very much like to be helped in winning that war. That, he said, is what interests him at this time.

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7:00 a.m. 17745, 7225 kc; 8:00 a.m. 17745, 9700; 10:15 p.m.
9:00 a.m. 17845 kc.

7:00 and 8:00 p.m. 15335 kc; 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. 9625 kc. 11:15 p.m.

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WASHINGTON--Asked about reports that President Diem may step down, State Dept. spokesman Dick Phillips said September 4 he had "seen the press reports which speculate on such a move, but I have no information on it."

Phillips said he could not comment on press reports of the arrest of former Korean Premier Yo-Chan Song in Seoul because the arrest had not been brought to his attention before the noon press briefing.

METZ, FRANCE--Former French Prime Minister Robert Schuman dies at age of 77.

GARY, INDIANA--Operations return of normal at U.S. Steel Company after walkout September 3 by steel workers.

DUERRENAESCH, SWITZERLAND--Swissair Caravelle jet crashes, killing all 80 aboard, including one American.

CIVIL RIGHTS

--Birmingham, Alabama, school integration takes place without interference from Governor Wallace, who denies he has had "change of heart" and says he will continue "dignified" fight; states rights party pickets.

--At Tuskegee, Alabama, reduced band of state troopers keeps school closed.

--19 Negroes in Savannah, Georgia, jailed for two months, sign statements pledging not to participate in acts "not in keeping with the spirit, concept and practice of democracy."

--Mississippi Governor Barnett tells Monroe, Louisiana, audience that President Kennedy must be replaced next year "if this nation is to be saved."